

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 22, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 653 South River Road. The residents recently finished a major renovation of the yard. The new plantings, fence and gates really bring new life to the property.

Swinging Bridge

On Monday, June 18th the City Manager, Public Works & Development Director, Dana Merryday and Don Nordin traveled to Salem to make a presentation on the \$200,000 Swinging Bridge grant application to the Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee. The committee reviewed applications for 39 projects. The committee met after hearing all the presentations and ranked the applications to submit recommendations to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The Cottage Grove Swinging Bridge project was ranked third out of the 18 projects that were recommended for funding.

The projects will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and then forwarded to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Commission for review and approval at their September 19th meeting. All agreements and the Notice to Proceed will likely be complete by January 2019.

Dorena Lake Recreational Use Health Advisory Lifted

The Oregon Health Authority has lifted the recreational use health advisory issued June 13th for Dorena Reservoir due to the presence of a cyanobacteria (harmful algae) bloom.

Water monitoring has confirmed that the level of cyanotoxins (harmful algae toxins) in the reservoir are below recreational guideline values for human exposure. However, OHA officials advise recreational visitors to always be alert to signs of a cyanobacteria (harmful algae) blooms in all Oregon waters, because blooms can develop and disappear throughout the season. Only a fraction of the many lakes and waterways in Oregon are monitored for cyanobacteria by state, federal and local agencies, therefore, you are your own best advocate when it comes to keeping you and your family safe while recreating.

People and especially small children and pets should avoid recreating in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, if a thick mat of blue-green algae is visible in the water, or bright green cells are suspended in the water column.

If you observe these signs in the water you are encouraged to avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets, such as swimming or high-speed water activities.

For health information or to report an illness, contact the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at (971)673-0440.

For information about recreational advisories issued or lifted for the season, contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or visit the Harmful Algae Blooms website at <http://healthoregon.org/hab> and select “Algae Bloom Advisories.”

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND’s Beeper Show on Monday, June 25, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Service Line Warranty Program

The City of Cottage Grove participates in the Service Line Warranty Program, a benefit of membership in the National League of Cities. The program provides a voluntary warranty that homeowners can select to cover water or sewer service line failures. Many citizens have found the program to be very beneficial. The table below shows the results

	Number of Participants in the Programs	Number of Repairs in the last 12 months	Amount Spent on Repairs last 12 months	Number of Repairs since May, 2012	Amount Spent on Repairs Since May, 2012
Water Service Line Warranties	411	6	\$6,778	24	\$33,904
Sewer Service Line Warranties	245	28	\$35,392	105	\$84,010
Totals	656	34	\$42,170	129	\$117,914

Just in the last year the program has paid \$42,170 to repair water or sewer service lines in the community. Since the City Council began participating in the program in May, 2012, 129 water or sewer line failures have been repaired. The program has paid out \$117,914 for those repairs since May, 2012.

The Service Line Warranty program offers citizens an affordable way to avoid the unexpected and often large expense involved with a sewer or water line break. When a line breaks, the cost to repair it can often cause hardship on a family’s budget. This program offers warranty protection to help cover the costs of a break. Utility Service Partners, administers the program for the National League of Cities and has recently sent mailings out inviting residents participate in the program.

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council June Science Pub

On Tuesday, June 26th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Axe and Fiddle, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) will welcome Amanda Stamper, The Nature Conservancy's Fire Manager and Burn Boss, for the June 2018 Science Pub presentation entitled Expect the Unexpected: Fire Management Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Climate. Ms.

Stamper will discuss the challenges facing fire managers as they address the weather and environmental conditions that contribute to wildfires. For more information about Science Pub events or the Watershed Council visit their webpage at: www.coastfork.org.

Quote of the Week

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

~ Aesop ~