

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 17, 2018

Toga! Toga! Toga!

Tomorrow Cottage Grove's effort to take back the Guinness World Record for the largest Toga Party will finally happen as, hopefully, thousands in togas will descend on the community to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the filming of Animal House. There will be parade on Main Street between 8th and 5th Streets at noon and the Toga Party will be in Bohemia Park with the gates opening at 2:00 pm. There are many visitors from out of town are already here experiencing our community.

Congressman DeFazio Town Hall

Tuesday, August 21st Congressman Peter DeFazio will be in Cottage Grove to hold a Town Hall in the City Council Chambers in Cottage Grove City Hall from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, August 20th to discuss their recruitment for the 2018-19 YAC plans and to prepare for the special September 17th meeting for all new applicants.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1922 Neva Court and it demonstrates that a beautiful yard does not need to involve a lot of water. The xeriscape yard is a fine compliment to the other yards in the neighborhood. Only six more weeks of the 2018 Yard of the Week season, so be sure to get those nominations turned in.

It is Almost Time for Ice Cream

Next week is the opportunity to step back in time and enjoy ice cream for only a nickel and old fashioned carnival games for just a nickel as the City will hold the Second Annual Cottage Grove Armory Ice Cream Social, Saturday, August 25th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Be sure to make plans to attend this deliciously fun event.

July Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of July the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 39 permits, 2 for new homes, and performed 85 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 27 permits, 6 for new homes, and performed 91 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 28 permits were issued, 3 for new homes, and they performed 75 inspections. Currently

inspections are performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Creswell and Veneta. Inspections and plan reviews are performed Monday through Friday in Cottage Grove. 27 plan sets were reviewed and completed in July and 11 plan sets are on hold for additional information from the applicants.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Design

On Wednesday, the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, City Engineer, and the Public Works & Development Director met with three firms interested in bidding on the Row River Water Treatment Plant Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering Services to design expanding the treatment capacity from 4 million gallons per day to 6 million gallons. Expanding the treatment capacity will allow the City to meet future demands for water. The RFP closes on September 5th and possible award of contract to the preferred Engineering firm would come before City Council in October.

Rail Road Crossing Work Scheduled

Starting August 27th the Rail Road Crossing on South 6th Street will be closed until August 31st for the repair of the rail crossing. On Monday, August 27th the City Utility Crew will saw cut and remove the pavement around the crossing. Tuesday through Thursday the Rail Road Crews will repair rail ties and prepare the rail crossing for new pavement. Finally on Friday the 31st the crossing will be repaved and opened for use. Please go to the Construction Corner at: www.cottagegrove.org to review the traffic plan for the project and for progress updates.

City Shop Automatic Gate

The new automatic gate at the City Shop property is now operational. Employees received key cards and openers to open the gate. The gate will be closed at all times to improve security at the shop property. If visitors need to gain access to the property they can activate the panel near the gate to request access. Access is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week through the panel. During working hours at the shop staff will be available to open the gate and after hour access will be granted by dispatchers in the Police Department.

Cottage Grove Museum

The new roof for the Cottage Grove Museum is nearly complete. The new roof is on track to be completed the first week of September. The contractor used a man lift with an 80 foot boom to replace the roofing on the spire structure on the museum.



Nuisance Abatement

Planning Division Staff requested and was provided a warrant from Cottage Grove's Municipal Court Judge to enter the property at 1557 North Hwy 99 to clean up a nuisance violation and public health threat. With the help of Cottage Grove's Police Department and Public Works & Development Staff, seven small dump truck loads of garbage and solid waste were removed from the site. Great job was done by everyone involved.

Summer Reading Final Event

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library for our Summer Reading Program "Wrap-Up" Party. Join Folksinger Adam Miller at the Library on Wednesday, August 22nd at 2:30 pm for live music, refreshments and prizes. This event will celebrate the awesome Summer Reading achievements and will be an event to honor and celebrate our Library Volunteers. Hope to see everyone here for this fun end of Summer event.

Library Outdoor Adventures

Today the Library went out on an adventure to the Cascade Raptor Center, the University of Oregon Natural History Museum, the "new" Amazon Park for lunch, and ended the day at the Amazon Pool. This was a fun "STEAM" (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) event for youth ages 7-12 and is the final outing of the Summer Outdoor Adventure Program.

Last week the Library Summer Program took an amazing group of teens to the Oregon Coast and had the best day on the Coast ever. They began the day at Darlingtonia State Park and learned all about the amazing plants that are protected there. Next, they hiked up to the Heceta Head Lighthouse and were greeted by an "incredible" group of whales that were relaxing right below the base of the cliffs, including baby whales. This was a spectacular experience for many of the teens who had never seen a whale before in the wild. They had lunch on the beach, then headed to Honeyman State Park and Cleawox Lake for an afternoon of sandboarding, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, and swimming. Sandmaster Park provided a true "World Class Champion" Sandboarder to instruct the students. Everyone had an amazing day with fun and STEAM education all woven into one.

Quote of the Week

You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down.

~ Mary Pickford ~