

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 15, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week a special guest judge joined the Yard of the Week Prize Patrol. Natalie Inouye from Travel Lane County joined the prize patrol and helped select this week's Yard of the Week at 800 South River Road. The small yard is filled with an amazing variety of plants.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, June 18th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. They will be planning their summer schedule.

Fire Season is Here

South Lane Fire and Rescue, Fire Chief John Wooten issued the 2018 Fire Season Restrictions and Regulated Closure Proclamation on Thursday with the Fire Season starting today. The regulated use restrictions are now in place, please see the attached proclamation. You can visit the South Lane Fire District webpage (www.southlanefire.org) for more information on the current fire danger level.

Cottage Grove BMX

The City Manager met with individuals that are interested in restarting a BMX program in Cottage Grove. They reviewed previous agreements and land arrangements for the track. The Cottage Grove BMX program disappeared a number of years ago and as a result the track and facility fell into disrepair and conditions as the track became a hazard. City crews cleaned the property and removed the structures to mitigate the hazards. The track and program has been missed and it appears that interest has renewed in bringing the organization and programs back to the community. Anyone interested can contact the City Manager's office and we can provide the contact information.

Bicycle Fixit Station

One of the bicycle fixit stations that was funded through a Cycle Oregon Grant has been installed by City Staff along the Row River Trail in front of the City Shop entrance. The EBID applied for the funding from Cycle Oregon and was awarded funding to purchase and install two of the bicycle fixit stations along the trail. The second station will be installed up the trail past Harms Park. The fixit stations have a stand to hold the bike, a tire pump and tools to perform most repairs.



Summer Reading at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library invites everyone, young and old, to join in the Summer Reading Program Sign-Up Party on Wednesday, June 20th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. There will be free ice cream (courtesy of Umpqua Bank) and lots of fun. The Summer Reading Theme this year is "Libraries Rock", so come join us for some musical fun and get going on your summer reading adventures.

Library Summer Field Trips

Now is the time to get signed up for Library Summer Field Trips at the Cottage Grove Library. Outdoor adventures are offered for children ages, 3-6, 7-12, and 13-17. Trips are filling up fast so bring your parent or guardian to the Library soon to get signed up for an amazing summer adventure.

Police Department New Officers

The Police Department has made conditional offers to two new police officer candidates. This is a result of the recruitment which opened up in January and closed mid-April. The officers will come on board after undergoing a background check and medical and psychological evaluations. A tentative time frame to start is targeted for mid to late July.

Community Service Officer hired with Deschutes County Sheriff's Department

Congratulations to Megan Lymath who has accepted a position with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Department. She will be sworn in as a deputy on July 2nd. Megan has worked with the police department as a part-time Community Service Officer since November of 2016. We wish her hearty congratulations and thank her for her service to the City of Cottage Grove.

Planning Department Interns

The Public Works & Development Department is graced with three planning interns this summer. Tori Raade began working for the department in May. Glenn Rust and Natalie Tichenor began this last week (June 11 and 13 respectively). Tori and Glenn will be focused on tall grass enforcement and organization of the Emergency Preparedness Fair. Tori, a sophomore at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida, is also working on a public involvement plan for the Row River Nature Park Boat Ramp. Glenn, a junior at Columbia College in Chicago, Illinois, will be updating the websites for the Building Department and Cottage Grove Main Street. Natalie, a recent graduate of University of Oregon, is working on developing a draft Low Impact Development Manual for stormwater management.

Quote of the Week

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

~The Afterparty Radio~