

City of Coos Bay,
Oregon



The Friday Update

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Blossom Gulch Fish Release



It's that time of year again. Spring has officially sprung here in Coos Bay. The annual Blossom Gulch Fish Release was another great success. The City of Coos Bay, CH2M, and the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife teamed up to release approximately 250,000 juvenile Chinook salmon again this year.

SWIM SWIM SWIM!!!

Elementary school children help cheer on the fish to swim downstream to the Bay. Learning about the salmon life cycle is a carried on local tradition that many adults can remember learning about in school.

These salmon will make their journey into the Pacific Ocean before returning back to spawn in 3-4 years, averaging 20-40 pounds.





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Southwestern Oregon Fire Camp

Coos Bay Fire Department will take part in the first annual Southwestern Oregon Fire Camp tomorrow, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at North Bend High School. This free event is a joint effort with the North Bend Fire Department, North Bay Fire District, Charleston Fire District, and Southwestern Oregon Community College.



The purpose of the Fire Camp is to bring awareness to area high school students about the availability of internship programs in the Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services that are available locally in the Bay Area. Various stations will be set up to represent daily tasks a first responder may encounter in the field, some of these include: Jaws of Life, fire extinguishers, an obstacle course and an ambulance from Bay Cities Ambulance. Reach Air Ambulance will also be present. Fire Chiefs from the four departments will also be available to discuss benefits of student intern programs available at their respective departments.

Any high school student interested in learning more about a career in the fire service and/or the emergency medical field is highly encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend the informational sessions with the SWOCC's Fire Science Director Tony Peters, and local Fire Chiefs. Lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending are asked to email their name, age, high school, and phone number to: firescience@socc.edu.



**COOS BAY &
NORTH BEND
OREGON**

JUNE 1-4, 2017

It's a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships. Coos Bay and North Bend will be one of only a handful of Pacific ports that will host the historic ships. Festival of Sail® Coos Bay / North Bend 2017 promises to be the largest event in the region's history featuring ship tours, day sails, educational programming, food and beverage, entertainment and fun for the entire family!

For more information on the event go to festofsailcoosbay.com.



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Walls with no floors?

You might have questions about our Wastewater Treatment Plant No 2 Project... Why is that crazy contractor building walls before the floor is done? Why are the walls scattered all over the place with just rebar in between?

There will be a lot of tanks and buildings in place when the project is finished. The crane and concrete pump won't be able to reach the back side of the plant when the south side is finished, so the contractor is building his way out of the site. The slabs for the big basins on the north and east sides were done first and the walls are being built on those sides as the slabs are finished. The crane and concrete trucks are staged where the remaining slabs and walls will be placed later.



Pictured to the left is the first wall on the S Empire Blvd side of the project. Pictured above depicts the amount of rebar used to insure long term structural stability.

The wall forms that hold the concrete until it sets are pre-engineered forms that are expensive to rent. The crew can place concrete in two walls in one day. Only enough forms to do part of the walls at a time are on site; and after each wall is placed, they are taken apart like Legos and put back together to match the next wall that will be built. Wood bulkheads go at each end of a wall to keep the concrete in place until it is hard. But when two walls have been built, the wall that goes between them doesn't need bulkheads, saving that labor and materials. So the walls are built in an order that saves labor and helps anchor the structure.

The walls for the tanks were "optimized" to meet current seismic codes while reducing the labor and concrete costs for the project. Part of the optimization was an increase in the amount of steel reinforcing for the project. 500 tons of rebar will be used for the project. The walls will be complete in about six weeks, but there are several in place right now that can be viewed from Marple Street.



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South Empire Blvd Enhancement Project

Starting this evening at 5:00 pm, Empire Blvd. will re-open to two-way traffic for north and south bound travel. Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout the rest of the project although there will be locations along Empire Blvd. where flaggers and contractors will be working and motorists can expect short delays within those areas.

Fulton Avenue between South Empire Blvd. and Marple Avenue will be closed until the Empire Blvd. project is completed July 31, 2017. Please follow the detour route below. Business access will be maintained throughout the duration of the project and as well as access to homes along the project route.

If you have any questions, please call City of Coos Bay Public Works Department at (541) 269-8918. Thank you for your cooperation.

