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COMMITTEE OPENINGS



If you are a citizen who would like to make a difference in your community, please consider volunteering your time on one of our committees.

The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Budget Committee, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board. 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. Applications will be accepted in the City Mangers Office through 5:00 p.m. December 5, 2014. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews with the City Council.

Budget Committee – Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay and 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 p.m. There are currently two openings on the Budget Committee.

Parks Commission – Membership is comprised of one Councilor, one Planning Commissioner, one representative of a service club, one representative of the landscape design profession or business, one representative of the design profession, and three citizen-at-large positions. There are three openings on the committee: one citizen-at-large, one service organization, and one design professional. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay. The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – Applicants must be a City of Coos Bay resident 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 and are for four-year terms. The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. There are currently two openings on the Planning Commission.

Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board – Applicants must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay for a period of not less than one year prior to appointment. Board meetings are held once a month at 7 a.m. at the Water Board office. Appointments are for four years. There is one opening on the Board.



Coos Bay Police Department K-9 Fundraising

The Coos Bay Police Department is currently seeking corporate and private sponsors to join them in maintaining their existing canine program. The Department's canine program began in 1975 with three utility dog teams, and it has maintained an active canine program ever since. The agency currently has two utility/patrol teams on active duty—

K-9 "Tron" handled by Sergeant Sean Merritt and K-9 "Dak" handled by Officer Tom Lindahl. They recently retired their only drug detection canine, K-9 "Buddy", who was handled by Officer Mark Ereth. With the retirement of K-9 "Buddy", currently they do not have a drug detection team; and the Department greatly desires to purchase another one. This replacement would provide great benefits to our entire community, our citizens, and neighboring law enforcement partners; and it would aid the Police Department in our continual fight against illegal drugs in our community.

As more enforcement efforts are focused on major interstates such as the 1-5 Corridor, drug traffickers are utilizing alternative routes like Highway 101 for the transportation of illegal drugs. In order to effectively combat these types of illegal operations, the utilization of a drug detection canine is imperative.

Expenses such as the purchase of the canine, initial and ongoing training expenses and handler, food, veterinarian care, shelter, and grooming for the canine can be prohibitive to police agencies in developing a truly effective canine program. Your tax deductible donation will have a significant impact in defraying the costs, and it will assist the Coos Bay Police Department in providing a higher level of service to citizens of our community.

Monetary donations can be made to the Coos Bay Canine Unit, and check payable to the Coos Bay Police Department. The Tax identification number is 93-6002141. Donations of materials can also be made directly to the Coos Bay Police Department, and all donations will be used for the benefit of the Coos Bay Police Canine Unit for all canine related needs.

On behalf of the canine team, officers of the Coos Bay Police Department, the City of Coos Bay, and many citizens who will be better served due to your contribution, we thank you very much.

Safe Holiday Shopping



The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. We can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors. The Coos Bay Police Department wishes you a safe, happy, and peaceful, holiday season.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a Police Station, mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet if possible.
- Always carry your driver license or identification card along with necessary cash, checks, and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

NEW EMPLOYEES AT THE CITY

FIRE DEPARTMENT



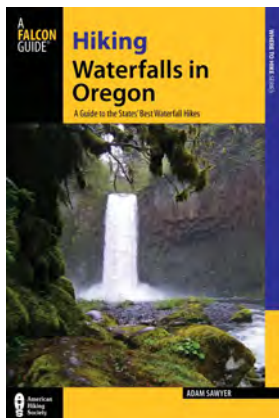
Luke Taylor is the newest employee hired at the Coos Bay Fire Department. He is originally from the Gresham area. Luke has been with the Fire Department since 2007 starting as a student firefighter while he was attending Southwestern Oregon Community College and earning his Associates degree in Fire Science. Luke stayed with the Department as a volunteer as he continued his education and completed his Paramedic degree. He is currently serving as the president of the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association. Luke has worked for Bay Cities Ambulance since June 2010, and he has been a member of the Coos Bay Hazardous Materials team for the last few years. Luke started his new position as a career Firefighter/Engineer on September 2, 2014. Luke and his wife Andrea recently

