

COOS BAY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

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Presidents Letter by: Beth Clarkson

The Coos Bay Downtown Association Board Members are a hard-working bunch! Every Board Member spends hundreds of volunteer hours a year working to improve the downtown district. There are four committees that the board members spend time with.

The first is the Organization Committee. This Committee focuses on the everyday workings of the board and is also responsible for the membership and sponsorship that are vital to the continued success of the board.

The next Committee is the Design Committee. This Committee oversees the aesthetics of the downtown. The flower baskets and lamppost banners are some of the projects this committee oversees.

The third Committee is Economic Vitality. This Committee reaches out to building owners to help them with improvements as well as compiling vacancies.

The last Committee is the Promotional Committee. This group of people oversee all the events that happen downtown, from Farmers' Market to Santa coming to town. They are busy with continuing to improve the existing events and always looking for new ideas to bring the community to the downtown area.

Do any of these Committees sound interesting to you? We are always looking for volunteers and would be glad to have you join us in our continuing effort to have more reasons for you to shop, eat and mingle in down-

BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL

The theme for the 2018 Bay Area Fun Festival has been set:

Imagine Your Adventure!

Opens many opportunities to decorate your store or float.

The parade is on September 15th, entry forms can be found on our website:
www.coosbaydowntown.org

You can also find information on our 2nd annual Blackberry Arts Festival recipe contest and Berry Best Dressed contest on our website:



Executive Director's Letter : by Holly Boardman

It 's that time of year, for beautiful days. The sun is shining and tomorrow the Farmers Market begins! Come visit downtown and join us for the opening day. We have been preparing for months. Now we all get to enjoy the fruits, vegetables and crafts of our labor.

Welcome Karlee Cottrell, our new Farmers Market Manager! Karlee is not new to the market however, she was the assistant last year. Stop by our information booth and talk to Karlee or me with any questions or suggestions that you may have. I look forward to seeing you each Wednesday as the market continues to expand. To become a vendor check out our website at www.coosbaydowntown.org/farmers-market/. There you will find the application and information.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Coos Bay Downtown Association (CBDA) is to foster the development of downtown Coos Bay by strengthening local business, encouraging new business, and connecting the community through partnerships. The Coos Bay Downtown Association is committed to promoting Coos Bay as an attractive place to live, work and visit by continually enhancing the quality life of the downtown area.

Farmers Market: by Karlee Cottrell

We are gearing up for the opening day of the Coos Bay Downtown Association 's Farmers Market 's 18th season on Wednesday, May 2nd in the historic setting of downtown Coos Bay!

We have many new vendors and a growing food court this season. 2-B Angus from Winston features grass-fed, grass-finished beef as well as pork sausage and lamb items. Dragonfly Farm & Nursery out of Langlois offers a beautiful array of indoor & outdoor plants. Coos Bay 's Joe Benetti will sale his famous Minestrone soup, salad dressings, and take-and-bake lasagna. North Bend 's Papa Phiily & Bubba Dogs serving up Philly Cheese Steaks & Hot Dogs. And out of Scottsburg we have Tribal By Design with incredible, hand-beaded, SW meets NW Native American- inspired bags & jewelry.

There will be returning favorites this season as well. Lehne Farms from Roseburg will be bringing their always impressive produce selection. Blue Nile Authentic Hummus, also from Scottsburg, will offer authentic and tasty Mediterranean foods. Northwest Smokehouse from Coquille will have delicious smoked meat sandwiches. And West Coast Wraps from Myrtle Point will brings us beautiful beaded bracelets.

We are lucky to partner with So It Goes Coffeehouse to provide us with talented musical acts at the market On each Wednesday in the month of May you can look forward to: Blue-grass/Country/Folk music by Clover Joy & Meadow, Soul for Lunch with Jeff Torrence, Singer Songwriter tunes by David Dingo, followed by Peter Wilson (of Bone Mountain Brothers). To round out the month of May you can enjoy Clark Stacers Nooncert. This is a rain or shine event. It 's open every Wednesday beginning May 2nd you 'll find us there every Wednesday through October 31st 9 AM - 2 PM. The market is located on Central Avenue between Highway 101 South and 4th Street.



Save the Date:
Music on the Corner
 every Friday at noon starting
 July 13th.
 at 4th and Anderson, through
 Friday, August 31st.
 Grab your lunch and a friend

OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION:

Our members, So It Goes Coffeehouse and American Family Insurance are open for business during the downtown construction on block one of Central Avenue.

Stop by to say "Hello."

Every month, the Coos Bay Downtown Association turns the spotlight to one of our CBDA members. This month 's spotlight is:

Jennie 's Shoes

The following is my interview with owner Suzy Q Gibbs. Jennie 's Shoes opened in 1940.

Tell us about your business.

Jennie 's is a family owned and operated business. We do casual comfort shoes and work boots. Jennie 's has been in Coos Bay since 1940. Our hours are 9:30-5:30 Monday through Saturday. We do custom shoe fitting called a "sit and fit." Jennie 's prides themselves on customer service and helps with special foot needs such as orthotics or braces.



Why are you a downtown member?

We love our neighborhood and want to participate in it. We really like the community and they strive to bring the public downtown, which is a positive. We enjoy being involved in all the associations activities such as Trick or Treat and the Treasure Hunt.

Do you have any advice for new business owners?

Set small attainable goals and have a business plan. Work the plan and plan to work. Know your customers in order to meet their needs. Don' t sweat the small stuff.



What is your favorite place downtown.

The library, the Egyptian and the Coos Art Museum. There is just so much to chose from. She also enjoys Music on the Corner on Fridays and the Farmers Market on Wednesdays.

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

I love the beach, the dunes and the waterfront. I also enjoy hiking and doing anything outdoors.

If you are a member of the CBDA and are interested in being highlighted or nominating another member for the spotlight, please contact our office at info@coosbaydowntown.org.

Coos Bay Downtown Association

Annual Calendar of Events

- January Annual Meeting - Thursday January 18th
- February
- March 3A Basketball Tournament
- April Treasure Hunt
- May Farmers Market Begins
- June Farmers Market
- July Music on the Corner, Farmers Market
- August Music on the Corner, Farmers Market
Blackberry Arts Festival
- September Bay Area Fun Festival, Farmers Market
- October Downtown Trick-or-Treat
Farmers Market Ends
- November Holiday Open House
Santa's Arrival and "Elf" at The Egyptian
Black Friday
Small Business Saturday

• Come join us for these fun events all year long.

Eat, Shop, Mingle and Explore

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Live Music at 7 Devils Brewing Co.



May 2 – Jason Hawk Harris - 7:00pm

May 6 – Pub Science: The Barnacle and the King Crab -7:00pm

May 11 –B and the Hive - 8:00pm

May 12 –DiTrani Brothers - 8:00pm

May 16 –Spiller and While I See Sound - 7:00pm

May 18 –Banana Slug String Band - 7:30pm

May 27 –Digisaurus - 8:00pm

May 31 –Scratch Dog String Band - 7:00pm

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