



June 2014



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Grand Re-Opening of the Egyptian Theatre

The day so many people have been waiting for is just about here! Thanks to the tireless efforts of the members from the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association, a generous community, and assistance from a number of foundations throughout the state, the Egyptian Theatre will re-open on June 20th.



The re-opening celebration includes the follows:

Friday, June 20th - The Grand Re-opening!

- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Grand Re-opening Ceremony (in the Pedway) and Ribbon Cutting with tours of the Theatre to follow
- 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Wurlitzer Organ Concert - Paul Quarino
- 7:30 pm - Silent Movie Festival - Paul Quarino

Saturday, June 21st

- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Theatre opened for free tours and live music on stage
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm - Egyptian Souk (Market & Street Fair) on the "Egyptian Plaza" pedway - sponsored by the Coos Bay Downtown Association
- 6:30 pm - Theatre doors re-open
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm - Wurlitzer Organ Concert - Lee Littlefield
- 7:30 pm - Feature Film: "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World" (25 cent admission)

Sunday, June 22nd

- 12:30 - 1:00 pm - Wurlitzer Organ Concert - Lee Littlefield
- 1:00 pm - Matinee Film: The Musical "1776"



Summer Reading Time

This summer the library will offer Summer Reading for all ages 0 - 99.

Sign ups start June 12th. Everyone can read at home to earn chances for prizes, and reading logs will be available to help track of your progress. Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. from June 19th through July 31st there will be family programs at the library. This year there will be jugglers, reptiles, science experiments, and other fun times.

In addition to the reading programs for children and teens, the library will offer Adult Summer Reading. Adults will keep track of titles and earn a chance at a grand prize for every reading log they complete. It is a great opportunity for the entire family to participate in summer reading.



Hours

Library:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 12:00pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday Closed

Friends of the Library Book Store:

Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Development Code Re-Write

The City of Coos Bay has recently received a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Grant to re-write its Community Development Code. The current code was primarily written in the mid-1980's, and it has had many changes and inclusions made to it since that time. As such, it is currently outdated; and it is not in compliance with new state law or with other sections of the City's Municipal Code.

The purpose of the City's Community Development Code is to regulate land development in Coos Bay. The code needs to be in compliance with Oregon State land use law and enact the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The main goals of the code rewrite are to:

1. Re-organize the code to be more "user-friendly" and understandable,
2. Decrease the amount of zoning districts within the City while not changing the allowed uses within each district,
3. Implement a pre-application conference procedure to assist applicants in applying for and understanding land use process for approval, and
4. Provide for more conformity within the code itself as well as other applicable documents within the City and State land use law.

City staff has recently begun a 13-month process to complete the code re-write. The first six to eight months of this process will be spent working with the Planning Commission to review proposed changes and taking public testimony. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall, and they welcome public comments regarding this process. After the Planning Commission has completed its work, it will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council will then hold a series of work sessions and a public hearing before a final adoption of the proposal. This work needs to be completed by May 2015 to be in compliance with the grant stipulations.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Seasonal Criminals

With the promise of spring and better weather comes the assurance that traveling con artists will soon descend on our urban and rural citizens. These scammers come from all over the United States, and they will target our vulnerable elderly population. The elderly tend to be home during the day, they are easily intimidated, and they tend to be too embarrassed to report these crimes.

All too often law enforcement may not be prepared to deal with complaints about these folks, and we often dismiss them as civil problems. Travelling con artists are not a civil problem. They are predatory criminals, and we need to recognize them as such.

One of the scams that we often hear about is asphalt paving scams. In the United States, we have groups of traveling criminals who live on the East Coast and/or the Midwest; and they travel all summer long throughout the nation preying on people. Typically, they are not licensed or bonded. They often drive white pickup trucks with out-of-state license plates and magnetic signs on the doors. Their sales pitch is simple. They say they just completed a paving job at a neighbor's house, and they have left over material. They promise a good deal to get rid of their left over material by paving the victim's driveway. They ask for a cash payment, they slap down a thin layer of some dark colored material, and the bill is much higher than was promised. This is not a civil problem. Some cases might merit prosecution for theft by deception; and in some states, there are criminal penalties for not having a contractor's license.

There are also home repair scams that are similar to paving scams. Home repair con artists often knock on a victim's door promising work such as fixing the roof or power washing the siding. While there, the fraudster might do something like pull out a fluffy piece of insulation and say there is a hole in the siding that can be repaired at a bargain price. After some banging on the exterior walls, the scammer gives the homeowner an outrageous bill and demands cash payment immediately. Like the paving scams, these cases may not be civil problems but may warrant criminal investigation and prosecution.