celebrated the birth of their first child on August 25th. Congratulations Taylor Family!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In September, Kim Trimpert was hired as a Planner 1 with the City of Coos Bay's Community Development Department. She relocated to the Bay Area this summer from Stuttgart Germany. Originally from Portland, Kim earned her Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of West Florida in 1995. Her undergraduate degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Government and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Florida State University. In the mid/late 1990's, she worked as Assistant City Planner for the City of Seaside, Coastal Planner for the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) in Astoria, and Senior Planner for Clatsop County. Kim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). While raising her two children Tristin (14) and Hayley (12) with her Coast Guard husband Todd, she has been consulting in education, coastal zone management and land use planning issues in Florida, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and California for the last fifteen years. Her personal interests include traveling, road cycling, sprint triathlon, being outdoors, and spending time with family!





Hiking Oregon Waterfalls

After giving up a soul-crushing corporate job, Adam Sawyer now describes himself as a Professional Gentleman of Leisure. A freelance writer and photographer he has hiked extensively throughout the Pacific Northwest and enjoys sharing his discoveries.

Adam will be speaking about his recent book, *Hiking Waterfalls in Oregon*, and sharing many of his photos. The book contains 64 of the best waterfall hikes with 19 honorable mentions. Our own local Golden and Silver Falls made the book.

The presentation will be November 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Coos Bay Public Library in the Myrtlewood meeting room.

Books By the Bay will have books available for purchase, and Adam will be signing books after the presentation.



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>



WET ROADS AHEAD...

Well, another summer has passed, and fall is upon us. With that being said, rain and wet conditions are now here too. The Coos Bay Police Department would like to remind drivers to be safe, and to slow down in these conditions. We have listed below the following information from the Oregon Department of Transportation's website to remind motorists stay safe:

Rain can create dangerous driving conditions. It can reduced visibility, reduced traction between tires and the road, and create less predictable car handling. When it's raining, be cautious and give yourself more time to get where you are going. Also remember to:

- **Slow down, especially through high water.** Driving through several inches of water at high speed can cause you to lose control of the car, and it could also splash water into the engine and stall it. Lowering your speed helps you prepare for sudden stops caused by disabled cars, debris, and other wet-weather hazards.
- If it hasn't rained in a while, expect road surfaces to be slick when it does start raining. Engine oil and grease builds up on the road over time. When mixed with water from rain, the road can become slick. The first few hours of a fresh rain can be the most dangerous.
- Turn on your headlights to improve visibility. Disengage your cruise control.
- Keep your distance. A car needs two to three times more stopping distance on wet roads.

Maintain your vehicle during wet weather

- The most common vehicle problems in wet weather involve wipers, brakes, tires, and defrosters.
- Before heading out in wet weather, **check your wipers** for signs of damage. Replace wiper blades regularly. Make sure your defroster is functioning properly, especially if you haven't used it in a while.
- **Check your brakes.** After driving through a puddle, check that brakes are working properly by tapping them gently a few times.
- Check your tires. **Make sure tires are in good condition** and are at the recommended inflation level. Tires should have at least 1/32 of an inch tread depth at any two adjacent grooves, the minimum allowable by law. Driving on over-inflated or under-inflated tires is dangerous on wet pavement.

Watch for hydroplaning conditions

Hydroplaning occurs when your front tires ride on a film of water. It can occur at speeds as low as 35 miles per hour, especially if tires are worn. If you hydroplane, ease off the gas, gently apply the brakes, and steer straight ahead.

For more information on safe winter driving visit:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/pages/winterdriving.aspx#videos_and_public_service_announcements

City Calendar

Nov. 4th Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Nov. 12th Planning Commission— The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 13th 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.

Nov. 17th Planning Commission Work Session— The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the new Coos Bay Development Code.

Nov. 18th Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

Nov. 18th 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.

Nov. 19th 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.

Nov. 20th Parks Commission – The meeting will be held in the City Hall conference room and will start at 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 26th 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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