

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 27, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1032 S. 1st Street. As we have had a week or two of summer temperatures, yards are starting to show the stress, however there are still yards that are worthy or recognition for the work they do to beautify the community. Be sure to submit those nominations for yards that deserve recognition as the Yard of the Week.

Symphony Thank You

On Monday the Eugene Symphony and the Cottage Grove Community Band performed in Bohemia Park to an excited crowd. The performances were amazing, the Community Band sounded spectacular (and I am not just saying that because my daughter was playing clarinet) and the Eugene Symphony put on a performance that had everyone on their feet.

Thank you to everyone that made the amazing night possible:

- The sponsors - Pacific Source, Woodard Family Foundation, Local Government Law Group, Wildish, PayneWest Insurance, Hoyer Accounting, Williams & Mathis Accounting Services, Starfire Lumber, Territorial Seed Company, Pinocchio's Pizza, Branch Engineering, Inc. Pacific Yurts, Steven Stewart Trust, Banner Bank, Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and State Farm Insurance.
- The beautiful venue provided by the Bohemia Foundation.
- The setup and cleanup crews – City staff, Cottage Grove Police Association members, Bohemia Park representatives that all worked on setting up all the equipment for the performances throughout the heat of the day and stayed into the night till the last equipment truck pulled away.
- The Guest conductor – Mayor Jeff Gowing – best Thunder and Lightning Polka ever.
- The members of the Community Band with conductors Gabe Dickinson and Joanna Newton and members of the Eugene Symphony and their Music Director Francesco Lecce-Chong.
- The volunteers that helped with the Instrument Petting Zoo.
- The members of the community that came together and support this opportunity.

We are looking forward to next year's performance as the 5th anniversary.

What is That Roar?

This weekend we will see a wide variety of antique classic motorized vehicles in Cottage Grove. The National Rally of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America will be in Cottage Grove and will host a Show n' Shine during the Oregon Aviation Historical Society's pancake breakfast at Jim Wright Field from 7:00 to 10:00 am and KNND will be holding the Annual Rock, Roll & Rumble with the car show from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the cruise from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and the free after cruise dance from 8:30 to 11:00 pm in historic downtown Cottage Grove. The Annual Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-off will be held during the car show from noon to 3:00 pm. So, this weekend be sure to see some antique cars and motorcycles, experience the roar of years gone and warm your tummy with some of the best chili around.

2018 Election - Mayor & Councilor Positions

The deadline to run for the office of Mayor or City Councilor is Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm. The positions of Mayor, City Councilor at Large, City Councilor Ward 1, City Councilor Ward 3 and City Councilor Ward 4 are open and will be on the November 6, 2018 Ballot. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, contact the City Recorder at cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org or (541) 942-5501.

Wildlife Safari Bound

Today 30 teens embarked on a "Teen Adventure" with the Cottage Grove Library to Wildlife Safari and the Umpqua River. The group will tour Wildlife Safari with a Naturalist, have the amazing opportunity to experience a "Giraffe Encounter" where they are allowed to get up and personal with the Giraffe's at the game park, feed them by hand, and see and appreciate these amazing species in close proximity. The afternoon will be spent enjoying the Umpqua River Ecosystem.

Spirit Falls

Last week an energetic group of youth ages 7-12 enjoyed a cool hike into Spirit Falls, then spent the afternoon at Rujada Campground in the Umpqua National Forest as participants in a Library STEAM adventure field trip. The youth learned all about forest ecosystems and enjoyed exploring the stream aquatic system at Rujada.

Summer Reading Program

It's not too late for kids and teens to participate in the Cottage Grove Library Summer Reading Program. We have cool activities every week and welcome all youth to get involved. Simply stop by the Library to connect with our Librarians on how you can get going reading this summer.

Sanitary Sewer Repairs Bid Award

City Council met in special session today to review and possibly award four sanitary sewer repair projects. The first project starts on South 1st Street and continues into the alley west of 1st Street between Quincy and Van Buren Avenues. The second is in the alley between Adams and Jefferson Avenues starting at 3rd Street and ending at 5th Street. The third project is on South Highway 99 starting at Napa ending at the corner of 7th Street and Adams Avenue. The last repair is on Highway 99 North from Grover Avenue to Woodson Avenue. All of the repairs will replace concrete sanitary sewer lines that have failed and/or reached the end of their useful life.

Council awarded the sanitary sewer repair projects to the low bidder and authorized the City Manager to execute the contracts provided no appeals are filed. The repairs will begin within the next three weeks.

Housing Needs Analysis

The Housing Needs Analysis Technical Advisory Committee met Thursday to review and discuss the policies in the draft Housing Needs Analysis document. The committee discussed at length the policies and the objectives and actions for each policy. The committee also ranked the actions based on priority. EcoNorthwest will complete the draft document in late August. City Staff will be hosting an open house in September to gather comments from the public regarding the draft housing needs analysis. Once a date, time, and location are selected staff will publicize the open house.

Light Stop Signs

This week staff installed three new solar power lighted blinking stop signs at the 10th Street and Taylor Avenue intersection. This intersection was recently changed to a three way stop to improve safety for children attending the new Harrison Elementary School. The new signs are very visible and should help remind drivers to stop in all directions at the intersection.

Quote of the Week

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”

~ George Elliot~