



December 2014



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WELCOME

NEW CITY COUNCILOR FRED BRICK

I was born in Owatonna, a small town in southern Minnesota with a number of similarities to Coos Bay. My family owned a furniture store/funeral home, a very common combination in the Midwest. After graduating from Owatonna High School, I moved to St. Paul to attend University of Saint Thomas majoring History/Social Studies/Education and then went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota getting my Masters in History with a minor in Political Science and then finishing my coursework for my PhD (ABD).



While finishing my graduate work, I worked in property management, an experience which reinforced my desire to be a history professor. I came to Coos Bay to teach History and Political Science at Southwestern Oregon Community College eighteen years ago. In addition to my duties at SWOCC, I have been on the SCESD Board, the Harding Learning Center Site Council, the previous president of our faculty union at the college, and involved in numerous other public activities

I never thought I would be a dad. I met and married my beautiful wife, Kim, a Coos Bay native, who had two precocious children from a previous marriage, and I became an instant step-dad. Our family quickly expanded when Kim gave birth to our daughter, Hayden. Our five year old nephew became a part of our family soon after. Not thinking that our family was quite complete and seeing the need for foster families in our area, we became foster parents and a temporary home for more than 20 children over the next few years. The adoption of three special needs children brought our grand total to seven. That is the shortened version of how I became a dad to seven children in less than seven years.

My family is my life's work. I often tell my students and colleagues that teaching is a vacation for me. I love my family, job, and home; and that is why I want to help make Coos Bay more prosperous, family and youth friendly, while supporting growth, education, and keeping the South Coast that special place that thousands visit every year.

Long Time Volunteer Retires

Marj Kilpatrick, a Sworn Reserve Officer for the Coos Bay Police Department, submitted her resignation as a Disabled Parking Enforcement Officer after volunteering for over 21 years of combined service with the Oregon State Police Department and the Coos Bay Police Department.

Marj dedicated her time and energy to ensure our disabled citizens had a parking space by educating the public and enforcing the Oregon State Statues regarding the illegal use of "Disabled Parking Spaces". Her services and contribution to our community were invaluable and very much appreciated throughout the years.



Holiday Party Tips

Hosting a Party

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

Attending a Party

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.

Never drink and drive.

Firefighter Jeff Adkins Promoted to Lieutenant



The Coos Bay Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Firefighter Jeff Adkins to the rank of Lieutenant. Jeff has been a Firefighter with the City since 2006. Before beginning his fire service career with Coos Bay, Jeff was the General Manager of Coquille Supply, and he volunteered with the Coquille Fire Department. He has a Bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management from Waldorf College, and he is on schedule to complete his MBA in Public Administration in October 2015 through Columbia Southern University.

The role of a Lieutenant in the Coos Bay Fire Department is that of an engine company officer and mid-level supervisor. Our Lieutenants serve as the supervising officer at the station in the Empire District. They are the coordinator of the daily training for the staff, and they assist their assigned Battalion Chief in carrying out the provision of emergency services and routine assignments. This position has been vacant since June of this year when Dan McAvoy was promoted from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief. Jeff competed with five other very qualified Firefighters demonstrating that the Department has impressive group of candidates to lead the Department in the future. The Fire Department is fortunate to have an abundance of staff that are qualified and capable of filling supervisory and leadership roles.

Volunteer Firefighter Tina Eck Retires

She wasn't the first female firefighter to join the Coos Bay Fire Department, but she has earned her spot in its history. Tina joined the Department in October of 1989. She challenged herself to prove that she could be a valued resource in a predominantly male industry. Tina quickly learned the essential skills, and she earned the respect of her peers. Tina was a reliable and dedicated volunteer, regularly attending training sessions and responding to emergencies whenever the community needed. Tina has consistently demonstrated that the real measure of a firefighter is not their size, gender, or career choice, but their dedication and heart.



