

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 19, 2018

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, October 22nd from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Recreation Trail Program Grant Presentation

On Tuesday the City Manager, Public Works & Development Director and Planner attended the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) Recreation Trail grant committee meeting along with a crowd from the Friends of the Swinging Bridge (about 9 people), to make a presentation for a grant request for the Swinging Bridge. The City's request was for \$150,000. This grant would be the final piece of the puzzle for funding the Swinging Bridge restoration. Combined with the OPRD Local Government Grant of \$200,000, local fundraising funds (which by the way is an amazing \$13,981.43) and City funds the project would be ready to get underway. Plans are to begin construction in June 2019.

The Recreational Trails Grants (RTP) are national grants administered by OPRD for recreational trail-related projects, such as hiking, running, bicycling, off-road motorcycling, and all-terrain vehicle riding. Yearly grants are awarded based on funds voted on by the U.S. Congress.

The RTP committee was impressed by the large group supporting the application. (Likely the largest group to attend the presentations.) Two members of the committee bought Swinging Bridge t-shirts. The committee will be making a recommendation to the OPRD Commission. The Commission will be meeting in November and awarding the grants.

Funding Proposals for Industrial Land Purchase

The City received two funding proposals for the Industrial Land Purchase on the City Council Agenda for Monday, October 22, 2018. The proposals have been added to the Agenda page on the City's website.

Model Railroad Show

The City of Cottage Grove and Chamber of Commerce are excited to welcome back the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club for their third annual visit to the Cottage Grove Armory next weekend. The show will have many sizes of trains and amazing layouts. The fun at the Armory will be on Friday, October 26th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Be sure to drop in and experience the model railroad fun.

Halloween

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Program will be holding the annual Downtown Halloween Howl on Wednesday, October 31st. Main Street from 5th Street to Highway 99 will be closed to traffic as thousands of costumed revelers take to the street in search of candy and fun. The revelry will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Be sure to not let the fun end at 5th Street. Main Street west of 5th won't be closed but there will be still be fun at the businesses between 5th and River Road. Be sure to check out the results of the annual City of Cottage Grove Staff pumpkin carving contest in City Hall.

Eye of Newt and Skin of Toad: Tales of Toxicity

Right along with the Halloween theme, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be hosting a Science Pub on Tuesday, October 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe & Fiddle about the spooky world of Oregon's poisonous amphibians and reptiles presented by Tom Titus, University of Oregon research associate, herpetologist and author. He will explore the fascinating facts on poisonous amphibians and reptiles of the Willamette Valley and other parts of Oregon. For over two decades Dr. Titus has taught the popular University of Oregon course "Amphibians and Reptiles of Oregon." After all these years he still thinks salamanders are the coolest animals walking the planet.

Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project – 2018

The City's sanitary sewer main repair project is entering the final stages; the last alignment under N. 9th is expected to be completed by contractors next week, October 22 - 26. Over the course of the project, the contractor has used a combination of open trenching and "pipe bursting" as a cost and time savings measure. The City chose the pipe bursting method to save citizens' money by proactively fixing weakening pipes before they collapse and become a much more expensive problem to repair. This section of Hwy 99 (N 9th Street) carries an average of at least 7600 vehicles per day so pipe bursting has also helped the City to maintain traffic flow while addressing a critically needed repair. For helpful information on pipe bursting please see the information at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/486789>

Quote of the Week

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh the thinks you can think up if only you try."

~Dr. Seuss~