

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 24, 2018

### **South 6<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Crossing Closure**

All the parties are finally on board and ready to start the work on the South 6<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad crossing. The work will begin on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The work will require that South 6<sup>th</sup> be closed at the railroad crossing. Please make note that the crossing will be closed to all traffic as the railroad will be repairing the track infrastructure before the crossing is repaved. Detours will be posted. For more information about the railroad crossing project or other City construction projects, visit our Construction Corner on the City's webpage at: [www.cottagegrove.org/constructioncorner](http://www.cottagegrove.org/constructioncorner).

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 304 E. Washington. A complete renovation of the yard has just been completed. The work is a beautiful restoration of the older property.

### **Ice Cream Social**

Tomorrow is the big day, ice cream for a nickel, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cottage Grove Armory Ice Cream Social. Nickel carnival games, music, magic and good ole fun for all ages at the Armory from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Be sure to stop in and step back in time and enjoy a great time in the Armory.

### **Lane County Parks Plan**

Lane County has been collecting feedback from around the County to create a Parks & Open Space Master Plan that reflects the values and priorities of Lane County residents. The master plan will help guide the development and improvements in Lane County parks now and into the future. The plan is nearing completion, but there is still time to review the plan and provide input. Just visit: [www.lanecounty.org/ParksPlan](http://www.lanecounty.org/ParksPlan) and take a short survey before August 31<sup>st</sup>. The full draft plan is available on the website.

### **Science Pub**

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council is hosting their monthly Science Pub on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The presentation, "The Mystery and Science Behind Biodynamics" will discuss the importance of healthy soil and how it relates to the health of humans and animals. The Science Pubs are held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the Axe & Fiddle.

### **Harrison School Ribbon Cutting**

Harrison Elementary is nearly ready for school to start. Today, hundreds showed up to pass books from the old Harrison to the new Harrison Elementary Library. After the Book Brigade participants had the opportunity for a sneak peek at the library, gym and cafeteria of the new school. On Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm the School District will be holding a ribbon cutting for the new school.

### **Main Street Coordinator**

On Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> the new Main Street Coordinator, Jared Sidman will start. Plans are being made to introduce Jared to the City Council at the September 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. There will also be an opportunity to meet Jared at a special meet and greet on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, food and drink will be provided. Please mark your calendars and make plans to welcome Jared to Cottage Grove.

### **Youth Advisory Council Recruitment**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is looking for new members that are interested in joining the elite team of youth participating in the YAC. The YAC is open to any youth from the community (inside or outside City limits) that are 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade age. Current YAC members will be staffing a recruitment table at High School registration from 9:30 to 11:30 am and 1:00 to 3:00 pm, on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and encourage youth to apply. The Mayor and City Council are invited to also drop by the YAC registration table and visit with any youth that may be interested in participating.

Applications and a YAC FAQ sheet are available on the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council webpage: [www.cottagegrove.org/YAC](http://www.cottagegrove.org/YAC). All interested youth are invited to attend a YAC kickoff meeting on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be refreshments. The Mayor and City Council is also invited to the kickoff meeting to introduce themselves to the future YAC members.

### **November 6, 2018 General Election Mayor & Council Candidates**

The following have filed to run for office in the November 6, 2018 General Election:

Mayor	Jeff Gowing
Councilor Ward 1	Jake Boone
Councilor Ward 3	Garland H. Burback
	Raymond R. Ackerman
	Jill Hermansen
	Candace Lamb-Solesbee
Councilor Ward 4	Greg Ervin
Councilor At Large	Mike Fleck
	Ashley Rigel

### **DLCD to fund Cottage Grove's Housing Strategy Implementation Plan**

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has selected Cottage Grove to receive funds under the Oregon Housing Planning Project. The Oregon Housing Planning Project is designed to address the critical shortage of housing cities of all sizes are experiencing in Oregon. With these funds, DLCD will hire a consultant for Cottage Grove, who will analyze and

prepare a housing strategy implementation plan to facilitate the provision of housing within the community. The Housing Strategy Implementation Plan will build off of work done by ECONorthwest and our Housing Needs Advisory Committee over the last year in the drafting of the 2018 Housing Needs Analysis. The Housing Strategy Implementation Plan will be ready for adoption by City Council in June, 2019.

### **Housing Needs Analysis Open House Scheduled**

We will be holding an Open House on the draft 2018 Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Policies and Actions on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, in the back room of Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant. Staff from the Planning Department and ECONorthwest will be available to answer questions. The documents, which have been developed over the last year with help from the Housing Needs Technical Advisory Committee, will be available for review on the City's website. Please come to the open house to give us comments, or submit them to Amanda Ferguson, City Planner, at [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planner@cottagegrove.org). Comments will be incorporated into the final document before it is brought to City Council for adoption in the fall.

### **Police Department Communications Officer Graduates**

Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Gabriela Iboa-Pierce graduated as a member of Basic Telecommunications Class # 110 at The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, Oregon. Gabriela, our newest communications specialist (dispatcher), also represented our department by being a member of the color guard for her class. Gabriela's training was two weeks long. Next week, she will complete three additional training days for "Emergency Medical Dispatch" at the Salem academy. Congratulations Gabriela.

### **Counterterrorism Awareness Training**

Police Chief Scott Shepherd, and Public Works/Community Development Director Faye Stewart, attended the Eugene Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Training in Eugene. This two-day training brought together federal, state, and local participants representing law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, communication centers, private sector communities, and non-government organizations to address this type of threat.

The workshop is designed to focus on the tactical operational response, medical care under fire, hospital surge, and treatment for an incident more commonly seen on the battlefield than in an urban environment.

This training was supported by the following organizations; City of Springfield, City of Eugene, Lane County, University of Oregon, Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management, FBI, Department of Homeland Security and National Counterterrorism Center.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending."*

*~Chico Xavier~*