



September 2013

## City of Coos Bay and Northwest Community Credit Union Working Together



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The City closed two facilities on August 3, 2013 for the Northwest Community Credit Union Volunteer Project. Approximately 50 volunteers from Northwest Community Credit Union were broken up into two work groups and assigned to Ed Lund Park and Taylor-Wasson Park. They performed a variety of maintenance tasks for these two facilities which included landscaping, painting, and playground fall protection installation. The purpose of closing these facilities was for the safety of the community, volunteers, and city staff who were performing the work. This was a wonderful event for the neighborhood and community. The work done by 50 volunteers was very impressive considering it would take one fulltime city employee three months to complete these same maintenance tasks.

Should you have questions about this project, please feel free to contact Public Works Operations Administrator Randy Dixon at 541-269-1181 ext. 2201 or email him at [rdixon@coosbay.org](mailto:rdixon@coosbay.org)



## City of Coos Bay Brush Pick-Up

September 3, 2013

1. Brush must be out prior to first day of pickup.
2. Brush must be in one pile and must be five feet or less in length.
3. Brush must be out next to the curb free from overhead obstacles, fire hydrants, and other obstacles.
4. One pile per address. NO group piles.
5. Brush must not exceed five cubic yards. More than five yards can be taken, but prior arrangements must be made.
6. No grass clippings, sod, dirt, loose leaves, plastic bags, baling twine or other materials, which are not appropriate for grinding.

\$8.75 per cubic yard additional during brush pickup.

\$10.50 per cubic yard plus trip fee for pickup after scheduled brush pickup is finished.

Coos Bay Municipal Code 8.10.060 states:

1. No owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or bushes on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. An owner or person in charge of property that abuts on a street or public sidewalk shall keep all trees and bushes on the premises, including the adjoining parking strip, trimmed so that any overhanging portions are at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and at least fourteen (14) feet above the roadway.
2. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow a dead or decaying tree to stand if it is a hazard to the public or to persons or property on or near the property.

**For More Information Call:**

**Les' Sanitary at (541) 267-2848 or Coos Bay Sanitary at (541) 267-6675**



## Land Use Planning

Where people live, work, and play, how they travel, and the quality of these experiences, depends in large part upon something few people ever think about - land use planning. Though sometimes perceived as a strictly bureaucratic process, land use planning is actually a prelude to the dynamic rise of new buildings, triumphant rebirth of towns, proud continuation of farming, and even the inconspicuous but meaningful task of protecting property values.

A critical part of the land use planning process is the role of the Planning Commission. They are tasked with providing citizen review and recommendations on planning-related matters to the City Council, and they often have two distinct functions.

(1) The first involves preparation and revision of the community's comprehensive plan and local land use regulations, such as the development code (Title 17 of the Coos Bay Municipal Code). This role is typically advisory to the City Council with the Planning Commission forwarding a recommended plan (or ordinance) to the governing body for consideration.

(2) The second and frequently most time-consuming function involves review of development proposals such as site plans and subdivisions. This can often times be a very difficult task as they are frequently required to decide against their friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens which can lead to criticism of some members of the Commission.

*"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."* — Jack Handley

As a City, we should appreciate the dedication and time that the Planning Commission members dedicate to the building up of our beautiful town. Membership consists, by and large, of dedicated volunteers who perform a civic service out of love for their community and interest in the subject.

