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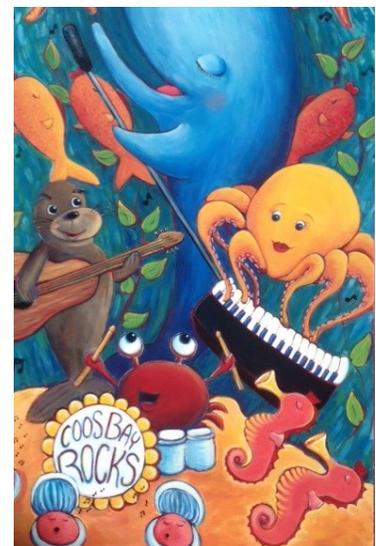
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Downtown Mural Receives Award

The 2nd Court Mural Project received an Excellence in a Downtown Revitalization Award for the "Best Downtown Beautification Project" from the Oregon Main Street on October 2, 2013 during the Oregon Main Annual Conference in Astoria. This award is given to the municipality or Main Street organizations that has designed and implemented an attractive stand-alone beautification project in the downtown. Accepting the award was the Coos Bay Downtown Association. The mural project was an outgrowth of an initial project started by a group of volunteers called the Alley Cats who participated in an NEA sponsored "Your Town" workshop and created a 4 x 8' mural featuring art from school children. Taking this to the next level, CBDA partnered with The Alley Cats to create nine additional 4x8' murals representing the vitality and diversity of the community while improving the look of downtown. In addition to beautification, the project was also intended to draw attention to underutilized parking lots convenient to shops in the downtown core.



A New Service at the Library

The Coos Bay Public Library recently acquired a new reference database for patrons called ReferenceUSA which includes five different modules: U. S. Businesses, U. S. New Businesses, U. S. Consumers/Lifestyles, U. S. Standard White Pages, and U. S. Jobs/Internships. The database is directly accessible inside the library and can be accessed remotely with a valid Coos Bay library card. Patrons now have access to 28 million businesses, 262 million consumers, 89 million residents, and 2.5 million job postings. As this online database is updated regularly, users no longer have to tirelessly flip through multiple volumes of outdated phonebooks and business directories. Patrons can conduct geographic market research to get an idea where to open a new business or non-profit. ReferenceUSA provides fast online access to help you: find business opportunities, search for jobs, obtain addresses or phone numbers, locate local or out of town companies, and research companies and executives. Job seekers can search jobs by skill, location, or industry to find companies which are linked directly to the business modules providing information such as names of executives, company size, and more. If you need a list of residents in zip code 97420 with a medium home value of \$100,000-\$200.00 or you want to know how many businesses with 1-4 employees have an area code and prefix of 541-269 then start your search with ReferenceUSA!



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

Chimney Fire Prevention Tips



As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, the fire danger moves indoors. In Coos County, many of us enjoy the warmth of a wood stove or fireplace, but too often the regular maintenance of chimneys are neglected. A roaring sound—some people describe as sounding like a freight train or a low-flying airplane—is typically the first indication of a [chimney fire](#). Clouds of black smoke and sparks or even flames pouring out the top of the chimney are other indications of a chimney fire.

A chimney fire is the uncontrolled burning of creosote deposits within the chimney or flue above the firebox. This is a very dangerous condition that can severely damage the stovepipe, mortar, tile or chimney; and it can easily spread to the attic or other structural elements of the home. Chimneys are designed for carrying smoke and fire gasses out of the building, but it cannot withstand the extreme temperature associated with a flue fire.

Creosote is an extremely flammable, sticky, tar-like material. When it is allowed to build up, it looks like a heavy crystalline deposit of soot that can choke the chimney; and when ignited by an ember or spark, it can burst into a raging inferno. Creosote is a common byproduct of burning wood, but there are a few things that increase the production of creosote:

- Damp, green, or unseasoned wood will create more creosote than dry wood.
- An oxygen-starved or dampered fire promotes the production of creosote.
- Long chimneys that allow gasses to cool as they rise tend to encourage creosote to build up.

If you think that you or a neighbor might have a chimney fire, you should:

1. Call the Fire Department. The fire could be out before firefighters arrive, but call them anyway. They have the training and equipment to locate and extinguish hidden fires.
2. Close the damper or the air inlet controls to the fireplace or stove. This will limit air supply and reduce the fire's intensity.
3. If you have a fire extinguisher, open the door to the fireplace or stove just enough so you can insert the extinguisher's nozzle. Shoot the contents of the entire canister inside and shut the door. What you don't want to use is water. It could make things worse by causing more steam and gas to enter the chimney, which could crack or damage it.

Get everyone out of the house. Use a hose to wet down the roof and the area around your house. This will lessen the chances of sparks igniting other combustibles like shrubs and trees. Keep the water away from the chimney - wetting down a hot chimney could cause it to crack or even collapse. Don't go back inside until you are sure that it is safe.

