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## Mayor Outlines Tough Choices

Hello,

I'm writing to share some bad news. The City of Coos Bay is "up against the wall" with its sewage system and streets.

This news is not really new, and it applies to lots of cities. Under Oregon's Measure 5, the taxes we collect from residents don't even cover the cost of police and fire protection, let alone maintain infrastructure such as streets and sewers.

The federal government used to provide infrastructure grants. Today, grants can cover only small portions of projects, if they're available at all.

The bottom line is that we have to pay for our own system.

### Sewage Plant: No Alternative

Coos Bay sewer rates have been rising, and it's going to continue. The City is under an order from the EPA and DEQ to up-grade our sewer treatment plants, and to raise our rates to pay for it. We don't have a choice.

Meanwhile, our underground pipes are crumbling, and our 26 pump stations need to be replaced over time.

Most of us understand the importance of maintaining water quality in our beautiful bay. Clean water is essential for oyster production, for healthy fish stocks, and for recreation. Cleaning up what we flush is expensive.

Coos Bay has received a \$750,000 grant, but it will cover less than 1 percent of the improvements we need. We have gradually raised rates, building up reserves. That will cushion the shock of the project – somewhat.



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## Fun and Games at the Library

This spring at the library, two new and exciting programs for adults will be introduced: a monthly board game night, and a book club for adult readers of teen literature.

The library's Tabletop Game Night will be held every fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game to share or try something new! Experience fun next generation games like Settlers of Catan, Carcassonne, Dominion, and more. No previous game experience is required - just enthusiasm and a sense of fun.



The Forever Young Adult Book Club is a young adult fiction book group for adults 18 and over. The group is for any adult who never outgrew teen fiction, or who would like to find out what the cool kids are reading these days and explore the rich, varied world of young adult literature. The inaugural meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1st in the library's Cedar Room, when the group will discuss 2014 Printz Award winner *Midwinterblood* by Marcus Sedgwick.



### 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

## CBPD 2013 Year End Summary

***Here are some notable statistics and facts regarding the Coos Bay Police Department in 2013...***

### **Incoming calls to the CBPD Dispatch Center in 2013:**

- \* Business line calls – approx. 74,608
- \* Total calls for service (all agencies) – 40,301
- \* Total number of CBPD calls for service – 27,676 resulting in 4362 case numbers
- \* Total 911 calls – 11,107
- \* Alarm lines – 977
- \* All calls were handled by 9 dedicated and hardworking telecommunicators with 96.37% answered within 10 seconds.



### **What do those numbers mean?**

There were nearly 76 calls for service for the Coos Bay Police Department per day. Each dispatcher handled approximately 4,477 calls for service during 2013. On average, a police officer was assigned and investigated approximately 229 cases during 2013. In addition to these cases, on average an officer responded to 1,295 other calls for service that required some other form of assistance.



### **School Resource Officer**

In 2013 Senior Officer Mark Wheeling began serving as the school resource officer for the Coos Bay School District and has an office on campus at Marshfield High School.

### **South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team**

In 2013, Captain Cal Mitts continued his service as the Commander of SCINT. Captain Mitts and his team worked tirelessly on numerous narcotics cases throughout Coos County which resulted in various arrests and the removal of dangerous drugs from our communities.

### **CBPD Members Serving on County Wide Teams 2013**

Department members serve on eight different county wide teams. These include Coos County E.R.T. (SWAT), Coos County Crash Team, Coos County Forensic Evidence Collection Team, Major Crimes Team, financial fraud team, child abuse team, elder abuse team, and Coos County Continuing Education for Law Enforcement training group.

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# NAVIGATING YOUR HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

The Coos Bay Downtown Association is working with The Main Street Alliance of Oregon to provide a free community forum that will help you make sense of the Affordable Care Act and Cover Oregon, highlighting the benefits of the act for your health and your bottom line. We'll cover benefits to individuals, families, and small businesses, walk folks through the process of getting enrolled, and cover highlights such as the ten essential health benefits and premium tax credits.

location

date & time

COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

3/4/2014 AT 6:00 TO 7:30 PM

3/5/2014 AT 8:30 TO 10:00 AM



## Tough Choices...

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But we still have a lot of money to raise.

Your elected City Council and Mayor can't change the situation. Rising costs result from engineering and law, not politics.

