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July 3, 2015



Coos Bay's annual Fourth of July Celebration in Mingus Park kicks off its 26th year with a burst of family fun activities this Saturday. The day's schedule includes:

10:00 a.m. - Mayor's Firecracker Run (registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)

11:00 a.m. - Flag Ceremony held by the Boy Scouts

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Various food booths and other fun activities for the family including face painting, horse petting, fishing, crafts, music and more.

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free swimming at the Mingus Park swimming pool.



THE COOS HISTORY MUSEUM IS OPENING!

Though the Grand Opening is scheduled for later this fall, the new museum is opening its doors for regular operations starting this Tuesday, July 7th. The hours will be Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



TWO THUMBS (OR THREE) UP FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE – Our police personnel have responded to nearly 8,000 calls for service so far this year. They are doing a great job! Below you will find a few highlights from recent events:



THIEF SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS - Sergeants Robert Lounsbury and Hugo Hatzel along with Officers Tony Wetmore, Chris Krebs, and Brian Looney, each working separate investigations, gathered evidence identifying Daniel Robert Taylor as a person involved in a number of recent burglaries, thefts, unlawful use of credit cards, etc. With the mountain of evidence against him, Mr. Taylor plead guilty earlier this week, and he was sentenced to ten years in prison.



\$10,000 OF STOLEN PROPERTY RECEIVED - Officers Brian Looney, Tim West, and Tom Lindahl responded to a burglary on June 28th where they learned that a large amount of property had been stolen. The insuring investigation lead officers to a location near the scene of the burglary where they located and recovered over \$10,000 in stolen property. While the investigation is continuing, the property has been returned to the rightful owners.



MURDER SUSPECTS APPREHENDED - In the early morning hours of June 27th, officers responded to the scene of an apparent homicide. Within 12 hours, two suspects were identified and taken into custody. Way to go Sergeant Mike Shaffer, Detectives Ken Labrousse and Mark Wheeling, Officers Pete Kirk, Tim West, Steve Myers, Mark Ereth, Tom Lindahl, Brian Looney, Reserve Officers Luke McGriff and Jordan Moeller, and Dispatcher Jennifer Pickett. The City also appreciates the invaluable assistance we received from the interagency Major Crimes Team.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN OPEN HOUSES JULY 9TH – 11TH - The Community Enhancement Plan (CEP) Work Group will hold three Open House sessions to answer questions and hear feedback from citizens as follows:

Thursday, July 9th, 6pm-8pm, Blossom Gulch Elementary School Cafeteria, Coos Bay

Friday, July 10th, 11am-1pm, The Barn in Bandon City Park, Bandon

Saturday, July 11th, 10am-12pm, Oaks Pavilion at Coos County Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point

The Community Enhancement Plan is the result of community discussions regarding the property tax implications of the Jordan Cove Energy Project and its participation in the State of Oregon's Enterprise Zone Program.

Representatives from the South Coast Community Foundation, the Waterfront Development Partnership, and the CEP Work Group will be available to discuss their plans with attendees. Handouts summarizing the activities of these three entities will also be provided to the public.

The format of these meetings allows citizens to discuss issues with elected officials and staff on a one-on-one basis. Citizens interested in providing public testimony

will be able to do so when the governing bodies meet at a later date to hold public hearings on these proposals.

All meeting minutes, handouts, and draft agreements related to the Community Enhancement Plan are available on the [Port of Coos Bay's](#) website.

For those who cannot attend the open house sessions, an email address has been created for those who prefer to provide written feedback to the CEP Work Group: cepcomments@portofcoosbay.com.

The Community Enhancement Plan Work Group will meet next on Monday, July 20th at 1:00 pm in the Coos Bay City Council Chambers to review citizen feedback. The next step will be to present the CEP to the governing bodies for approval including the City of Coos Bay, the City of North Bend, Coos County, and the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

POTHoles AND ROUGH STREETS IN COOS BAY!



What's going on? The City Council heard you. As the City of Coos Bay lacks the resources to fix our roads, the Council created a Streets Task Force to explore the problems and to make recommendations to the City Council on the management and financing of street maintenance. The Task Force consists of local

residents, business owners, and local subject matter experts. One of the recommendations from the Task Force was to update the City's Street Conditions Assessment. The updated assessment has been completed. The assessment report will be presented to and discussed by the City Council during the July 7, 2015 City Council meeting which begins in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

The Street Task Force also considered funding options for street maintenance/repair to recommend to the City Council. The Task Force recommends the City Council consider increasing the PacifiCorp franchise fee an additional 2% to cover the City's current cost for streetlight and traffic signal expenses (nearly \$290,000 annually). This in turn will free up the Gas Tax funds that currently pay those expenses to be used for street maintenance/repairs. The Coos Bay City Council will consider raising the franchise fee at the July 7th meeting. Additionally the Task Force recommends the Council consider implementing a \$0.05/gallon local fuel tax. This would provide additional revenue for street maintenance/repair and would be paid by local and out-of-town users of the City's street system. The City of North Bend has already approved raising the PacifiCorp franchise fee, and they are also considering the local fuel tax. Implementing a local fuel tax requires voter approval. Over the next few months, you will be hearing the "whys" and "wherefores" about a local fuel tax.

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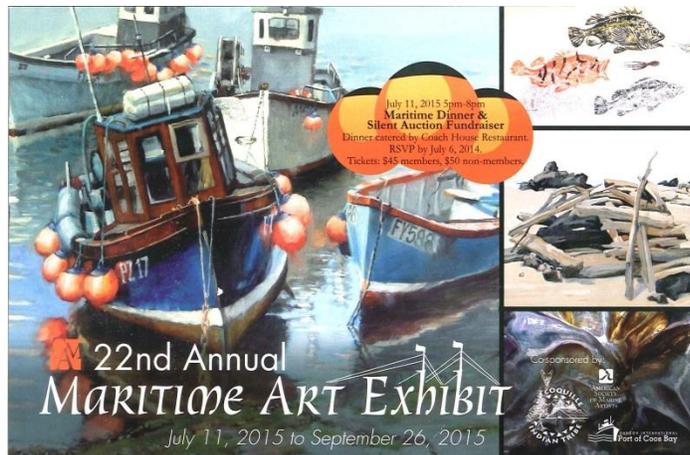
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MARITIME ART EXHIBIT

The 22nd Annual Maritime Art Exhibit opens on July 11th at the Coos Art Museum. For more information call (541) 267-3901 or check at the [Coos Art Museum's](http://www.coosartmuseum.org) website.



MUSIC ON THE CORNER

The Coos Bay Downtown Association and the World Newspaper are sponsoring Music On the Corner in downtown Coos Bay. The first concert is July 10th from 12pm to 1pm with the Gold Coast Chorus and Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus. For more information on this concert or for a list of the upcoming concert events visit the [Coos Bay Downtown Association's](http://www.coosbaydowntownassociation.org) website.



OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

The first concert of this year's Festival will be on Saturday, July 11th beginning at 7 p.m. at the Egyptian Theatre featuring the Slow Ponies.

For more information on the upcoming concerts visit [Oregon Coast Music Festival's Website](http://www.oregoncoastmusicfestival.com).