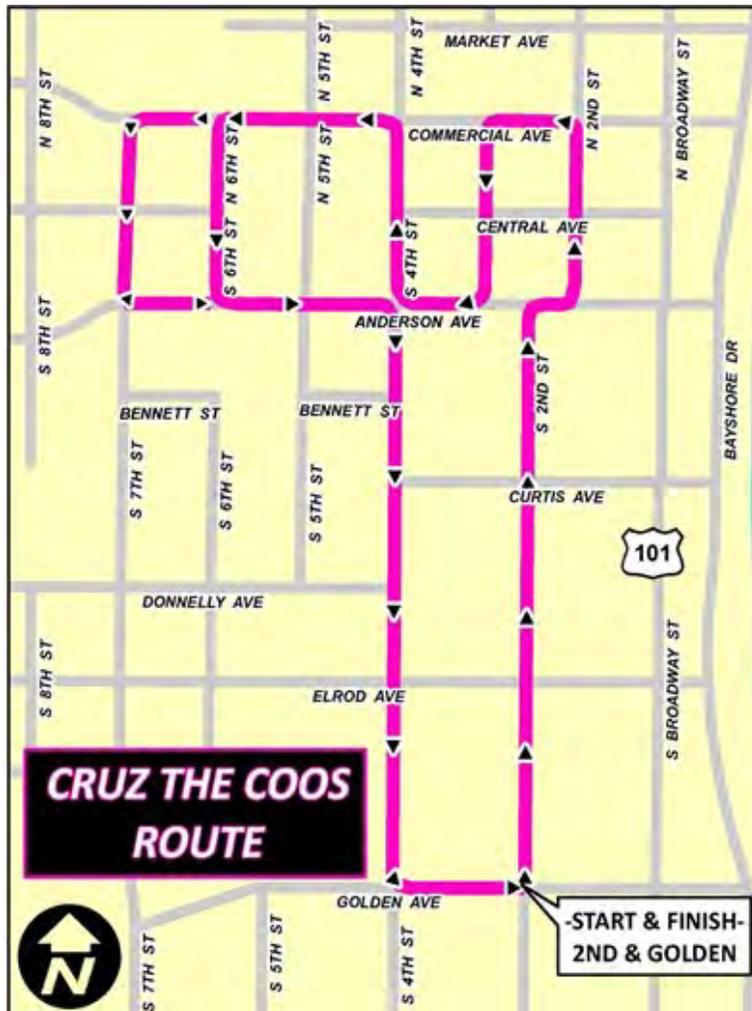
For more information contact Community Development Director Eric Day at 541-269-8924.

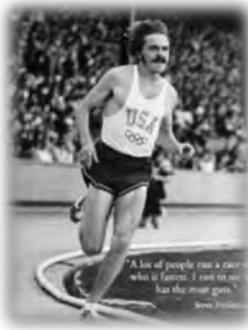
# Cruz the Coos

Sunset Classic Chevys and the Bay Area Fun Festival presents Cruz The Coos! Five hundred vintage vehicles will be cruising in downtown Coos Bay on September 21st.

Lineup and Cruz Only Registration – 5:00 pm – South 2nd Street at Golden Avenue Coos Bay.

CRUZ the COOS – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Downtown Coos Bay. Trophies to be awarded. Dash plaque for all participants. No Burn-outs, hydraulics, or motorcycles. Cruz limited to the first 500 vehicles. Vehicles must be 1979 or older, insured, licensed, street legal & operated by licensed driver. For more information, please go to the following website [www.sunsetclassichevys.com](http://www.sunsetclassichevys.com)





