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## *Happy New Year!*

The ball in Times Square has dropped, and the New Year has begun. Many people utilize the beginning of the New Year to reflect on their goals and to make resolutions to obtain those goals. In December, the City Council met to review what has been accomplished in 2012 and to set their goals for 2013. The following goals were formally adopted at the Council meeting on January 2, 2013:

- **Citizen Education & Involvement:** Educate, cultivate, and encourage public participation in City government, urban renewal, and disaster preparedness.
- **Infrastructure and Services:** To maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure and provide quality services for current and future citizens.
- **Economic Development & City Revitalization:** To create a vibrant community for City citizens and entrepreneurs.
- **Finance:** To adopt and maintain a sustainable budget that reflects City priorities and realizes current economic conditions.
- **City Policies & Procedures:** To review and evaluate the City Charter, ordinances, and policies to provide for the current and future needs of the citizens.

With each of the five goals, the Council identified the top priorities for each goal and various activities aimed at achieving those goals. For example, some of the identified activities under the Infrastructure and Services goal includes: (1) completing the Empire Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project (see page 2 for more information on this project); (2) completing the Eastside Boat Ramp Expansion project by constructing a new fish cleaning station; and (3) completing the Parks Master Plan. The adopted 2013 Council Goals, along with the top priorities and identified activities aimed at achieving those goals, can be found the City's website at <http://coosbay.org/government#city-goals>.

## Major Improvements Ahead for South Empire Blvd

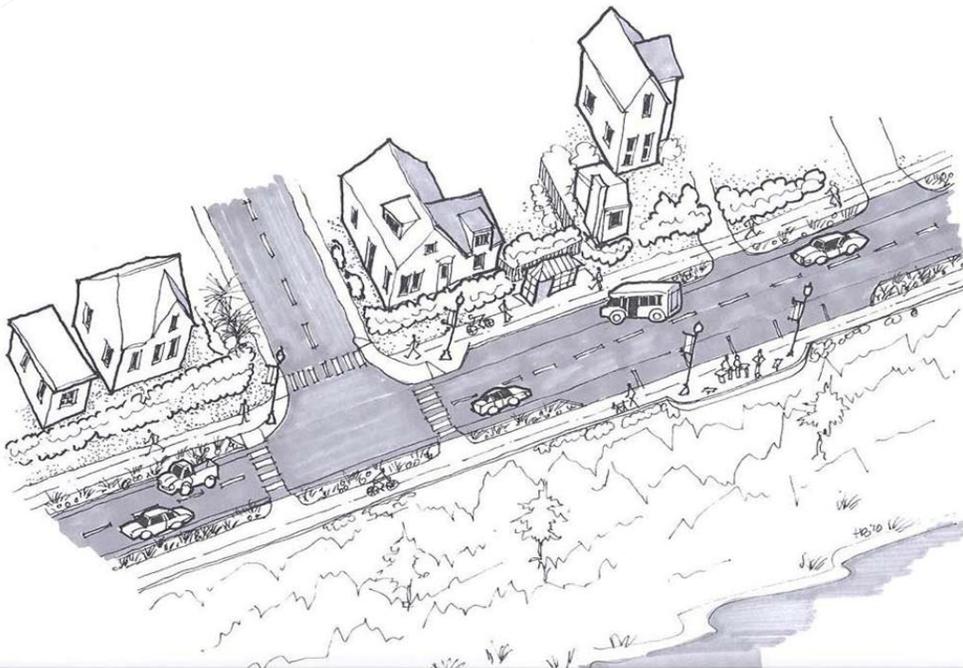


In March 2012, the City of Coos Bay was awarded \$2.1 million for Phase 1 of the “Empire Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project.” The purpose of the project is to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety through the widening and overlay of South Empire Blvd from Newmark Avenue to Fulton Avenue, and the installation of bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and lighting on both sides of the street. The project will also include the installation

of some viewpoints such as a covered shelter / CCAT bus stop and the creation of some on-street parking along Empire Boulevard. Construction work could begin within a few months.

The City has submitted a grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation to help with Phase II of the project (S Empire Blvd. between Fulton and just south of Wisconsin Ave) which is estimated to cost \$1.6 million dollars. ODOT initially received 155 proposals, but only 53 projects have moved forward to the public input portion of the process. **Here is an opportunity to provide public comment on the Empire Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Project. Comment period ends January 31, 2013.** An online [survey](#) will collect input.

