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## Celebrate the Community

By Coos Bay Mayor Crystal Shoji

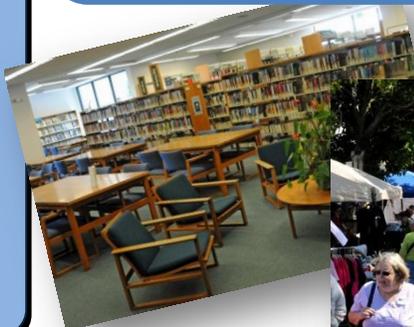
There are many things to like about our community. Here are some of the things that I appreciate:

- Friendly faces (workers and customers) at the coffee shop.
- Bay Area Chamber of Commerce music video, "You're on the Right Track" (premiered at the recent Chamber banquet; you can pull it up now on their web site, <http://www.oregonsbayarea.org/>)
- Choshi Bridge in Mingus Park, honors our Japanese Sister City, and lends color and grace.

Our Visitor Convention Bureau (VCB), a partnership of the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation is funded by room tax revenues. Each year the VCB promotes and advertises the area, and you can help "tell our story." Please share what you and your family enjoys and values the most about living in Coos Bay.

Please share what you and your family enjoy and value the most about living in, working in, or visiting Coos Bay at the link below:

[Community Survey](#)



# 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 LAPTOP!!!**

**CONTEST DEADLINE: MARCH 29, 2013**

### 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 4-6**) or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2012-13 school year.
- 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 7-8**) or being homeschooled at the middle school grade level for the 2012-13 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 2012-13 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>

