

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 1, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 927 R Street. This beautiful mature yard is a fine example of a landscaping that enhances the neighborhood. Remember pictures of the Yard of the Week winners are on the City's webpage.

Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting Monday, June 4, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Gran Fondo

The Oregon Gran Fondo, which is rated as one of the top ten Gran Fondos in the nation, is coming to Cottage Grove on Saturday (see www.granfondo.com). Nearly 300 riders from as far away as the Netherlands are descending on Cottage Grove to take part in one of the four different rides. All the rides start on Main Street in downtown Cottage Grove. The Sherman and Piccolo routes will start beginning at 7:00 am heading east on Main making their way to the Row River Trail to begin their adventures. The mass start of the main group of riders for the Gran and Medio routes will be at 8:30 am heading west on Main Street. If you have not seen a mass start of over 250 cyclists, don't miss the opportunity. Riders will start returning to the finish line at 6th and Main about noon with the leaders from the Gran route likely sprinting to the finish about 1:30 pm. Main Street will be closed to traffic from 8th Street to 5th Street to accommodate the event.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to witness this nationally recognized event and support the community in bringing this major event to Cottage Grove. The riders finishing the 42, 71, 117 and 134 mile rides love to see the support and need cheers for completing the courses. Especially cheer on the riders from Cottage Grove that are participating.

Thank you to everyone in the community that helps put this event on. The Oregon Gran Fondo, which is the final event of the Oregon Triple Crown, has become a premier cycling event and brings many to the community.

Mayor's Bike Ride

If riding 117 miles on a bike isn't your thing – then have we got an event for you. The Mayor's Bike Ride on Saturday, June 16th, is a completely family friendly, free bike ride entirely on the Row River Trail. The leisurely ride will begin at 10:00 am in Trailhead Park at 10th and Main and go to the Mosby Creek Trailhead. At Mosby Creek there will be treats and safety information. At the Mosby Creek Trailhead, riders can return back to town or for those that are just warming up, they can continue up the trail to whatever distance they wish. Come ride with the Mayor and have a great time on the Row River Trail on June 16th. Last year the Mayor rode all the way to Trail's end at Culp Creek.

Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)

Is the City of Cottage Grove Drinking Water Safe to Drink? - **YES!**

You may have heard in the news about the current on-going "Do Not Drink" Health Advisory for the City of Salem and surrounding areas drinking water that tested positive for low levels of cyanotoxins. These toxins are created by Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in the source of the City of Salem drinking water, Detroit Reservoir.

This low level detection of toxins "Do Not Drink" advisory was issued to protect children under the age of six, people with compromised immune systems, people receiving dialysis, people with pre-existing liver conditions, pets, pregnant women or nursing mothers, or other sensitive populations. At this time, people not on this list may continue to drink the water unless additional messaging is received.

The source of the City of Cottage Grove drinking water comes from Dorena Reservoir. Dorena, like Detroit, is a flood control reservoir managed by the US Army Corp of Engineers. Dorena Reservoir has experienced algal blooms in the past. Some of these blooms have resulted in a Recreational Health Advisory to be issued for the users of the reservoir, due to the presence of toxins being produced by the algae.

When Dorena has a Health Advisory issued, the source water for the City's drinking is tested for cyanotoxins, at the water treatment plant intake facilities on the Row River. Should toxins be detected in the source water then the treated drinking water is also tested for the presence/absence of cyanotoxins.

At times of HABs Recreational Health Advisories posted for Dorena Reservoir, testing conducted on the Row River has sometimes detected the presence of very low levels of cyanotoxins. Subsequent test results for the treated drinking water **have not detected** the presence of any toxins. We do not expect that the HAB issue will go away but will continue to be more common so we are pursuing alternatives to prevent the toxins in finished drinking water, should increased levels of cyanotoxins be detected in the Row River.

Should toxins be detected in Cottage Grove drinking water at a level that would require a "Do Not Drink" Health Advisory, the City would work closely with local and state public health and emergency response agencies, as the City of Salem is currently doing, to address the situation and to quickly reduce cyanotoxin levels in the tap water.