ODOT will use the input to help determine which projects to recommend for formal approval by the Oregon Transportation Commission in March 2013; funds will then be awarded beginning in July 2013. **Your help and input could help make the completion of this project possible.**



AERIAL VIEW OF TYPICAL INTERSECTION

Coos Bay Public Works

## ePermitting

The City of Coos Bay was to “GO LIVE” with the statewide ePermitting online permit system on October 1, 2012. However, technical difficulties related to capacity with the State of Oregon’s system that hosts ePermitting, our “GO LIVE” date had to be postponed. **We now expect to “GO LIVE” January 15, 2013.**

General contractors and others will be able to apply for virtually all types of building permits (that the City issues) via the ePermitting system. The ePermitting system is the culmination of a multi-year effort on the part of the Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) and cities like Coos Bay. That effort has been funded by a surcharge on building permit fees to create the nation’s first statewide electronic permitting system. ePermitting is based on software developed by the Accela Corporation for use by governments. Accela has contracted with the state to provide this system at no additional purchase cost to the participating jurisdictions.

The new program and an earlier, less robust, version have been very well received by the contractors using it, as it has brought convenience and savings to their business practices, while encouraging the act of obtaining necessary permits through the ease of use. It has been a benefit to system users. **The time factor has been a big plus for using the system. The system is also easy to use.**

The new system will allow contractors and property owners to apply in person or on-line for all types of building permits; plan review and routing can be tracked and followed in the system. Fees can be assessed and paid online with a credit card. In fact, because the system is web-based, eligible parties can apply and pay from anywhere on the planet. This accessibility is a real benefit to general contractors and others that have a need for building permits. An inter-active voice response (IVR) system is included that provides the ability for builders to schedule/request inspections from a pre-selected menu. The system will even e-mail a response to your designated address or smart-phone. Additionally, the BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov web-site for ePermitting has a “citizen access” function that will allow people to access the electronic building department files, request inspections, and track many of the system features.

Maintaining files and records of permits is required by law; the ePermitting system will take on most of that costly burden, as relating to building permits anyway. As Coos Bay staff learn and grow into the system, they are sure other advantages will come to light. For example, Coos Bay received expensive Adobe 10 Pro software (at no charge) for use with the plan review functions performed by many city staffers.

You may also find training and tutorials at [www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov](http://www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov).

**PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**



### ***Christmas Tree Pickup***

City residents are encouraged to discard their cut Christmas trees at the curb. Coos Bay Firefighters will be picking up Christmas trees on **January 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am**. All trees left out will be picked up as part of the Fire Department's annual effort to remove dangerous trees from homes and businesses. Residents are asked to remove all decorations, including lights, tinsel, and ornaments. Trees should not be placed in bags.

Firefighters request a canned food donation for local food banks be left with the tree. For additional information, call **541-269-1191**.

### ***Smoke Detector Give Away***

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue still has some new smoke detectors to give-away. The smoke detector give-away program was made possible through grants provided by Bay Area Hospital and our local Wal-Mart.

To be eligible to receive a free smoke detector you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a resident of the City of Coos Bay.
- You must own or be in the process of purchasing the home (not available for rentals).
- Must be over the age of 65 years old or have children under the age of 12 years old living in the home.
- For those with children living in the home, your total household income must be lower than \$65,000 annually.

There is a limit of one smoke detector per household. Smoke detectors can be picked up at the main fire station located at 450 Elrod Avenue, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If needed, the Fire Department personnel can install your smoke detector for you.



### ***Free CPR Class***

Coos Bay Fire & Rescue will be sponsoring an Adult Family & Friends Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course. The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only® CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child, or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the American Heart Association's (AHA) research-proven practice-while-watching technique which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible. Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but does not need a course completion card in CPR for their job. This course is ideal for schools and students, new parents, grandparents, babysitters and others interested in learning how to save a life.

The course will be given on Thursday, **January 17, 2013** from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** and will be held at Coos Bay Fire Department's main station located at 450 Elrod Avenue. The deadline to register is January 15, 2013. If you would like to register for the CPR course or for more information, please call the Coos Bay Fire Department at **541-269-1191**.

\*AHA materials used in an instructional course do not represent sponsorship of the course by the AHA.

Learn More About Earthquakes

# Geology Lecture Series

at  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
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FREE to students and community members of all ages.

## "The Tortoise and the Hare: Slow vs Fast Earthquakes"

Sunday, January 20, 2013 SPECIAL TIME: 2:00PM



**Dr. Gregory Beroza**  
Stanford University  
An IRIS/SSA Distinguished Lecturer  
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dr. Gregory Beroza received his B.S. from UC Santa Cruz, and his Ph.D. from M.I.T. Dr. Beroza is the Wayne Loel Professor, Deputy Director of the Southern California Earthquake Center and chair of the Department of Geophysics at Stanford University. Dr. Beroza's lecture is sponsored by the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology and Seismological Society of America's Distinguished Lectures Series. For a decade, the IRIS/SSA lecture series has enabled world-renowned scientists to travel and speak to public audiences about cutting-edge earthquake research.

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## 7 Tips on Preventing Identity Theft

In the course of the day, you do many activities that put your personal information at risk — from writing a check at the store to charging merchandise in person or over the phone. You may not think twice about these transactions, but others might. Identity theft — when a perpetrator assumes someone’s identity for personal or financial gain, like stealing a credit card to make financial transactions in the victim’s name — is the fastest-growing crime in America. According to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, there were almost 10 million cases of identity theft which cost consumers \$5 billion.