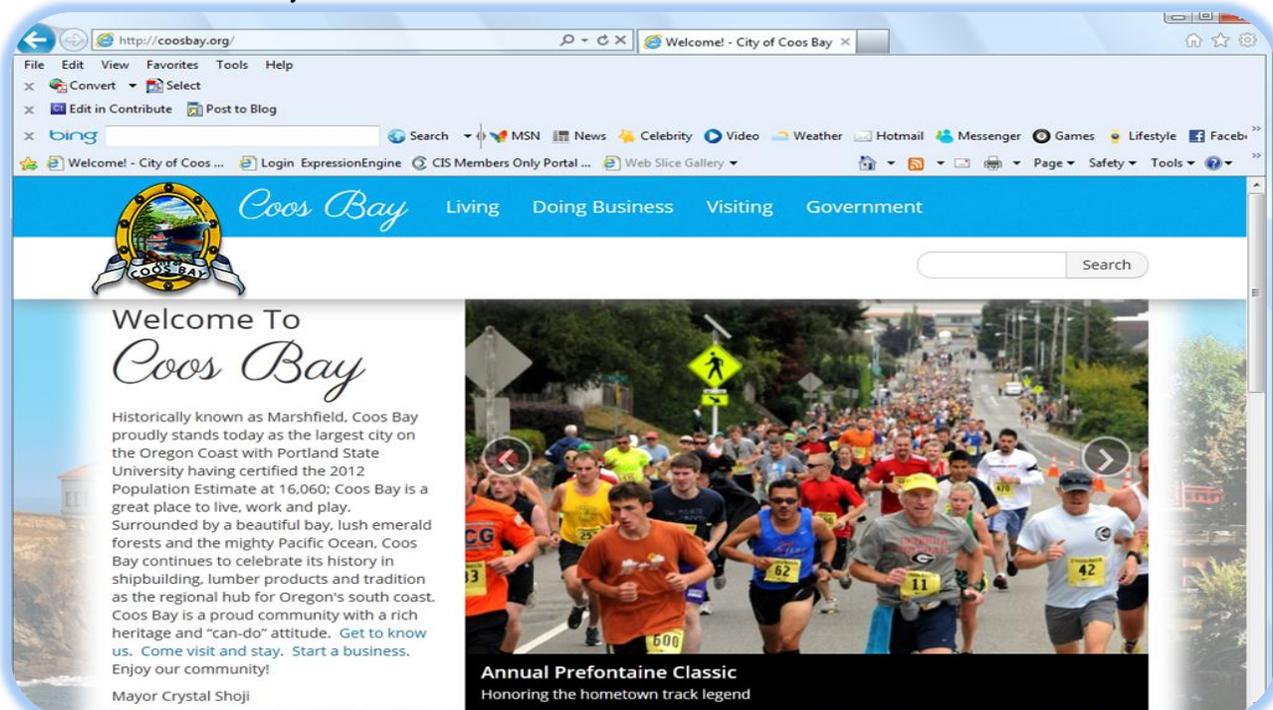
## Like us on facebook

The City of Coos Bay has launched an official Facebook page to create another access point for residents to get the important information they need in an easy to understand format. Residents who "like" the "Coos Bay – City" Facebook page will periodically see news releases on issues that directly affect them pop up in their Facebook "newsfeeds."



In addition to creating a more accessible city government, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coos-Bay-City/> creates the ability to receive important emergency updates that otherwise may have been missed. Users who check Facebook on a regular basis may see notices from the City of Coos Bay about temporary street closures, utility service disruptions, and other emergency messages that they otherwise would have had to seek out on their own. Residents interested in following City of Coos Bay news on Facebook can visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coos-Bay-City/> login with their username and password, and the click, "like."

## Check out our updated website

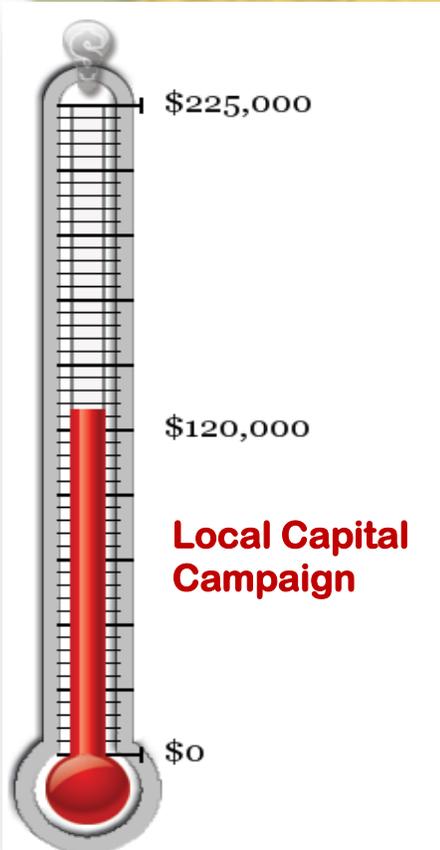


The City of Coos Bay launched a redesigned website on December 1, 2012 to provide the public more information in an organized manner. The new website features social media aspects to help disperse information on a broad scale using the more popular mediums (Facebook and RSS). The website is organized into four main sections (Living, Doing Business, Visiting, and Government) with links within those sections for more detailed information. The coosbay.org website also features an area at the bottom on the screen to provide quick, at a glance contact information; links to the more popular web pages; and access to forms as well as frequently asked questions; recent new events, and a calendar of upcoming City events. Visit the new website at [www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org)

## *Progressing Towards Restoration*

The Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association's capital campaign is off to a great start. A number of fundraising events have been held: Egyptian Poker Night raised \$1,100, Egyptian Night at the Outdoor In raised \$175, Dutch Bros. donated \$1 for every cup sold on January 25th and raised \$1,400, a recent Facebook challenge raised over \$1,000, membership and donation requests have been mailed, and a special dinner event is being planned for March. The ETPA's goal is to raise \$750,000 for Phase I restoration of

the theatre. The local match is \$225,000 with the remaining \$525,000 coming from grants. At just over three months into the campaign, the ETPA has raised nearly \$120,000. The association received notification last month of a \$10,000 grant award from the Coquille Tribal Community fund. In addition, we were just awarded \$50,000 from the Collins Foundation bringing the total grant awards to \$85,000 with several grant applications submitted and pending totaling \$600,000.



The goal is to open the theatre in 2014. Individuals are being asked to contribute to this important effort now in order to ensure the theatre is re-opened in early 2014. The association has eight to ten weeks to raise the balance needed to proceed with construction during the 2013 summer construction season. As an incentive, a local donor will match every \$20,000 in donations from now to the end of April with a \$5,000 donation. ETPA member June Willoughby has issued a challenge on Facebook and is offering to contribute \$1 for every \$5 received from Facebook readers up to a total donation of \$600. One of the first donations came in Wednesday and was \$100. Readers are encouraged to go to the ETPA's website [www.egyptian-theatre.com](http://www.egyptian-theatre.com) then click on Upcoming Events to find the Facebook logo.