### Asphalt Isn't Forever

For decades, the City has put off street maintenance to avoid burdening our hard-pressed taxpayers. But we can't keep doing that. Deferring maintenance means streets get worse while the cost to fix them goes up.

The City Council recently appointed a committee of responsible citizens to study the street situation. Their report is available at City Hall or [online](#).

In the next few months, we'll distribute information and hold some meetings. We need to change the city charter to let the City Council reduce the cost of borrowing money for these projects.

We want to hear from citizens. Please watch for announcements about upcoming meetings. We have some options, but ignoring our problems is not one of them.



## New Fire Chief

Congratulations to Mark Anderson. Mark has been an employee with the City of Coos Bay since January 1989. He began as a Firefighter/Engineer, and he was promoted to the rank of Captain in December of 1991. In 1994, Mark accepted the position of Deputy Chief of Operations and Training. The Fire Department restructured the organization in 2002, and Chief Anderson's title was changed to Battalion Chief. Chief Anderson assumed the role of Acting Fire Chief in June 2013, and he maintained that position until February 2014 when he was appointed as the Fire Chief of Coos Bay Fire & Rescue.

Prior to joining the Coos Bay Fire Department, Mark was a volunteer firefighter with the Marion County Fire District #1 in Salem, Oregon. He graduated with an AS degree from Chemeketa Community College's Fire Science program in 1986. In 2002, Mark completed the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue

# 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!!!**

**CONTEST DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2014**

### 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 will not be returned and will become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish essays and posters along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous local and statewide winners may participate, but they will not be eligible for 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 home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2013-14 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, 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 2013-14 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.

#### VIDEO or POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school **grades 9-12** or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2013-14 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk.

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>

# Coos Bay North Bend



## 7th Annual City Clean Up Day

**APRIL 26, 2014**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Donate 4 cans of food for the South Coast Food Share  
and dump up to (4) 35-gallon cans of household garbage **FREE!****

*Recyclables Gladly Accepted!*

### **FOUR LOCATIONS:**

1. So 4<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot (300 Block So 4<sup>th</sup> St) - Coos Bay
2. Eastside Fire Station Parking Lot (365 D St) - Coos Bay
3. Empire Fire Station Parking Lot (189 S Wall) - Coos Bay
4. Pony Village Mall (Parking Lot by Ross & Mini Pet Mart) - North Bend

**\*\*Limited to City of Coos Bay / North Bend City Residents\*\***

***Any Questions: Please contact (541) 269-1181 extension 2267***

**NO TIRES, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, METAL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Partnering up with: South Coast Food Share – United Way Day of Caring

# CBPD 2013 Year End Summary

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## Coos Bay Police Department K9 Program 2013



CBPD currently has three police K9s:

- ◆“Buddy” – narcotic K9
- ◆“Tron” – patrol K9
- ◆“Dak” – patrol K9 donated by the US ARMY in late 2013, and will begin service in 2014.

The Coos Bay Police K9s had 252 hours of training, 9 suspect captures, 33 narcotic finds, and 32 assists for other local law enforcement agencies in 2013

\*Note - In 2013 K9 “Athos” retired after seven years of service.

## Department Training 2013

Members of the Coos Bay Police Department received over 3,100 hours of training during 2013.

## Records Division

Currently, all department statistics that are federally required to be reported are being reported two months before the reporting deadline. Many times federal grants are tied to department statistics, so timely and accurate reporting are essential.

## Grant funded traffic safety programs 2013

Safety Belt Enforcement:

Members performed over 40 hours of grant funded seatbelt specific enforcement during 2013 with 100 hours planned for 2014.

D.U.I.I. Enforcement:

Members performed over 60 hours of grant funded D.U.I.I. specific enforcement during 2013 with numerous operations planned for 2014.

## Volunteers serving with the Coos Bay Police Department 2013

Currently, there are three Reserve Police Officers - Sgt. Darin Porter, Ofc. L. McGriff and Ofc. J. Moeller with over 854 hours of volunteer service for 2013.

There are five volunteers serving as Disabled Parking Enforcement for both Coos Bay and North Bend with over 1,495 hours of volunteer service for 2013.



# City Calendar

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Work Session** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at the conclusion of the City Council meeting.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Tree Board** – The meeting will be held in the city hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Planning Commission** – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Parks Commission** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

**March 26<sup>th</sup> Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 5:30 pm. **(meeting will be held only if needed)**

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For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall  
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