The best way to prevent a chimney fire is to inspect and clean your chimney at least once every year. A stiff wire bristle brush is used to “sweep” creosote deposits from the walls of the stovepipe or chimney. If you don't have the required tools or comfort level to do the job yourself, businesses that sell woodstoves can recommend a local chimney sweep. They can inspect your woodstove or fireplace too.



Oregon Author Matt Love

2009 winner of the Oregon Literary Arts' Stewart H. Holbrook Literary Legacy Award for his contributions to Oregon history and literature.

**Sunday, Nov. 10th
2:00 p.m.**

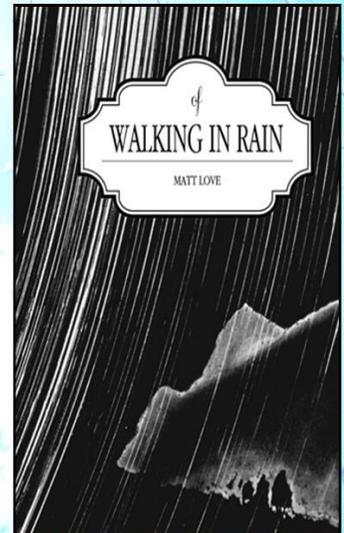


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Matt Love is the author/editor of ten books about Oregon, including, the bestselling *Far Out Story of Vortex I*, *Citadel of the Spirit: Oregon's Sesquicentennial Anthology*, *Gimme Refuge: The Education of a Caretaker* and *The Newport Trilogy*. He lives on the Oregon Coast and teaches Newport High School. He will talk about his latest book *Of Walking in Rain*, a 190-page work of creative non-fiction that assays the ubiquitous subject of rain in Oregon in as many ways as rain falls in Oregon. .



Holiday Lights



**27th Annual Holiday Lights at
Shore Acres State Park - Nov. 28
thru Dec. 31, 2013**

Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve - 4:00 - 9:30 PM every night (including Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Eve. Walk-thru Display. Open Garden House with hot cider, punch, coffee and cookies!

Coos Bay Fire Memorial

In November of 2002, Captain Randy Carpenter and firefighters Jeff Common and Chuck Hanners lost their lives while fighting a fire inside the Farwest Truck and Auto parts store. The roof of the building collapsed trapping them inside the building.

Just as the nation had rallied in support of the first responders to the attacks in New York City, the Coos Bay community came together in support of its firefighters like never before. There was a renewed awareness and respect for what firefighters do and the potential risks that they face. There was a sobering realization that even this community is not immune to these types of tragedies.

To honor the City's three firefighters, a memorial was built in downtown Coos Bay. This memorial was further dedicated to the sacrifices of all firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The memorial, located on the vacated Central Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets, was designed by Coos Bay firefighters and includes a tribute to the families of the three firefighters. The bricked approach is lined by eleven trees that represent the 11 children that were left behind. The bronze statues of three life-size firefighters in action were sculpted by an artist from Gardiner, and they are perched atop a base in the shape of the Maltese cross - the adopted symbol of the fire service. The words Honor, Duty, and Courage adorn the concrete pedestal.

November 21st marks the 12th anniversary of the tragedy. It is the hope of the Coos Bay firefighters and the families of those lost that we remember the sacrifices made by public safety personnel across our nation, and that we do our best to prevent similar tragedies.



Openings on City Boards & Commissions...

The City of Coos Bay is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Budget Committee, Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals, Design Review Committee, and Planning Commission. 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 2, 2013. Applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews with the City Council.

Budget Committee – Oregon State Statute Chapter 294 provides that local governing bodies of each municipal corporation shall establish a Budget Committee. The Committee is comprised of the members of the City Council and an equal number of citizens. 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 three openings on the Budget Committee.

Building & Fire Code Board of Appeal - The Board of Appeal was established by Ordinance No. 239 and consists of five members who are qualified by experience and training to deliberate on matters pertaining to building construction. Appointments to the Board are made by the City Council for three -year terms. The Board meets on an as-needed basis. There is currently one opening on the Board.

Design Review Committee – The Design Review Committee acts as an advisory body to the Public Works Department, Planning Commission, City Council, and the Urban Renewal Agency. Membership of the Committee is not limited to residents of the City of Coos Bay and may include any person possessing interest in furthering the betterment of historic, cultural, architectural, natural or artistic resources in the Coos Bay Area. Applicants should have knowledge and expertise in one of the following areas: a) History; b) art, Graphics, or interior design; c) architecture. There are currently four openings on the Committee. The Planning Commission interviews the applicants for appointment to the Committee and makes recommendations to the City Council for appointment.

Planning Commission – The Coos Bay Planning consists of seven members and provides comprehensive planning services for the City Council. Applicants must be a City resident of the City of Coos Bay 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.

City Calendar

- Nov. 5th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5th 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. 7th Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the City Hall's conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.
- Nov. 12th Coos Bay Planning Commission** – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14th 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. 19th Coos Bay City Council** - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 7:00 pm.
- Nov. 19th 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. 20th 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. 27th Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Coos Bay Visitor's Center and will start at 5:30 pm.

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For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall
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