# Share Your Artistic Side

## Coos Bay Community Mural Project

Community groups and individual artists are encouraged to submit designs for 4'x8' murals to be installed on the exterior wall of the First Call Resolution building on 2nd Court in Coos Bay.

Submission Deadline: **February 28, 2013**

- Designs should be submitted in a format no larger than 24" x 36".
- Designs should be delivered to the Coos Bay Downtown Association Office on the 4th floor of the Hall Bldg on 320 Central (Suite 410), open Tues-Fri from 9am-noon.
- Designs with a **maritime theme** are encouraged.

- Designs will be selected during the first week of March.
- 4'x 8' MDO board, paint, and brushes will be provided.
- Painting should be completed by the end of April.
- Murals will be installed during May.

### Questions?

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541.266.9706

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## ***The life you save could be yours***

In today's fast paced world, we are always looking for ways to keep up. Today's modern electronic conveniences like cell phones, tablets, and laptops, are all tools which can be used to "keep up" in the world we live in. But cell phones, tablets, and laptops, like all tools, need to be used wisely.



Did you know that texting and driving is twice as dangerous as driving drunk? While common sense should tell us that the distraction caused when trying to do two activities simultaneously, spoils the chances of successfully accomplishing both tasks. The fact shouts this loud and clear!

A study at the Virginia Tech Driving Institute revealed that those who resort to texting while driving are 23 times more likely to end up in a car crash. According to the statistics compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 5,870 people died and 515,000 people were injured in various car crashes in the United States in 2008 alone. Around 28% of all crashes in 2008 were caused by drivers in the age group of 18 and 29 who admitted to texting while driving.



Driving while texting (reading, writing, and sending text messages and emails) is not only a bad idea, it's against the law. If you text and drive- please stop.

**Not only is it illegal, it is DEADLY!**

**Coos Bay Police Department**

# Railroad Safety Tips



Now that the rail service has returned to our area, we need to turn our attention to train safety. Most people are surprised to hear that in America, a person or vehicle is hit by a train about every three hours. Accidents involving trains can have tragic results for everyone involved. Safety on and around trains and railroad tracks involves both awareness and common sense. Adhering to the following simple safety rules when dealing with trains and tracks will help you avoid many common accidents:

- **Any Time is Train Time!** Trains do not follow set schedules and run anything when needed.
- **Cross tracks ONLY at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings.** If you cross at any other place, you are trespassing and can be ticketed or fined.
- When crossing train tracks at designated crossings, **look both ways, and cross the tracks quickly, without stopping.**
- **Don't trespass on railroad property.** Railroad tracks, trestles, yards, and equipment are private property; and trespassers are subject to arrest and fine.
- **Never walk down a train track** - it's illegal and it's dangerous!
- **Don't walk or bicycle near the train tracks.** Trains overhang the tracks by at least three feet in both directions, and loose straps hanging from rail cars may extend even further. If you are in the right-of-way next to the tracks, you can be hit by the train.
- **Do NOT try and hitch a ride.** Do not attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. A slip of the foot can cost you a limb or your life.
- **Never place any foreign object on the tracks.** When a train collides with the object, it can fling it out from the tracks, causing serious injury or fatality to any bystanders.
- Remember: **Rails and recreation do not mix!**



## Coos Bay Downtown Association

The Coos Bay Downtown Association (CBDA) held their annual meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Coos Art Museum. Approximately 70 local business owners and city representatives attended the meeting which featured Mayor Shoji and CBDA President Brian Bowers as keynote speakers, and Vice-President Doug Woolsey speaking on goals for the coming year.



Highlights for 2012 accomplishments included the CBDA's acceptance into the Main Street Program, hiring a full time Main Street Manager, increasing association membership from 32 in 2012 to 71 in 2013, increased participation in the Farmer's Market, development of the vacant lot at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Anderson, and volunteers donating 801 hours of work. At \$15 per hour this is over \$12,000 in value.

