



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER August 2023

## President Update: By Beth Clarkson

Summertime seems to be filled with so much to do in and around downtown that sometimes you feel you just can't do it all. First of all, every Wednesday is Farmers Market and this time of year the streets are filled with vendors. You can get fresh produce, eggs, berries, bread, fudge, unique artisan crafts, lunch, enjoy music and I'm sure I have left something out. Summer also brings the Blackberry Arts Festival, the fourth week in August and the Bay Area Fun Festival, the third week in September. Long standing traditions downtown and always a good time. You like music? Oregon Coast Music Festival has a variety of music playing at several different venues throughout the month of July. Music on the Bay has free concerts every Thursday in August and September at Mingus park. Lastly, the Rotary club hosts a wine walk the first Friday of the month which typically brings 400 people to the downtown area and all for a good cause. Yep, summertime is filled with lots to enjoy in and around downtown. As a business downtown, it's always smart to partner advertising during these events which always is an added benefit to bringing traffic to your door.



## Promotion Committee Corner: By Julie Graham

It's festival season! The Blackberry Arts Festival, which is held the fourth weekend in August has a full venue and will feature not only the well known vendors that come every year but alot of first time artisans. As busy as we are with the Blackberry Arts Festival we still have to work on the planning of the BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL which happens on the third weekend in September. It looks like it will be a full venue as well and includes the Prefontaine run, Pre-Run for Kids, parade and car cruise. None of this happens without volunteers and we are looking for help at both festivals. If you have a few hours to volunteer, give us a call at 541-266-9706. We will see you at the Festivals!



## From our Executive Director: Holly Boardman

The time is upon us, the Blackberry Arts Festival is here...save the date for August 26th and 27th on Central Avenue in the heart of historic downtown Coos Bay. This is a juried art show, with a mall market and the work is amazing! There is also a full food court with many special uses of the blackberry.



For a little extra fun, you could enter to win the "It's All Berry Good" recipe contest. Recipes will be accepted at 10am on Saturday, the 26th at Coos Bay Elks No. 1160, located at 265 Central Avenue, in downtown Coos Bay. Judging will begin at 11:30am and the winner's name will be announced no later than 2pm, Saturday at the festival. Prize awards will be made at 2pm at the Elks. The winner and top contestants will receive prizes from our CBDA members.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Double Up Food Bucks allows SNAP shoppers to get DOUBLE the fruits and vegetables at CSA shares, Farmer's Markets, Farm Stands, and Grocery Stores across Oregon!

How do I know if I'm eligible to use Double Up Food Bucks?

- If you use SNAP food benefits, you can earn Double Up!
- If you use EBT Cash benefits, unfortunately, you are not eligible to earn Double Up, however, you are eligible to participate in Produce Match at participating farmers markets and farm stands.

**CHECK THIS OUT**



# Got Produce?



The Produce is rolling into the farm stands, have you gotten a chance to see all the fresh options in July? Check out these awesome produce stands early to get your full pick of what the market has to offer. The early bird gets the pick of the crop!



## Our Amazing Farms: Cucumber Tomato

- Chang Family
- Happy Dirt Veggie Patch
- Lehne Farms
- Promise Land Farms
- Steve Busch Ranch
- Upside Down Eggs
- Vincent Family Farms
- Myrtle Glen Farms
- Abundant Harvest

### Orzo Salad

#### Ingredients

- 8 cups water
- 3 teaspoon chicken or vegetable bullion
- 16 oz orzo pasta
- 2 pints grape tomatoes quartered
- 1/3 cup red onion thinly sliced and chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves chopped
- 2 cucumbers peeled, quartered and sliced

#### DRESSING

- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 cup grape seed oil
- 2 tablespoon fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- 2 teaspoon honey
- Salt and pepper to taste



#### Instructions

- In a large, covered, non-stick pot, bring water and chicken or vegetable bullion to a boil. Add orzo and reduce to a low boil and partially cover. Cook, stirring frequently for 7 minutes. Move the orzo to a large bowl and set aside to cool.
- Prepare the dressing by placing all of the ingredients in a mason jar, tightening the lid, then shaking.
- When orzo has cooled, add tomatoes, onion, basil, mint, cucumbers, and 3/4 of the dressing. Toss. Chill for at least 3 hours, preferably overnight.
- Add remaining dressing and toss right before serving.

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@CoosBayFarmersMarket

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# July has seen back-to-back Full Markets, It's the place to be on Wednesdays!



When you come to the Coos Bay Farmers Market you will be pleased to see a variety of produce stands, local artisans, and some fun activities for kids. There is sure to be something for everyone at the Coos Bay Farmers Market!



### A Message from the Market:

Summer is finally here at the CBDA Coos Bay Downtown Farmers Market with the arrival of an abundance of farm fresh favorites. Peaches, cherries, strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, greens and pickling cucumbers just to name a few. Lots of fun activities for the kiddos from Coos Bay Public Library, Kids Hope Center, South Coast Head Start, South Slough Estuary, and Coos County SNAP. Come join us every Wednesday 9am-2pm on Central Avenue 101S to 3rd street through October. Follow us on Facebook or the Coos Bay Downtown Association website for all the exciting upcoming events including National Farmers Market day, August 9th!!!! See ya there!!!

