

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 13, 2018

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 pm. Roger Brubaker, Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Promotion Coordinator with Lane County Public Health will be attending to discuss youth suicide prevention.

Pitch Stream 2018

Local entrepreneurs with pre-revenue companies in Lane County are invited to join in the 2018 Pitch Stream event sponsored by RAIN (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network). Pitch Stream 2018 gives local entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their ideas in front of a community audience and a panel of judges. The audience and judges will select winners who will receive cash prizes as seed money to turn their ideas into early-stage startups. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 19th. Applicants selected to pitch their ideas will be assigned a mentor who will work with them in the weeks leading up to the pitch on May 19th. For more information visit: www.raineugene.org/pitch-stream-2018.

Prairies, Petal and Pollinators

On Tuesday, April 24th, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will welcome Ed Alverson, Lane County Parks Natural Areas Coordinator and Wes Messinger, US Army Corps of Engineers Willamette Valley Project Botanist, to the April Science Pub from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove for a talk entitled Prairies, Petals and Pollinators of the Southern Willamette Valley. In this two-segment Science Pub, Mr. Alverson will show a selection of landscape photographs taken throughout the year providing a record of seasonal changes and time series for natural areas. Mr. Messinger will discuss pollinator species and prairie plants with a focus on Bake Stewart Park and other locations in the Row Basin, and will explain how native bee communities and their behavior change from when the first willow blooms through the last gasp of the asters in the fall and into the cold of winter.

The watershed council hosts a family-friendly monthly public meeting series called the Coast Fork Science Pub on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The event begins with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council during the first hour. The Science Pub presentation begins at 6:00 pm. The watershed council receives 10% of all sales from the evening between 5:00 to 7:30 pm. The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation

suggested. For further information, visit Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council at: www.coastfork.org.

Supervisor Meeting

The City Manager held a meeting with all supervisors and department heads to share training and information about supervisory resources available to help them with their responsibilities. The City-wide supervisory meetings will be held every quarter to provide training. Thank you to all the supervisors for their work.

Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

The Cottage Grove Airport Planning Advisory Committee had their second meeting this week for an update on the Master Plan. The purpose of this Master Plan process is to provide a 20-year roadmap that identifies the necessary airport improvements to serve current and projected aviation demand, comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design standards, and address airport issues identified by the State of Oregon Department of Aviation (the Airport Sponsor), airport users, and other community stakeholders.

A successful master planning process includes the early identification of community goals for the Master Plan, as well as airport issues and opportunities derived from discussions with a broad range of stakeholders including Oregon Department of Aviation staff, airport users, area businesses, and other interested parties. More information about the Cottage Grove Airport Master Plan project visit : <https://cottage-grove-airport-master-plan.com>.

Post Earthquake Training

On Thursday, April 26th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Steve McGuire, Lane County's Building Official, is offering training for the ATC-20 Post Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Structures & ATC-45 Safety Evaluation of Buildings after a Windstorm or Flooding. Cottage Grove is hosting the training at the Cottage Grove Armory located at 628 East Washington Avenue. The training is free and meets the requirement for Post-Earthquake Inspector Training. If you would like to attend, please contact Melany Klemmer, City Building Permit Specialist/Inspector at (541) 942-3340 or email permit@cottagegrove.org.

Retirement

After 43 years of service to the City of Cottage Grove, Cindy Blacksmith is retiring on April 30th. Cindy has worked in several different departments over the years, but has worked in the Public Works & Development Department for 39 years. She has done a great job for the City and will miss it. Please stop by the Public Works & Development office in City Hall between Monday, April 16th and April 24th to say "Thank You" and wish her well in her retirement.

New Building Official

On April 30th, Jason Bush will become the Building Official/Senior Building Inspector for the Building Division in the Public Works & Development Department. Jason has over 30 years of experience working as a Plans Examiner, Inspector and Building Official. We are very excited to have him join our team. Jason has all but two certifications available through the State Building

Codes Division. This will allow our department to provide all building program services except electrical inspections with our own staff.

STEAM at the Library

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) workshops for youth K-12 happen at the Cottage Grove Library on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. On Wednesday, April 18th, Special Guest Scientist, Krista Farris from the Umpqua National Forest, will join us. Krista is bringing her Stream Simulation Table so youth will be able to learn all about water hydraulics and dynamics and will be able to create scenarios on the stream table and watch the water flow and evaluate the results compared to their hypothesis. This should be an awesome STEAM afternoon.

Sensory Story Time at the Library

On Tuesday, April 17th at 11:30 am Sensory Story Time will be held at the Cottage Grove Library. Sensory Story Time is an interactive story time for children with developmental delays, however all children and families are welcome to participate.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

The City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee will host a tree planting on Tuesday, April 17th at 10:00 am at Bohemia Park. A ceremony will take place in recognition of Arbor Day and Cottage Grove being awarded Tree City USA for its 24th year. Those interested in planting trees to beautify the park are encouraged to attend. Questions about the Arbor Day tree planting or to learn more about the Urban Forestry Committee, contact Community Coordinator, Teresa Cowan at (541) 942-1185.

Community Partners Host Earth Day at Coiner Park

Community Partners are hosting an Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 21st, at Coiner Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come enjoy a family friendly free event with live music all day, children's activities and a cake walk. New this year will be a rummage sale with proceeds to go towards the Swinging Bridge restoration project. For more information or to volunteer at the event, contact the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council at (541) 767-9717 or email reilly@coastfork.org

Quote of the Week

“One who is patient glows with an inner radiance.”

~Allan Lokos~