Attendees were invited to prioritize the CBDA's goals. The top three goals for 2013 are: start a recurring event that brings people downtown regularly, provide pedestrian wayfinding signage, and bring five new businesses into downtown. Election to three positions on the board of directors was also held. Deb Lal, owner of Downtown Fitness, was elected and Larry Reiber, Scoville and Reiber CPAs, and Joyce Jansen, City of Coos Bay, were re-elected. The board will elect officers at their February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This is an exciting time for Coos Bay – things are beginning to happen, progress is being made, and citizens are taking an active role in their community. Anyone interested in being part of the action, may contact Main Street Manager Nathan Jurey at 541-266-9706 or stop by the office at 320 Central Avenue, Suite 410.



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## ***New Library Passport Program Comes to Coos Bay***

A new Oregon Library **Passport Program** will allow cardholders from participating libraries to register and use other participating libraries across the state. The Oregon Library Association is launching this voluntary program to expand Oregonians' access to library materials, something that has been a goal of the professional organization for many years.

The Coos Bay Public Library has joined the program and is currently offering passport access.

The basic premise is: Oregon public and academic libraries opt to become Passport Program participating libraries. The registered cardholders at those libraries are then able to visit, register without the customary "out of area" card fees, and use the materials at any other participating library. Their home library card becomes their "passport" or ticket to registering for library cards at other participating libraries throughout Oregon. Patrons are responsible for managing their checkouts, complying with the passport member library's policies regarding due dates, late fees, and materials limits, and must return materials directly to the library they borrowed from. There is no library-to-library return delivery mechanism.

So, if someone is vacationing in another area of Oregon and there is a participating library there, you can register for a library card and use the library. In addition, Oregonians who are conducting research will be able to tap into the vast resources of academic libraries, including the Oregon State University libraries, Oregon Health Sciences University, and several community colleges. The key to the Passport Program is that you first need a library card from your participating local "home" library.

Passport Program details can be found at [www.librariesoforegon.org/Passport](http://www.librariesoforegon.org/Passport) including a list of Participating libraries.

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## ***Dr. Seuss Night at Coos Bay Public Library***

Coos Bay Public Library joins schools and libraries throughout the nation in celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on **Dr. Seuss Night** at the library on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Although the program is designed for children from Preschool through Grade 8, the whole family is invited to join in this fun-filled, family-oriented evening.

Students from Marshfield High School's National Honor Society will read stories by Dr. Seuss and other favorite authors at four age-related reading stations: **Green Eggs and Ham** - Preschool, **Daisy-Head Mayzie** -Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, **McElligot's Pool** - Grades 2 & 3, **Yertle the Turtle** - Grades 4,5, 6, 7,& 8.

The Friends of the Coos Bay Library and the library's state funded Ready-to-Read Grant will provide free books for drawings, which will be held throughout the evening at each of the four reading stations. Titles will include books by such favorite authors as Brian Jacques, Carl Hiaasen, Hilary McKay, Karen Cushman, Don and Audrey Wood, and many other noteworthy children's writers.

Lynda Sanders, President of the Coos Bay Education Association, will be among those volunteers who will be assisting at this event along with members of the Friends of the Coos Bay Library. The Coos Bay Education Association will also provide bookmarks, cookies, and juice. Adults are invited to enjoy tea, coffee, and cookies in the Myrtlewood Room while stories are being read.

**Dr. Seuss Night** is sponsored by the Coos Bay Education Association, state Ready-to-Read funds, and the Friends of the Coos Bay Library. For more information, visit the library or call 541-269-1101.

# City Calendar

Coos Bay City Hall  
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Police Department  
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Fire Department  
(541) 269-1191

Library  
(541) 269-1101

Public Works &  
Development  
Department  
(541) 269-8918

Economic  
Development  
(541) 269-8924

Finance Department  
(541) 269-8915

City Manager's  
Office  
(541) 269-8912

**Feb. 5<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.

**Feb. 12<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.

**Feb. 14<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.

**Feb. 14<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.

**Feb. 19<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.

**Feb. 19<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.

**Feb. 20<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.

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Coos Bay Parks Commission** - The meeting will be held at the city hall conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Egyptian Theatre Restoration Steering Committee** – The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Coos Bay Visitor's Information Center and will start at 6:00 pm.

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