- Melissa Hasart, Farmers Market Manager

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## Featured Member of the Month

This month, the Coos Bay Downtown Association shines the spotlight on the **Chamber of Commerce**. I had the pleasure of talking with Sarah Leahy, the Office Manager and Leadership Coos Coordinator.

### **Tell us about your business.**

The Chamber of Commerce's goal is to facilitate economic growth in the Bay Area with committees focused on the needs of the local business environment. We like to get people together to network and connect. We host the Wednesday Business Connection September through May, coordinate the Leadership Coos Program, ribbon cuttings, business after hours and numerous other gatherings.

### **Why are you a Downtown Association member?**

It's a great way to connect with the local businesses in Coos Bay. It's fantastic exposure.

### **Do you have any advice for new business owners?**

Do the networking, meet the people in the business community, join the Coos Bay Downtown Association, talk to me about joining the Chamber of Commerce, talk to Derek at the Small Business Development Center and CCD.



### **What is your favorite place downtown?**

So It Goes Coffeeshop, across the street from my office. I love going into Banner Bank and talking to Dana and her team.

### **When you are not working, where in Coos Bay do you like to spend your time?**

I love to explore the many trails and beaches and ride my bike. I love to attend the Blackberry Arts Festival and downtown activities.

At this week's City Council meeting, we presented Rodger Craddock with an appreciation plaque acknowledging his 32 years of service with the City of Coos Bay. Being the longest serving city manager for Coos Bay, with 14 years in the role, Rodger has been instrumental in several projects making it to the finish line including Fire Station #1, the Visitor Information Center, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 to



name just a few. Every member of the City Council, including myself, took the opportunity to thank Rodger for his dedication to the community throughout his time with the City. We acknowledged the number of hours he gave in service to the City, without the limits of a standard workday, his efforts stretched into his personal evening, weekend hours, and even into his vacations. Rodger's tireless commitment built a strong and deep team of experienced professionals with a focus on supporting the citizens of Coos Bay.

Following acceptance of the plaque, Rodger also shared a few thoughts about what his roles with the City of Coos Bay have meant over the years. As City Manager, he attributed that his success was largely due to the department directors and their management teams, each of whom were subject matter experts. Though only two of those original department directors remain with the City today, Jim Hossley the Public Works and Community Development Director; and City Attorney Nate McClintock, those who have been added to the team have resulted in truly a dream team of directors and middle managers. Rodger shared that he also had the great pleasure of working with three different mayors, seven different council presidents, and 30 different city councilors, and acknowledged that without doubt he had worked with the best city council in the state of Oregon.

While we are sad to be at the end of this chapter for Coos Bay and Rodger, we are very excited to see Rodger soar in his new role as the Executive Director at Coos County Airport District. We have no doubt he will lead that strong team towards achieving success just as he has done for the City of Coos Bay. The success and the growth of the Airport District impacts the success of the region, and Rodger is definitely the individual for the job.

It is also with gratitude that we wish Rodger well in his new role, as he helped pave the way for a succession plan two years ago, mentoring the incoming City Manager Nichole Rutherford in preparation for this very transition. We are equally as excited to begin our work with Nichole as she leads the City team forward.

*-Joe Benetti, Mayor of Coos Bay*



Construction has started on a new “green” public parking lot downtown. The former site of the Lockhart building, the vacant lot at the southwest corner of Third and Central Avenue is being made into a public parking lot that will also serve as extra space for the Farmer’s Market and annual festivals. To make this lot “green,” the surface will be previous pavers instead of typical asphalt or concrete. Also, 100% of the stormwater on the site will be collected and receive water quality treatment prior to being discharged into the bay. The site will have rain gardens on the south side and greenspace with seating areas on the north side.



There will be sidewalk closures, some traffic disruptions, and extra dust in the area during construction, but the contractors are working hard to minimize the disturbance by keeping the area clean and spraying water to keep dust down. Only light duty construction will be done on



Wednesdays to minimize impacts to the Farmer’s Market.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Wirsing at (541) 269-1181 ext. 3521 or email [jwirsing@coosbayor.gov](mailto:jwirsing@coosbayor.gov).





# BLACKBERRY

*Arts Festival*

Coos Bay, Oregon

**August 26 & 27**

**Saturday 9am-6pm Sunday 10am-4pm**

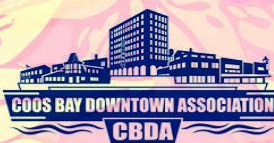
**An Art Festival featuring crafts, stained glass, jewelry, soaps, painting, pottery, delicious food & MORE!**



**Visit the KIDS ZONE for hands-on crafts and fun!**

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**Enjoy LIVE MUSIC at the Blackberry Jam. Follow the music to 3rd St and Central in Downtown Coos Bay! Relax in the BEER & WINE GARDEN.**



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*Arts Festival*  
Coos Bay, Oregon

# BLACKBERRY JAM.

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH**



**12:00 JEFF TORRENCE**

**2:00 TRENT BEAVER**

**4:00 TERRY ROB**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH**



**12:00 CHRIS COACH**

**2:00 BEN RICE**



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**Mall Market  
Parade**

**Live Music**

**Prefontaine Run**

**Rotary Cruz the Coos & Show N Shine  
Kid's Prefontaine Run on Sunday**