# Annual Prefontaine Memorial Run

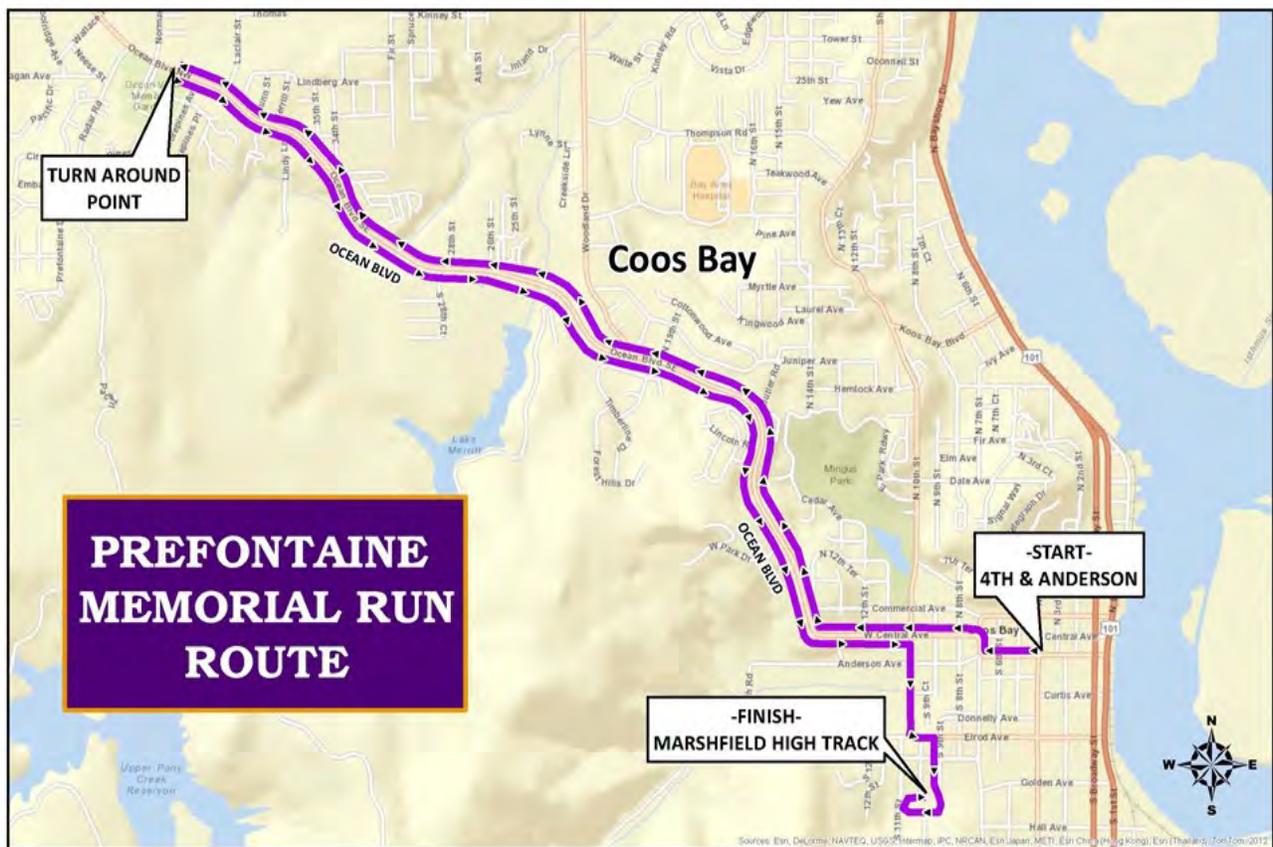
Those special qualities that made Steve Prefontaine a hero to track fans more than three decades ago are still creating new admirers. Many who participate in the yearly event were not born when Pre was setting records or never saw him compete, but they are inspired by his enduring example of courage, feisty determination, and charisma.

Runners can see where it all began this month at the Prefontaine Memorial Run.

Now in its 34th year, this popular event got its start when a group of Coos Bay citizens decided it was time that Steve Prefontaine's hometown did something to honor its favorite son. A commemorative monument was placed adjacent to the Coos Bay Visitor's Information Center displaying a bronze likeness of Prefontaine, and a list of all his American records held at the time of his death in May 1975. Nearby, at the Coos Art Museum, the Prefontaine Memorial Gallery holds the permanent collection of Steve's awards and memorabilia as well as numerous photographs highlighting his illustrious running career.

The Prefontaine Memorial Run has established the reputation of being a well-organized race catering to the needs of the runner. It is the showpiece of the Bay Area Fun Festival.

Come join us on September 21, 2013 for the 34th Annual Prefontaine Memorial Run. For additional information or to pre-register for the Prefontaine Memorial Run, go to [www.prefontaine.com](http://www.prefontaine.com). (<http://bayareafunfestival.com/prefontaine-run/>)



# A Chance for End of Summer Cleaning...



## Coos County Solid Waste Department

Mailing Address  
**Coos County Courthouse**  
250 N. Baxter Street  
Coquille, Oregon 97423

Delivery Address  
**Beaver Hill Disposal Site**  
55722 Highway 101  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Phone (541)-396-7620, (541)-396-7623, (541)-396-7624  
Fax (541)-396-1026

### Public Service Announcement

#### **Metal Collection Event**

Coos County will hold a residential metal collection event at the Beaver Hill Disposal Site starting on Tuesday – July 2, 2013 and run through Saturday– September 28, 2013. The fee for metal will be waived for this time period.