The National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign, sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council, aims to educate consumers about what they can do to prevent identity theft. The council offers the following tips:

- Do not give out your personal information unless you initiate the contact or know the person or company with whom you are dealing. Also, never disclose personal information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number, in response to an email. Legitimate businesses will not ask you to do this.
- Do not disclose your credit card number to an online vendor unless it is encrypted and the site is secure. Look at the first part of the Web address on your browser. It should read “https://.”
- Do not write your Social Security number or telephone number on checks or credit card receipts.
- Remove all documents with personal information from your hard drive before discarding your computer or sending it in for repair.
- Shred discarded documents, including preapproved credit card applications, bank statements, store receipts, and utility bills. “Dumpster divers” can gain access to your personal information if such items are thrown in the trash.
- Cancel all credit cards that have not been used in the last six months. Open credit is a prime target for thieves.
- Order your credit report at least twice a year and report any mistakes to the credit reporting agency in writing.

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact your local police department as soon as possible. If your identity was stolen in one jurisdiction but used in another, you may have to report the crime in both jurisdictions. To learn more about preventing identity theft, visit the National Crime Prevention Council’s web site.

## ***New Year's Resolutions and Your Library***

It is the time of year when people think about a goal for the year. Some chose exercise or dieting. Others want to learn something new. Whatever your goal is for 2013, let the library help you achieve it.

Currently, the library has information on some of the most popular resolutions on display near the circulation desk. Topics include dieting, exercise, reducing clutter, and planning retirement.

If you want to spend the year learning a new skill, the library can help. Perhaps you want to learn a language. The library offers a free language tutorial service known as Mango. You simply create a free account, log in, and start learning. Each month the library offers several computer classes. The most basic topics, such as how to use a mouse, are covered, but also more complex issues and skills are covered. If you want to fix your own car, the library offers a wide range of auto manuals and online resources.

Whatever your goal is, the library can help you. For more information stop in or call 541-269-1101.



### **Hours**

#### **Library:**

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Friday – Saturday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
 Sunday – Closed

#### **Book Store:**

Wednesday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
 Thursday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
 Friday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
 Saturday 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm



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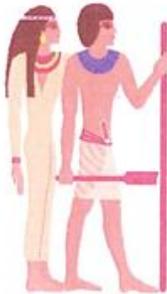


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# Egyptian Night Out

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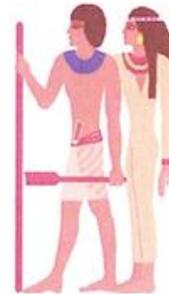


Outdoor Inn

Fri., January 18th

5:00 - 8:00 pm

305 S. 4th St., Coos Bay



To benefit the restoration of the Egyptian Theatre, 30% of the evening's sales will be donated!



An Opportunity to Support the Restoration of the Egyptian Theatre

# Take a Gamble on the Egyptian Theatre



## Support the Egyptian Theatre Renovation



### TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Broadway Hall next to



Professional Tables, Dealers and Production  
by Team Casino



\$75 Buy-in for 4000 chips  
\$50 Re-buy for 4000 chips  
\$75 Add-on for 8000 chips  
Maximum amount per player = \$200

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Seating assignments begin at 6:00PM - Tournament begins at 7:00 PM

Registration at the door does not guarantee a seat. Limited seats available.  
Register by December 29, 2012. **Register Today!**

Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone: _____ Pd by & Date _____
Email: _____

Call Rick - 541-297-8659 or  
Mail or Hand Deliver the  
Registration form to 255 N  
Broadway, Coos Bay, OR  
97420

\*Payouts & structure subject to  
change based on participation.  
**Must be 18 yrs of age to play.**

To view Tournament Rules &  
Blinds visit  
[www.teamcasino.net](http://www.teamcasino.net)

**Sponsored by the Egyptian Theatre Preservation Association**

# City Calendar

Coos Bay City Hall  
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Coos Bay, OR  
97420  
[www.coosbay.org](http://www.coosbay.org)

**Jan. 2nd** Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 7:00 p.m.

**Jan. 3rd** Coos Bay Tree Board - The meeting will be held in the city hall conference room in and will start at 4:00 p.m.

**Jan. 8th** Coos Bay Planning Commission - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 6:00 p.m.

**Jan. 10th** 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.

**Jan. 15th** Coos Bay City Council - The meeting will be held in the council chambers in city hall and will start at 7:00 pm.

**Jan. 15th** 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.

**Jan. 16th** 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.

**Jan. 17th** Coos Bay Parks Commission - The meeting will be held at the city hall conference room and will start at 4:00 pm.

**Jan. 23rd** 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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(541) 269-8911

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

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