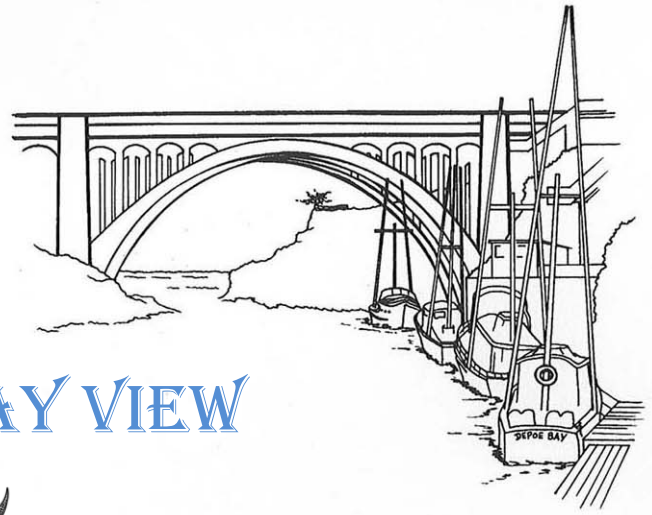


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THE DEPOE BAY VIEW



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ABOUT THE DEPOE BAY VIEW

The Depoe Bay City Council is pleased to present the city's newsletter. This newsletter is one way for city officials to connect with citizens, improve government transparency, and increase citizen involvement in our community. The name, "The Depoe Bay View" was selected through a "Name the Newsletter" Contest, in which there were 114 names submitted. Winner of the contest announced at July 5, 2011 council meeting is Margaret Mola, resident of Depoe Bay. The city is grateful for the contest prizes donated by local businesses Dockside Charters, Fuddy

Duddy Fudge, Leatherworks, My T Shirt & I, and the Spouting Horn Restaurant, and thanks all those who participated in the contest. The Depoe Bay View is available via email (if you haven't already signed up on the email distribution list, you may do so by sending your email address to newsletter@cityofdepobay.org. Hard copies will also be available at Depoe Bay City Hall, the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce office and the Depoe Bay Post Office.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement is an important issue in Depoe Bay. We depend on the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department to provide enforcement within our City. Whether it is traffic stops, robbery/burglary calls, or violence incidents, deputies respond to our needs. As budget cuts at the County have reduced the workforce at the Sheriff's Office, it has become even more important to be sure that Depoe Bay receives the needed patrols to keep our citizens safe.

Voters in Depoe Bay were asked numerous times in the past if they would be willing to pay for a special levy to provide police services in Depoe Bay. The voters rejected this levy. Due to the continuing need for enhanced services in Depoe Bay, other approaches are being utilized.

First, the City was able to work with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office to obtain a surplus "decoy" car free of charge. The City had a state car on loan years ago, but this car now belongs to us. The car is placed at strategic areas in the City and has been a

real deterrent for speeders. Residents should not get complacent about seeing the car, however, since a real patrol car often parks in the same spots as the "decoy" car.

Another thing recently enacted by the City Council is enhanced patrol services. In September 2011, the City and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department entered into an agreement for these services. The City has put aside funds from the amount of transient occupancy tax received each year for public safety. This fiscal year ten thousand dollars has been allocated to paying for County Deputies willing to work on an overtime basis to patrol Depoe Bay. These officers patrol only Depoe Bay during these times.

Without a property tax base, Depoe Bay has had to be creative in its approach to providing essential services. We hope that the enhanced patrols will be beneficial and that we will be able to continue this approach in the future.

OUTDOOR WARNING AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

When the tsunami hit Japan last March, the last thing on our minds was that we would be impacted. But in the early hours of March 11, 2011 we were told that a tsunami would hit here in Depoe Bay. The City Staff responded immediately upon the Mayor's call to man City Hall and coordinate with the County and Depoe Bay Rural Fire District for an evacuation of residents in the inundation zones.

We learned a lot from that incident. The City is still working with FEMA and our insurance carrier to receive the necessary funds to completely fix Dock #1 in the harbor. The temporary fix allowed us to get through the fishing season, but we were hoping a new dock would be in place before the next season starts. We may not be able to reach that goal, but will do our best to make sure that Dock #1 gets replaced as soon as possible.

One thing that was apparent during the evacuation was that the communication systems we had in place to contact our citizens in an emergency were not adequate. The Fire District did a superb job trying to inform people of the evacuation with their vehicles, but not everyone heard the messages. The County's reverse 911 system was a complete failure. Depoe Bay was the city that was impacted the most within the County, yet not one person in Depoe Bay received a reverse 911 call.

The City Council realized that a lot had to be done to be sure that this situation never happened again. We have met with County officials and the Depoe Bay Rural Fire District to implement a better emergency preparedness plan. The City Council immediately contracted with a

reverse 911 calling system for less than \$200, enabling staff to send out emergency calls to our citizens. The County now has a new reverse 911 call system in place, which can also be utilized in the future.

The Depoe Bay Planning Commission had been looking at Outdoor Warning and Public Address Systems at the direction of the City Council before the tsunami occurred. After much research, a proposal was brought to the Council by the Planning Commission to have the City purchase a system to protect the citizens in times of disasters. Although there is a siren on the system, they can be used for more than tsunamis. They have a public address component to fully inform the public of what type of disaster is present and what they should do.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) was published and sent out to interested vendors early in September. A subcommittee of Planning Commissioners and Councilors was formed to review and recommend to the City Council which system should be purchased. Although the City is still looking for grant money to use toward the project, the Council has set aside funds from the Public Safety money already collected from the yearly transient occupancy tax. The subcommittee has met several times and will be looking at the final bids during November and December. The timeframe is to have a recommendation to the City Council in January.

The City Council is committed to the protection of its residents and tourists. We are confident that the right system can be obtained which will provide peace of mind in the future.



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City Council is always open to new ideas to better serve the public. A resident asked about installing a dog park in Depoe Bay. The Parks Commission agreed with the idea. The only problem is where to find the land to have such a park. The City does not own any appropriate land. If anyone has any ideas or has suitable property that could be used for a dog park, please contact City Hall.

Do you have concerns or an idea to better the community? Perhaps you have some time to be a member of one of our commissions. We need your participation to continue to make Depoe Bay the best place to live.

REGULAR MONTHLY CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- City Council – First and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Harbor Commission – Last Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Near Shore Action Team – Third Thursday at 6:30 pm
- Parks Commission – Third Wednesday at 5:30 pm
- Planning Commission – Second Wednesday at 6:00 pm
- Salmon Enhancement Commission – First Wednesday of the Quarter at 6:30 pm
- Traffic Safety Commission – Second Tuesday of the Quarter at 4:00 pm