##### Examples of accepted items:

- ◆ washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, small metal appliances
- ◆ wood burning stoves
- ◆ empty burn barrels
- ◆ barbeques
- ◆ microwave ovens
- ◆ refrigerators/freezers – Coos County will remove freon and compressors
- ◆ small and large metal tools
- ◆ metal furniture
- ◆ bicycles
- ◆ exercise equipment (metal)
- ◆ tire rims
- ◆ lawn equipment (drained)
- ◆ empty propane tanks with valve/stem removed
- ◆ metal fencing with wood posts removed
- ◆ nails, screws, misc. (please place in metal container or tin cans)
- ◆ miscellaneous scrap metal

Not accepted: vehicles, logging and fishing cable, Household Hazardous Waste

**If you have any questions, please call 541-396-7620. Please leave a short message and a phone number as booth attendant may be outside the booth with customers.**

If you have household garbage, furniture, brush, tires, or construction debris that you are bringing to Beaver Hill, please remember those items will need to be separated. The fees for these items will not be waived during the metal collection event.

##### Recycling items that are accepted for no charge at Beaver Hill are as follows:

- ◆ E-Waste (TV's, Computers & Monitors)
- ◆ Newspapers, Magazines, Phone Books, Junk Mail, Recyclable Paper
- ◆ Cardboard (flattened), cereal boxes (flattened)
- ◆ Aluminum and tin cans – foil, TV dinner trays, pop & beer cans (must be clean)(do not flatten)
- ◆ Plastic (Bottleneck #1 - #7) (milk jugs, water bottles, laundry soap jugs, etc.) – must be clean, no lids
- ◆ Margarine, Cottage Cheese, Yogurt Containers – must be clean – (do not crush or flatten)
- ◆ Glass jars – Clear, green and brown – (must be clean)
- ◆ Flower pots – any size/material – These are for re-use – must be clean
- ◆ Motor Oil & Cooking Oil (in 1-2 gallon clear plastic containers with tight lids)
- ◆ Antifreeze (in 1-2 gallon clear plastic containers with tight lids)
- ◆ Lead-Acid Batteries (auto, motorcycle, lawn equipment)
- ◆ Rechargeable Batteries, Nickel Cadmium, Lithium Ion, Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries
- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Paint (accepted in the Paint Care Program – see [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for acceptable paints)

##### *Beaver Hill Disposal Site Hours*

*Tuesday – Saturday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.*

*Closed Sunday and Monday*

## History at the Library

Besides the latest best sellers, daily newspapers, and music CD's, people can explore history at the library.

If you want to research local history, the library has the Coos Bay newspapers starting in 1905 to present. The papers are available on microfilm which can be viewed on two state-of-the-art film readers. Other resources include the Oregon Collection. These materials are available for use in the library. This collection contains many rare and out of print books documenting local and state history. If it is a specific piece of property that is interesting, consulting the Sandborn Maps can help trace the history and use of a certain building. The Sanborn Maps consist of 695 large-scale maps of 176 Oregon towns during the years of 1867 to 1970. These are available on-line with a valid library card.



If a person wants family history, the library has resources for that search too. The on-line database Heritage Quest is available on-line at anytime with a valid library card. The database contains census data from 1790 through 1940, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank records, and many genealogy related books.

For more information on historical resources visit the Coos Bay Library or call 541-269-1101.



## 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

## School Time Safety



Hello everyone! Well, summer is winding down, and it's time for a whole new group of little pedestrians and two-wheelers to be out and about on their way to school.

