

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 5, 2018

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, October 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Youth Advisory Council

At the Youth Advisory Council meeting on Monday, Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner from Lane County and Sherrie Bandy from Lane Education Service District, attended and presented information about National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 21-27. YAC members expressed interest in helping promote Teen Driver Safety Week.

They also presented information about Teens Driving Safely Lane County, a countywide initiative to increase driving training access for rural Lane County youth. Teens Driving Safely Lane County's primary purpose is to increase access for rural Lane County high school students. The initiative is seeking donations to help provide scholarships to teens taking driver education courses. They are also promoting the Driver Ed instructor courses in Lane County to increase the number of instructors for the classes especially in the rural communities. Currently there is now instructor in the Cottage Grove area. Anyone interested in becoming an ODOT approved Driver Ed instructor please see the attached flyer.

High School Business Class

The City Manager spoke to Mr. Florez's Business Class at the high school about business and economic development in cities. He shared information about land use laws and business and industry location information. The class asked some very thoughtful and insightful questions about business regulations and System Development Charges.

Startup Coffee Meetup

On Thursday, October 11th from 10:00 am to noon the Cottage Grove startup community is invited to Bohemia Food Hub (106 S 10th St) for a conversation with RAIN Eugene mentors to discuss startups, innovation, and how RAIN can better support local business growth. Anyone with a business idea, but is not sure where to go next, come by and take advantage of free consulting. This event takes place on the second Thursday of every month.

Is that a Train Whistle I Hear?

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 (during

Artwalk) through Sunday October 28th. This will be the biggest model railroad show in Lane County and admission is free. So make plans now to attend this great event in the Armory.

Cottage Grove Public Library Upcoming Events

- Bilingual Family Storytime - Monday's at 6:30 pm – A fun evening of stories, music, and crafts for all ages.
- Ukulele Morning Jam – Thursday mornings at 9:00 am - Join us for drop-in Ukulele. We have instruments that you can borrow and check out from the Library.
- Preschool Storytime - Friday mornings at 10:30 am - Stories, music, crafts and fun.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) starts Wednesday, October 17th at 2:30 pm. STEAM is an experience for youth of all ages. Bring a friend and come down after school for a cool STEAM experience.

Fats, Oils and Grease Training

Thursday staff members from the Public Works & Development Department attended a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) training at the Florence Events Center. The FOG training program was eight hours and focused on helping municipalities establish a FOG program. FOG is very difficult and expensive for Cottage Grove's Wastewater Treatment Plant to treat and can plug up the sewer collection lines. Establishing a FOG program to educate businesses and homeowners on the importance of not putting fats, oils, and grease into the sewer system can save the City money and extend the life of sewer piping and equipment. The program works with businesses to make sure their grease traps are operational and well maintained. Violators could receive fines as it is against Cottage Grove Municipal Code to allow fats, oils and grease to enter the City's sewer system.

Safe Routes to School - Right-of-way Acquisition & Project Overview Open House

The City is holding an Open House on October 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Staff from the Engineering and Planning Departments will be on hand to talk about the right-of-way purchase process and why the City may need to purchase additional right-of-way from property owners within the project area. A full project description with photos, design specifications, and other progress information will be posted on the City of Cottage Grove website early next week so please check the website for project updates. If you have any questions regarding the Open House, the Safe Routes to School Project, or the recent project area mailing on right-of-way acquisition, please contact Faye Stewart, Public Works & Development Director at (541) 942-3349.

Quote of the Week

"October is about trees revealing colors they've hidden all year. People have an october as well."

~Jm Storm~