



MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER  
September 2023

Put us on  
your  
Calendar!

**NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH**

Holiday Open Houses

**NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

Santa comes to  
Town and the Movie  
Elf

**NOVEMBER 25TH**

Shop Small Saturday

**NOVEMBER 28TH THRU**

**DECEMBER 20TH**

Reindeer Roundup

**SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH**

Bay Area Fun  
Festival

**OCTOBER 31ST**

Downtown Trick or  
Treat

# From our Executive Director: Holly Boardman

The time is finally upon us for the last great party of the summer! Join us for the Bay Area Fun Festival on September 16th and 17th. There will be a full Mall Market with many very creative vendors showcasing their wares, an amazing Food Court with all varieties of food and desserts to curb your cravings and our annual Parade. The Parade theme is “Under the Sea in 2023!” We can’t wait to see how creative you get with your floats. The Parade will begin at 1pm on the side of Bi-Mart on Saturday the 16th.



The Fun Festival also includes the annual Prefontaine Memorial Run, the Pre-Run for Kids and the Cruz the Coos Car Show. To round everything off there will also be musical entertainment.

Let’s all enjoy the end of the season together and have a lot of fun at this community event. Look forward to seeing you and your family there.

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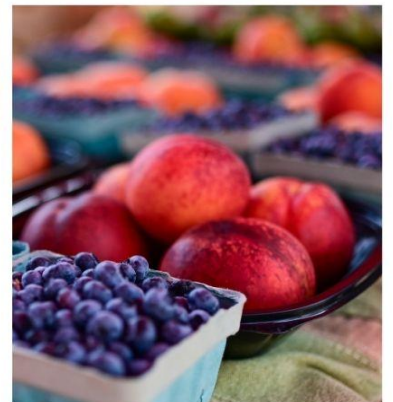
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September 5th 2023



**Peach Salsa**

- 1 lb tomatoes, diced
- 1 bell pepper (4 oz), seeded and finely diced
- 2 jalapenos, seeded and finely diced
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 1 1/2 lbs peaches, diced
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp salt, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper or to taste



**Step By Step**

- Chop tomatoes and transfer them to a large bowl.
- Finely chop seeded bell pepper and jalapeños. Finely chop the onion and transfer all your veggies to the bowl.
- Dice the peaches. I liked the slightly larger dice for peaches to give them more of the center stage in this salsa. No need to peel them. You won't notice the peels and the color is prettier with the peel on. Transfer peaches to your bowl.

- Add 1/2 bunch chopped cilantro, 2 Tbsp lime juice, 1/2 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Add more salt and pepper to taste if desired. Fold everything together until well mixed and enjoy!

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COOS BAY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS  
BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL

# Under the Sea in 2023

BANNER  
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SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>



Mall Market  
Parade

Live Music

Prefontaine Run

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



## Featured Member of the Month

This month, the Coos Bay Downtown Association shines the spotlight on **Bahama Boards**. I had the pleasure of talking with the Regional Manager/Event Coordinator, Christal Kralicek .

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

We are a growing outdoor store, promoting outdoor recreation on the Southern Oregon Coast. We have a large selection of rentals in most board sports in addition to roller skates, knockaround sunglasses and clothing. By mid-September we will be offering e-bike rentals, so that locals and tourists can enjoy all the new development along the Boardwalk and other local downtown businesses.

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

To be in the know for upcoming events and to be able to support and network with other small businesses.

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

Get out and talk to people and find out what services and or businesses are needed in the area. Make sure to advertise, offer incentives for repeat customers and have a social media presence. Having curb appeal or other ways to set yourself apart from others is important too.



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

My favorites are Front Street Food Trucks and the old school 7 Devils pub.

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

On the ocean, the river and the sand dunes with my dog. I also like trying out all the new food trucks.

# New Community Engagement Specialist at the Coos Bay Library

Liz Davenport is the new Community Engagement Specialist at the Library. She is available to help connect people with community resources, Veteran services, food services, behavioral health assistance, and so much more. Almost two years ago, Coos Bay Public Library was able to start this new service for the community. Through grants and partnerships, Coos Bay and North Bend libraries were able to fully develop the program that Tammy Aley helped grow and make it into the success it is today. In her new position, Liz will continue to assist the community.