As these young students begin to fan out across the community on their way to school, it's important that as drivers we always remember they are out there and may not yet be fully adept at bicycle and pedestrian safety. Use extra caution when driving on known school-bound routes and when driving by a younger bike rider. Make sure to give them just a little extra room in case they are a little unsteady on their bike.

This added measure of caution also goes for young pedestrians. Walking with friends can be a lot of fun, but sometimes it can lead to a little bit of "horse-play"; and some friendly kids play can cause them to unintentionally step out into the roadway. Always be prepared and expect the unexpected! Be prepared for that young pedestrian darting out in the roadway or crossing in a crosswalk.

Slow down! Following speed laws around school zones is not just the prudent legal thing to do, but it's a life safety measure. Especially during drop off and pickup times, the school zones can be extremely crowded with vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. During the first week of school, there can be the added complication of new students and parents who are attempting to find the right place to drop off or park.

Many students are transported to and from area schools on school buses. Oregon law requires drivers to stop whenever the red lights on a school bus are flashing regardless of the direction you are traveling. The law applies to any roadway with two or more lanes of traffic including multi-lane highways such as Highway 101, Ocean Boulevard, and Newmark Avenue.

It's not all about the driver. It also comes down to educating our new students about the "rules of the road" and appropriate pedestrian safety measures. Take time before the first day of school to go over the appropriate pedestrian safety measures. Discuss the safe way to cross the street, and the importance of not just checking once but checking and rechecking to make sure it's safe to cross.

For bicyclists, make sure new school bike commuters are fully aware of the rules of the road, can safely operate their bike under a variety of circumstances, and they know how to react to those unusual circumstances that always seem to pop up in life.

Chief Gary McCullough



# GET READY

COOS BAY

**IF A NATURAL DISASTER HITS OUR AREA,  
WE WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO BE PREPARED.**

Join us Saturday, September 7 for an event that will help you Get Ready. NW Natural will be joined by local emergency groups to give away safety items and a free lunch.

**THE FIRST 100 FAMILIES WILL ALSO RECEIVE FREE RED CROSS EMERGENCY KITS.**

**Saturday, September 7, 2013**

**10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

**Coos Bay Fire Department**

450 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay



## Around Town



### MOB at Mingus

Music on the Bay will feature four shows in September in Mingus Park. All shows are open to the public at no charge.

9/3 - Casey Abrams at 7:00 pm

9/10 - California Honey drops at 7:00 pm

9/17 - Local Artist Night Featuring Soul Pie at 6:00 pm

9/24 - Duffy Bishop Band at 7:00 pm

### Two New Reserve Officers Join The Ranks...

The Coos Bay Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new members. On August 12, 2013 Jordan Moeller and Luke McGriff joined the Coos Bay Police Department when they were sworn-in as Reserve Police Officers.

Reserve Officers Moeller and McGriff have both completed an intensive process to become reserve officers which included written and physical testing, a thorough background investigation, and a Reserve Officers Training Academy (ROTA).

Both men grew up and currently work full time in the Coos Bay area at other jobs and are more than willing to volunteer their time to serve their community. Great job Reserve Officer Moeller and Reserve Officer McGriff!!!



Join the fun!

# FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH COAST TRACTOR SHOW

September 21 and 22, 2013

Coos Bay, Oregon



**Vintage tractors**  
**Antique steam engines**  
**'Hit and Miss' motors**  
**And other ageless motorized machines & motors**

Tractors will be in the Bay Area Fun Festival parade on Saturday, Sept. 21, and then on display on Saturday and Sunday at the Oregon Coast Historical Railway at 766 S. First St. (US 101 Northbound), Coos Bay, Oregon



Contact Dick Jamsgard at 541-297-6130 for information

# City Calendar

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</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.
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</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.
- Sept. 10<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.
- Sept. 12<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.
- Sept. 17<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.
- Sept. 17<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.
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Street Task Force** – The meeting will be held in the council chambers in City Hall and will start at 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the City Hall's conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.
- Sept. 18<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.
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 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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Department  
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Community  
Development  
Department  
(541) 269-8924

Finance Department  
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For additional information on City meetings contact City Hall  
at (541) 269 – 8912