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### **GETTING A JUMP ON THE HOLIDAYS**

The Coos Bay Downtown Association is kicking off the holiday season today with a Holiday Open House. Participating downtown merchants will have prizes, refreshments, and specials pricing on selected items.

Participating businesses include:

- Vintage 101
- Simply Cottage
- Organic Glass Art
- Katrina Kathleen's Home Décor
- We A Boutique
- The Pottery Company
- Art of Life
- Tru Furniture
- Your Space Designs
- Checkerberry's Flowers and Gifts
- Antique and Collectibles of Coos Bay
- Tarnished Threads/Marshfield Bargain House



[Download the downtown Open House walking map.](#)

### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT SHORE ACRES**

– Preparations have been underway for several weeks for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park which will open on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Last year an estimated 45,558 visitors viewed the lights display and enjoyed the refreshments in the beautiful decorated Garden House and the entertainment in the Performance Pavilion.

This community event is sponsored by Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. in partnership with Shore Acres State Park. It takes many helping hands to string the estimated 325,000 lights and decorate the many Christmas trees located throughout the park. Several of those helping hands belonged to City employees who volunteered their time to prepare decorations and to decorate the Coos Bay tree.

Hat's off to Jessica Spann, Debbie Frankenberger, Denise Bowers, Pam Patton, and Nik Rapelje for demonstrating your community spirit by preparing the decorations! A special thanks to Nik Rapelje and her husband RJ, along with Jessica Span and her husband Sam and their children Cole and Cameron who decorated the tree for us all to enjoy.



**BOAT BUILDING CENTER AND SURFRIDER FOUNDATION TEAM UP** – The community is invited to join the Boat Building Center and the Coos Bay Surfrider Foundation Chapter for a day full of Bs (for clarification, the “B”s stands for Brauts, Beach, Bluegrass, Beer, and Boats) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Hollering Point beach cleanup from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm that will include the Empire Boat Ramp and nearby beach areas.



Following the beach cleanup, everyone is invited to gather at the Boat Building Center from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm for an open house fundraiser. Bottom Rung Blue Grass Band will provide the music and 7 Devils Brewing Co. will provide the beer and brauts to be served from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Suggested donation of \$10.



All proceeds will go toward scholarships, instructor fees, and the completion of the schooner 'Empire City.' For more information, call Tom Leahy at 541-217-4365. Check out <https://coosbay.surfrider.org> and <http://coosbayboatbuildingcenter.org> for more information on the local Surfrider Chapter and the Coos Bay Boat Building Center.

**CITY VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT** – The City is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers. One volunteer, Luke McGriff, was recently featured in the following article on Pacific Power’s website:

“Luke McGriff goes to work on the electrical system on weekdays and fights crime on weekends. In fact, his friends playfully call him “Crime Dog” after McGriff, the cartoon canine who promotes safety and crime prevention.

McGriff has been a reserve officer with Oregon’s Coos Bay Police Department for more than 2½ years volunteering a minimum of 20 hours a month.

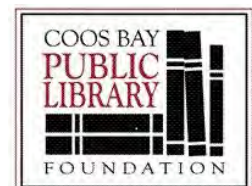
“I always try to do more because I enjoy it,” he explained. “I’ve lived in this community my entire life, and it helps me give back.”

As a Pacific Power journeyman estimator, McGriff’s job involves designing electrical systems to serve homes and businesses. He works closely with others in the company – from surveyors to engineers to substation operations.”



While full-time and volunteer duties “can be very difficult at times,” McGriff said, “in the end, both are very rewarding.”

**A SUCCESSFUL “AFTER HOURS AT THE LIBRARY”** - The Coos Bay Public Library Foundation held their third annual After Hours at the Library on November 7<sup>th</sup>. 7 Devils Brewery, Seasons Cellars, Abbelone Vinyard, Stillwagon Distillery, and Bridgeview Coffee Roasters provided beverages. Black Market Gourmet created different foods to complement each of the beverage types. Attendees also had the chance to submit final bids on a wide variety of silent auction items. Overall, the event raised over \$3,500 to be used to advance plans for the new library building.



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Library  
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Community Development Department  
(541) 269-8918  
or  
(541) 269-8924

Public Works Department  
(541) 269-8918

Finance Department  
(541) 269-8915

City Manager's Office  
(541) 269-8912

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE OPENINGS** - The City is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the following committees:

**Budget Committee** – Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay, and they are appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. The meetings are held mid-April and possibly the first week of May at 7:00 p.m. There are currently two openings on the Budget Committee.

**Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission consists of seven members and provides comprehensive planning services for the City Council. Applicants must be a City resident of Coos Bay for at least one year prior to appointment; one member may reside outside the city limits if the person owns property within the City. Appointments are made by the City Council for four-year terms. The Planning Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. There are currently three openings on the Planning Commission.

Applications are available from the City Manager's Office at City Hall, by calling 541-269-8912, or on the City's website at [www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org). Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. December 3, 2015.

**LOOKING TO FIND THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS** - The Police Department has possession of unclaimed personal property described below. Along with the listed property, the Police Department has collected, recovered, or seized cash between January 2013 and August 2015.

If you believe you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property or cash, you must file a claim with the Police Department by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, or you will lose your interest in that property.

Please contact the Police Department at 541-269-8911 or in person at 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon for details on how to obtain a Claim Notice form.

(2) BMX Bicycles	Miscellaneous backpacks
(9) Miscellaneous Bicycles	Miscellaneous stereo speaker boxes
(21) Mountain Bike Style Bicycles	Miscellaneous power tools & parts

**HELPING YOU PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAY HAZARDS** – Did you know that nearly 47,000 fires occur during the winter holidays claiming more than 500 lives, causing more than 2,200 injuries, and costing \$554 million in property damage?

The Fire Department is offering community members the opportunity to learn more about when and how to appropriately use portable fire extinguishers. The training will be presented at the Fire Department located at 450 Elrod Avenue, Coos Bay on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This training will include both a classroom presentation and hands-on demonstration. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice the needed skills to effectively use a fire extinguisher.



There is no fee for this class; but space is limited, so sign up early. If you would like to attend the fire extinguisher training, please contact the Fire Department at 541-269-1191.