Perhaps the worst twist to these cons is "ruse entry theft." In some states, these are aptly named "ruse entry burglaries." It is very common for the home repair con artist to ask the home owner if they can get a drink of water, use the bath room, or check some fabricated problem with pipes. Once they've conned their way into the home, the person will make up an excuse to gain access to where the bedrooms or bathrooms are located.

In a matter of seconds, the criminals steal jewelry and cash. They know exactly where elderly people tend to keep valuables (behind the water tank of toilets, in dressers, etc.) because they are professional, well trained thieves. Treat these incidents like a crime not a civil problem, and remember that the con man probably lied to gain access to the inside of the home for the sole purpose of stealing.

Some crime prevention tips for citizens:

- Reputable contractors generally don't go door to door.
- Reputable contractors are licensed and bonded. Call the Contractor's Board to verify before you sign or pay for anything.
- Reputable contractors do not ask for cash.
- If you didn't call a company to request work or for an estimate, don't let the person into your home. Call the police.
- If someone says they have left over material and they'll do cheap work for you, tell them "no," get a license plate if possible and contact the police.

By going to this website, citizens can verify a contractor's license;

<http://www.oregon.gov/CCB/Pages/index.aspx> or they can call the Oregon Construction Contractor's Board at 503-378-4621.



It's Grilling Time

Fire in the grill under hot dogs and burgers is a welcome sight at the family cookout, but fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

General tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane grills


Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the Fire Department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the Fire Department. Do not move the grill.



Expressions West 2014

April 18, 2014
June 28, 2014

ALSO:

Transported: Paintings by Robert Canaga  Exploring Layers  Star of Hope Rug Exhibit

Coos Art Museum :: 235 Anderson, Coos Bay, OR :: 541-267-3901 :: facebook.com/coosartmuseum & coosart.org



Work Around the City



Temporary Tennis Court Closure

Coos Bay Public Works Department is advising visitors that the tennis courts located at Mingus Park will be shut down June 10th and 11th. The tennis court will be closed due to the removal of a dangerous tree. Tennis courts will be opened again on June 12, 2014.

Public Works Department Roadside Brush Mowing

Coos Bay Public Works Department is advising motorists and neighbors that our Streets Department will be brush mowing on the Ocean Boulevard roadside June 3, 2014. Please slowdown in ALL construction zones, and pay close attention to the signs posted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Summer Bike Safety

Summer is a great time for bike riding, and it is a healthy and fun activity. Please make sure you follow these safety tips when you ride.

Wear a Helmet

This is the most basic and important safety tip of all for bikers. Make sure your helmet is not loose or wobbly. Helmets come with sticky-backed foam pads you can stick inside to get a good fit, or you can adjust the size ring inside. Keep it low on your forehead at about an inch above your eyebrows, and make sure to buckle the chinstrap. And parents, be a good role model for your children by wearing your own helmet whenever you ride.

Make Sure Your Bike is a Good Fit

Don't ride a bike that is too big or too small for you. When you stand over your bike, you should have one or two inches between you and the crossbar or three to four inches if it is a mountain bike. The handlebars should be the same height as the seat, and your knees should bend just slightly when you fully extend your leg as you pedal.

Ride on Bike Paths Wherever Possible

Bike paths are designed just for bikers, and they are safe and fun places to ride. If you must ride in the street, keep to the far right side of the road, ride in the same direction as the traffic, obey all traffic laws, and watch for dangers like potholes, construction areas, and people walking.

Make Sure Others Can See You

Wear bright colors and put reflectors on your bike so drivers and others can easily see you. Do not ride at night — it is very dangerous, especially if you ride in the road. Never bike with headphones on. Hearing the sounds around you is another way to keep safe.

Have a safe and fun summer.

Coos Bay Police Department





Upcoming Movies...

PJ Party

Saturday, June 28th

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Wear your comfy PJ's and slippers and join us for a grown up PJ Party. Come sing and dance to "Mamma Mia". A conga line may even form and who knows where it will take us, maybe some Greek Island??



Classic Sunday's

Sunday, June 29th

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Classic Sundays will kick off with the showing of "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon"



Group rates apply for groups of 10 or more.

Member Prices: Adult: \$4.00, Senior: \$3.00, Child: \$2.00

Non Members: Adult: \$5.00, Senior: \$4.00, Child: \$2.50

Memberships start as low as \$15.00

Ask us how you can become a member.

For more information: www.egyptian-theatre.com , kara@egyptian-theatre.com , or call 541-808-8295.

City Calendar

- June 3rd Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.
- June 3rd 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.
- June 5th Coos Bay Tree Board** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.
- June 10th Coos Bay Planning Commission** – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.
- June 12th 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.
- June 17th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.
- June 17th 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.
- June 18th 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.
- June 19th Parks Commission** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.
- June 25th Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 5:30 p.m. (meeting held only if needed)

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