Over the years, Tina served the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighter's Association as Secretary and on the Executive Board. With 25 years of service, Tina is the second longest serving volunteer in the Department. She was active in fighting the Montmore Mill fire, Bay Club fire, Boyd's Market fire, Far West fire, and dozens of house fires around the community. As Tina hangs up her helmet and puts her boots away for the last time, the Department would ask that you join them in recognizing Tina as a true community hero. We will miss her presence in the station, on the training grounds, and at the emergency scene. Thank you Tina for your many years of selfless service to the Coos Bay Area.

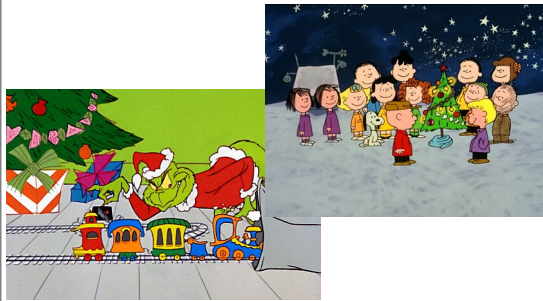
Foreign Film Friday



On December 12th, the Library will show the French film, *My Afternoons with Marguerite*.

In a small public garden, Germain, who is 50 and barely literate, meets Marguerite a little old lady who is passionate about reading. As Marguerite reads extracts from novels to Germain, they form a bond, and he comes to discover the magic of books.

Holiday Matinee at the Library



On December 20th at 2:00 pm, the library will show two classic holiday films. Bring the whole family and enjoy *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. There will be plenty of holiday cheer and refreshments served.



Hours

Library:
Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

Friends of the Library Book Store:
Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

If I were Mayor...



**The Oregon Mayor's Association and the City of Coos Bay
Invite you to enter the "If I were Mayor" contest.**

Share your idea about what you would do as mayor!

**Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win a
NEW APPLE IPAD AIR Tablet!!!**

CONTEST DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2015

CONTEST RULES

GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted.
- Submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but they are not eligible to receive prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in elementary school **grades 4 and 5** or being homeschooled at the same grade level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school **grades 6-8** or being homeschooled at the middle school grade level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.):

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in high school **grades 9-12** or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2014-15 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and submitted on disk or emailed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.



To submit your entry, please complete the form located on the City's website at:

<http://coosbay.org/archive/news-entry/if-i-were-mayor-contest>



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Don't miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Empire December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the South East Corner of Newmark and Wall Street. If you missed Santa in Downtown Coos Bay, you will have another chance to see him; and instead of Santa arriving on a tugboat, he will be arriving on a fire truck.

Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

Is your child or the child of someone you know safe when riding in your car? Oregon law requires that child passengers must be restrained in an approved child safety seat until they weigh 40 pounds or reach the upper weight limit for the car seat in use. Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach both one year of age and 20 pounds. Children over 40 pounds or who have reached the upper limit of the child safety seat's harness system must use a booster seat until they are 4'9" tall or age 8. Additionally, all children should ride in the back seat until they are 13 years old.

Even children buckled into a child safety seat may be at risk if the seat is not correctly installed. The Oregon Department of Transportation, along with several other community partners, offer a free clinic to inspect child safety seats to verify the seat fits the child, and to insure that the seat is properly installed. The inspection takes just a few minutes, and it could make a huge difference in the life of a child. The certified child safety seat inspectors at the clinic have new safety seats at a reduced cost that are available to families meeting the low income criteria.

The child safety seat clinic is offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Coos Bay Fire Station No. 1 (450 Elrod Ave.). No appointment is necessary. For alternate times or more information, please call the Coos Bay Fire Department at 541-269-1191, and we will give your information to one of the certified car seat inspectors.



Coos Bay Fire & Rescue

City Calendar

Dec. 2nd Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Dec. 2nd Coos Bay Urban Renewal - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Dec. 4th Coos Bay Tree Board – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 9th Planning Commission — The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 11th Coos Bay / North Bend Visitors Convention Bureau - The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Red Lion and will start at 8:30 am.

Dec. 11th Parks Commission – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 16th Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Dec. 16th Coos Bay Urban Renewal - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

Dec. 17th Coos Bay Library Board – The meeting will be held in the Cedar room at the Coos Bay Public Library and will start at 5:15 pm.

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