



# City of Coos Bay

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### PRESS RELEASE

Members of the Your Town 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Cleanup Committee aka Alley Cats met Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and weeded, trimmed, swept, and picked up enough debris to fill eight large trash bags. The weather was perfect and Sarah Recken, Bob Sasanoff, Gina Young, Christine Coles, Hilary Baker, Mike Vaughan, and Joyce Jansen made quick work of the project. Of great assistance to the cleaning effort was a young man named Andrew Pace. He and his mother Kristy were at The Pottery Company for the morning and he noticed the activity and asked to help out. With permission from mom, Andrew, whose 12<sup>th</sup> birthday was Saturday, joined the work party. The only thing not accomplished was removal of the graffiti. Staff contacted building/business owner John Stadter and he has scheduled re-painting of the wall within the

next two weeks. Public Works crews will pressure wash the sidewalk area and remove the trees sometime the first week of November. After the work party the group met briefly to discuss the next phase of creating a children's art project. Alley Cats met Thursday at noon at Kaffe 101 to work on plans for the art project and landscaping for the planter area.



Christine Coles, Gina Young, Andrew Pace, Joyce Jansen, Hilary Baker, Mike Vaughan, Sara Recken, and Teresa Johnson

The cleanup project was an assignment developed on the third day of the Your Town workshop held at the college October 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. Attendees of the workshop were challenged to develop a project that put some of the information learned in the workshop to use in their own communities. Along with Coos Bay folks, representatives from Coquille, Powers, Bandon, North Bend, Myrtle Point, and Port Orford also attended the workshop and are doing Your Town projects in their communities.

For more information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Project contact Joyce Jansen at 541-269-8924 or [jjansen@coosbay.org](mailto:jjansen@coosbay.org)

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