

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 20, 2018

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week Prize Patrol selected 137 Village Drive as the Yard of the Week winner. This attractive yard has beautiful decorations that complement the variety of plantings throughout the yard.

Harvest Moon Benefit Concert

On Saturday, September 22nd the Armory will be hopping with sounds as the Harvest Moon Benefit Concert will be underway from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. This family friendly event welcomes everyone to come and celebrate with a collection of great music. Admission is \$10 kids under 13 are free. The proceeds from the event will go to four different organizations including the Swinging Bridge.

It's Official

At the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Commission meeting on September 19th all 18 projects recommended for funding through the 2018 Local Government Grant Program were approved. The Cottage Grove Swinging Bridge was the 3rd project listed in the 18 projects and approved for a \$200,000 grant. Congratulations Cottage Grove.

Beeper

The Public Works & Development Director, Faye Stewart will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 24th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mayor's Ball

The Mayor's Ball will be held on Saturday, October 6th beginning at 5:30 pm in the Cottage Grove Armory. Everyone is invited to come to the ball to help raise funds for the restoration of the Cottage Grove Armory. Tickets are still available. Contact the City Manager's office or (541)942-2441 for more information.

"Working on the Railroad"

Mark your calendars, the 3rd Annual Model Railroad Show by the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club in the Cottage Grove Armory is scheduled to run Friday, October 26th through Sunday October 28th. This will be the biggest model railroad show in Lane County and admission is free. So make plans now to bring the kids, grandkids and even the big kids to see this amazing display in the Armory.

Planning Commission Holds Public Hearing on Tiny Homes

On Wednesday, September 19th, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application submitted by SquareOne Villages for the "Cottage Village", a complex of 13 tiny homes at 1430 E. Madison Avenue (*Site Design Review Application SDR 2-18*). The oral record was closed at the end of the hearing, but the written record remains open until September 26th. The Commission will meet again on October 10th at 7:00pm to deliberate and vote on the application.

The application and staff report are available for the public to review in the Public Works & Development Department or on the City's website at: www.cottagegrove.org/pc. Comments can be sent to the Public Works & Development Department via email (planner@cottagegrove.org), mailed to 400 E. Main Street, or hand delivered, but must be received by 5:00pm on September 26 to become part of the record. If you would like further information, please contact City Planner Amanda Ferguson at (541) 942-3340 or planner@cottagegrove.org.

Membrane Operators Certification

18 Water Treatment Operators from throughout the Northwest came to Cottage Grove to attend training offered by the Northwest Membrane Operators Association. Cottage Grove's Row River Water Treatment Plant hosted the training at the Community Center. The three day training is a requirement for water treatment plant operators to maintain their certification. On Thursday Ray Pardee, Cottage Grove's Water Treatment Plant Superintendent gave a tour of the Row River Water Treatment Plant to the attendees. All four of Cottage Grove's treatment plant employees attended the training.

New Police Staff Ceremony

On Wednesday, Chief Shepherd held a ceremony to welcome our newest Officers and Communications Specialists to the force. Five new members were sworn in. It may be a record for the number of staff welcomed at one time in the Police Department. Officers sworn in were: Officer Wendie Jackson (who was formerly a Communications Specialist), Officer Harry

Sullivan and Reserve Officer Nat Bryce. Officers Jackson and Sullivan will be attending the academy in November. The Communication Specialists (dispatchers) sworn in were Gabriela Iboa Pierce and Becky Erbs. Gabriela just graduated from the academy. Becky is the daughter of Ken Erbes who retired as a Communication Specialist two years ago.



Welcome aboard everyone!

Quote of the Week

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

~ Jackie Robinson ~