

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 7, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is a unique yard located at 963 U Court. The yard is really fun to look at. There are all kinds of whimsical characters, art, rocks, carvings and plantings that are arranged in a tasteful and interesting way. Everywhere you look there is something new to see.

Only three more weeks left in the 2018 Yard of the Week season. So get those nominations in before it is too late.

Beeper

On Monday, September 10th the City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Startup Coffee Meetup

On Thursday, September 13th the Cottage Grove startup community is invited to Bohemia Food Hub (106 S 10th St) for a conversation about startups, innovation, and how to better support local business growth with RAIN Eugene mentors. If you have an idea and are not sure where to go next, come by and take advantage of free consulting. RAIN holds this event each month on the second Thursday.

Cottage Grove Police Department Lobby Drug Drop Box

The Cottage Grove Police Department collected 680 pounds of prescription and over the counter drugs in the Lobby Drop Box in from the first of April to the second week of August this year. The collection was transported to the Covanta Energy site by two police department employees, where it was incinerated. Last year, 540 pounds were collected and destroyed.

The collection box is available to provide a safe way to dispose of any unused prescription or over the counter medications. Proper disposal of the unused medications is important to prevent the misuse of the medications by others but they should never be put in the trash or flushed down the toilet. Disposing in the trash or toilet leads to surface and/or waterway contamination. The drug drop box is available 24 hours a day.

NASA Coming to Town

The Cottage Grove Library is excited to announce that we have received a grant to host another amazing museum quality exhibit from NASA. Discover Exoplanets and The Search for Alien

Worlds, will be in Cottage Grove January 24 to April 24, 2019. This exhibit is an inspiring traveling exhibit that explores the work of NASA in the search for "Exoplanets", planets similar to Earth that could possibly host life, similar to life on Earth. (So far NASA has discovered more than 3700 Exoplanets).

Library Services Director, Pete Barrell, attended three days of intensive workshops hosted by NASA in preparation for the exhibit. The workshops, in Pueblo, Colorado, included scientists and others from NASA, the Space Science Institute, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Pete is now certified by NASA to handle "Space Objects" that NASA owns... meaning, we can now borrow Moon Rocks and Meteorites from NASA for display at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Pete also now has access to NASA telescopes for viewing and photographing planets, stars and other amazing things out in Space. Stay tuned for more information and details about special events and programs that will happen early next year during the Exoplanet Exhibit at the Cottage Grove Library.

Library Events

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library for some of our regular programs:

- Bilingual Family Storytime - Monday evenings @ 6:30 pm
- Preschool Storytime - Friday mornings @ 10:30 am
- Teen STEAM Club – Wednesday, September 19th @ 2:30 pm
(STEAM= Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math... is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and is a fun experience where we explore some cool and educational aspect of STEAM.)

New Books at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library has "TONS" of amazing new books, thanks to a couple of cool grants we've received lately. Natasha Chitow, Head Librarian, is busy cataloguing the books and staff is preparing them for circulation, so stop by soon to "check out" some of our new books at the Library.

Quote of the Week

“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t.”

~Rikki Rogers~