

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 6, 2018

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, April 9, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Special Event Season is Here

Throughout the year there are all kind of special events happening in Cottage Grove, but when April starts it is the official start of special events. Tomorrow morning the Cottage Grove Half Marathon will be held with over 300 registered participants. Sustainable Cottage Grove will be holding their Meet My Farmer from 11:00 to 3:00 pm at All-America City Square. Later this month Art Walk will begin on the last Friday of the month (April 28th) and continue through October. Keep an eye on the community calendars for all the fun and amazing events and activities that are held in the community.

Yard of the Week

In less than 30 days the 21st season of the Yard of the Week program will be starting. Start watching for those yards in the City that deserve that special recognition. The first 2018 Yard of the Week will be awarded on May 11th.

Flood Insurance Premium Reduction

On April 2nd the City received the results from the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System application. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has verified that Cottage Grove has taken the necessary voluntary actions in our community to receive a Community Rating System Class 7 rating in our managed floodplain. The result of this rating is a reduction in flood insurance premium costs of 15%. The savings are a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities Cottage Grove has implemented to protect lives and reduce property damage. The premium reduction will apply on NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Zones after May 1, 2018.

William Lesser, Community Rating System Coordinator, stated, "I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, property protection, and protects the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums".

Teen Art Show at the Library

The Teen Library Advisory Board is hosting a Teen Art Show again this year. Art work can be dropped off at the Cottage Grove Library until Tuesday, April 24th. This is an exciting art show experience for 6th to 12th grade aged teens. The Opening Reception for the Teen Art Show will be held as a part of the April 28th Art Walk.

Quote of the Week

"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach.

~ Aldous Huxley ~