Liz is a native Oregonian and has a BA in anthropology from Oregon State. In her free time, she loves to be outside foraging for foods such as mushrooms, berries, and other delights.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment,  
please contact call 541-808-7244 or email  
[liz.davenport@chw.coos.or.us](mailto:liz.davenport@chw.coos.or.us)

## **MONDAY**

**Coos Bay Public Library: 10 a.m. – 5p.m. by appointment**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**North Bend Public Library: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment**

## **THURSDAY**

**North Bend Public Library: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment**

## **FRIDAY**

**Coos Bay Public Library: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment**



Since there is a high volume of needs in our area, it is best to call or email before coming into the library. Sometimes walk-in meetings are available, but calling in advance is always best. Please be sure to leave a message.



# “These Walls they are a Dancing”



The Pacific School of Dance with the Boys and Girls Club of SouthWest Oregon is in the process of painting a mural in the parking lot of their building next to the downtown location in Coos Bay.

Gary and Karla Rifkin are the building owners and they came up with the idea of having a dance mural on the back of their building.

Pam Cheney, Administrative Director and Teacher with the Pacific School of Dance reached out to local artist, Josie Keating and together they brainstormed ideas for the

mural. Luckily, they had just had dance pictures taken at the recital and all of the images used are silhouettes of the dancers at the school.

They put the word out to parents and students for volunteers and a core group responded. The mural has been primarily done with donated time and materials. A beloved local dancer, Becky Engle passed away and asked for memorial donations to be made to her favorite dance school, so those are some of the funds used. Pam Cheney says, “We know she would love it.” Pam continues, “For me this is to commemorate the beginning of my 35th year of bringing professional level dance training to this area.”



If you haven't seen the new mural, I encourage you to drive by. If you don't know much about the Pacific School of Dance, read more about their programs at: <https://pacificdance.org/>

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

The City Council has declared the month of September 2023 as National Preparedness Month. National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The City Council encourages everyone to take active steps to protect their families and neighbors from natural and manmade disasters, and to build a home inventory of their personal property and speak with an insurance agent to make sure they are financially prepared for a disaster.



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, each September is recognized as National Preparedness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregonians have witnessed and experience natural disasters in our own community; and

**WHEREAS**, every community member can take active steps to protect their families and neighbors from natural and manmade disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, every family and business in Coos Bay is encouraged to take active steps to be financially secure after a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, every community member is encouraged to make sure they are properly insured against fire, flood, earthquakes, and storms; and

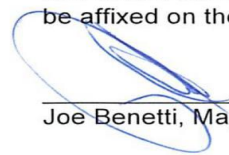
**WHEREAS**, every community member is encouraged to create home inventory to include as part of their disaster preparedness kit;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby declare that the month of September 2023 be known as

## National Preparedness Month

And join cities across Oregon to encourage everyone to build a home inventory of their personal property and speak with an insurance agent to make sure they are financially prepared for a disaster.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor





# FELTING FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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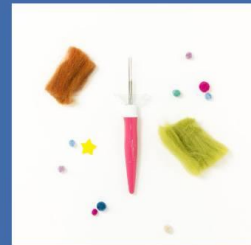
(no experience necessary - all supplies provided)

**KIDS & TWEENS | 10:00AM**  
(Grades 4-8)

**TEENS & ADULTS | 2:00PM**  
(Ages 14 and Up)



For more information contact:  
Coos Bay Public Library  
525 Anderson Ave  
[www.coosbaylibrary.org](http://www.coosbaylibrary.org)  
541-269-1101 ext. 3606



# SUMMERTIME MUSIC

Don't miss out on the last evening concert at Mingus Park sponsored by Music on the Bay, Thursday September 14th. We hoped you got to enjoy some or all of a great lineup of musicians. Thank you to all who make this annual free summertime concert event a possibility.