For more information please visit:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-11/documents/harmful_algal_blooms_and_cyanotoxins_frequently_asked_questions.pdf

or

http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/RECREATION/HARMFUL_GAEBLOOMS/Pages/faqs.aspx

League of Oregon Cities Housing Workshop

The League of Oregon Cities will be hosting a Housing Workshop in Cottage Grove on Thursday, June 7th. The workshop will be from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Cottage Grove Armory. Cities and counties across Oregon face serious challenges related to housing, whether it be homelessness, lack of affordable housing for low-income residents, housing for seniors, veterans housing or workforce housing. Communities who want to make progress on housing issues, can benefit from technical assistance in a variety of areas including land use, financing, tax credits, special needs housing and multi-partner collaboration efforts. Mayors and County Commissioners can play a unique role in convening the key local government, state government, federal government, private sector and nonprofit partners that are often needed to move the needle on housing challenges. The workshop is the first step in assessing the particular needs, missing pieces and key opportunities that exist in various parts of the state. A series of eight workshops are being hosted across the state by LOC, AOC and OHCS for city and county leaders to help accomplish two goals:

1. Convene key leaders and partners to begin to identify specific, local needs for technical assistance related to housing; and
2. Assess the key resources needed to support ongoing local collaborative problem solving approaches related to housing.

To register for the workshop, please contact the City Manager's office.

RAIN Startup Conversation

On Thursday, June 14th from 10:00 am to noon, the Cottage Grove startup community is invited to a conversation about startups, innovation, and how to better support local business growth with RAIN Eugene mentors at a new location, 106 South 10th Street. Any entrepreneur in the area that has an idea and is not sure where to go next, is encouraged to come by and take advantage of free consulting. The Startup Conversations take place on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

NEDCO Community Meeting

The Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) will be holding a community meeting on Tuesday, June 5th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Community Center, Shepherd Room. The meeting is to learn more about NEDCO's Community Land Trust.

Police Department New Dispatcher

The Cottage Grove Police Department welcomed their newest employee, Gabriela Iboa Pierce, on May 22nd. Gabriela was hired as a Communications Specialist. Welcome to CGPD Gabby!

Police Department “Kid’s Safety Academy”

On June 21st and 22nd, the Cottage Grove Police Department will be holding a "Kid's Safety Academy" event. This event is free for kids from first grade through fourth grade. For more information, see the attached flyer or contact Community Service Officer Megan Lymath at mlymath@cgpolicy.org

Library Events

The Cottage Grove Library has the following events next week:

- Monday, June 4th @ 6:30pm: Bilingual Family Storytime
- Tuesday, June 5th @ 11:00am: Sensory Storytime
- Wednesday, June 6th @ 2:30pm: Lego Club
- Friday, June 8th @ 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

I-5 On/Off Ramp Repaving

Starting June 4th, the Oregon Department of Transportation will be repaving on and off ramps at the 174 Intersection. Monday evening the contractor will start with the I-5 North bound ramps. Tuesday through Thursday they will be working on the I-5 South bound ramps. The construction work will start at 7:00 pm and work until 6:00 am, Monday through Thursday.

New Planning Tech

The Public Works & Development Department hired a new Planning Tech, Eric Mongan. His first day on the job is today, June 1st. Eric recently graduated from the University of Oregon with a Masters in Planning. Eric served in the U.S. Army and Oregon Army National Guard from 2001-2012 as an Infantry Combat Medic. He will be assisting the City Planner, reviewing planning applications and enforcing the City's nuisance codes.

Saginaw Mill Fire

Last Sunday, the Whitsell Mill in Saginaw caught on fire and burnt to the ground. The mill building is a total loss leaving the owners and employees with decision on how to move forward. The mill site is in the Cottage Grove/Creswell Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone tax breaks are available for them to use if they decide to rebuild. Cottage Grove's Public Works & Development Department is ready to assist the owners as they move forward.

From the start of the fire on May 27th through May 29th the City supplied 982,000 gallons of water to fight the fire. Well over one million gallons of water have been used to date including the mop up process. South Lane Fire and its assisting Fire Departments did a great job protecting the surrounding properties and keeping the fire contained. Thank you!

Quote of the Week

“Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile and start again.”

~DreamsQuotes~