

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 16, 2018

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, November 19th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. They are scheduled to discuss their goals for the upcoming year.

Banner Bank Donation

As a part of the Mayor's Ball, Banner Bank issued a challenge that they would match up to \$10,000 of donations made for the Armory restoration during the event. Over \$10,000 in donations were received during the donation event. On Thursday, Jim Gilroy, Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager of the Cottage Grove Branch presented Mayor Jeff Gowing with a check for \$10,000. The donations from the matched donations and other contributions from the Mayor's Ball will be used to help fund restoration of the facade of the building.

Regional Managers Meeting

The City Manager attended a meeting with local government managers from throughout Lane County. The managers had a report from RAIN Oregon and discussed the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund program, the Public Safety Coordinating Council and the 9th Circuit Court ruling on Martin v. Boise.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City Offices will be closed Thursday, November 22nd for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Because of the holiday, limited staff will be available on Friday.

City Council Agenda Session Cancelled

The City Council will **not** be holding an agenda session on Friday, November 23 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

The jolly old elf in the red suit will be arriving in Cottage Grove on Saturday, December 1st to help kick off the Christmas season in Cottage Grove. He will be joining the festivities throughout the day. Be sure to attend the community tree lighting at 5:00 pm on Saturday at All-America City Square. After the tree lighting, Santa will make his way to City Hall for pictures from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. There will be a host of other exciting events at businesses downtown, so plan to spend the evening in beautiful downtown Cottage Grove.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Decision

City staff is continuing to explore options to address the mandate issued by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals from the Martin v. Boise case. Basically the case concluded that the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution, the prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, would bar any city from enforcing ordinances that prohibit people from sleeping outside on public property if they have no other home or shelter. The intent is to try to maintain some control of how City Parks and other public property are used in the community. The City Manager and Community Coordinator have been meeting with local community service providers to discuss a variety of options.

City Council Orientation

The City Attorney and Staff will be holding an orientation for the Councilor-elect and any existing City Councilors that wish to attend on Tuesday, November 27th starting at 9:00 am. The orientation will likely go till about noon in order to provide an opportunity to meet City employees and see (hopefully all the) various operations and functions of the City.

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Events

The monthly Coast Fork Science Pub will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at the Axe & Fiddle from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Robin Meacher, McKenzie River Trust Land Protection Manager and Eric Alan, Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy, will be giving a presentation titled, "Cerro Gordo: From Community to Conservation". The presentation will highlight Cerro Gordo's special features of habitat and plant community and its vital role as an anchor for continuing conservation of the Row River drainage. Cerro Gordo's path of community and conservation, from its 1974 purchase to its current conservation.

On Friday, November 30th the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will hold their Winter Watershed Soirée at the Cottage Grove Armory from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The annual Soirée will be a fun-filled evening to help raise funds to support the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council. The evening will feature live music by The Barnstormers, delicious local food by Elu Fusion, a wine wall, silent auction, dessert dash, and watershed awards ceremony. The annual holiday fundraiser is generously sponsored by Banner Bank, the City of Cottage Grove, Ninkasi Brewing, Weyerhaeuser, and Wildcraft Cider Works. Tickets are \$30 for Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council members or \$40 for non-members. Ticket price includes entry to the event, buffet-style dinner and two drink tickets. Cocktail attire is suggested. Tickets are available at The Bookmine in Cottage Grove, at coastfork.org and the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Facebook page (@CoastFork), or by contacting the Watershed office directly by phone (541) 767-9717 or email coordinator@coastfork.org.

Book Club at the Library

The Great American Read Book Club at the Cottage Grove Public Library will meet on Monday, November 19th at 6:00 pm. We're starting a new book club based on the PBS miniseries, "The Great American Read". Please join us to choose books for 2019. If you have questions or want to be added to our book club email list, please contact library@cottagegrove.org.

Family Bi-lingual Story Time

Please join Lesley and Friends at the Cottage Grove Public Library for Bi-Lingual (English-Spanish) Story Time each Monday evening at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for families with children of all ages to come to experience stories, crafts, food and fun, all in a Bi-lingual environment.

Ukulele at the Library

Don't forget, Thursday mornings at 9:00 am is Ukulele time at the Cottage Grove Public Library and everyone is welcome. There is a nice assortment of Ukuleles if you don't have one, so come on down and join in the fun. You can check out a Ukulele from the Library to take home and practice on too. See you there. Aloha.

New Employees

The Public Works & Development Department would like to welcome three new part-time maintenance workers. Brandon Abbott and Aaron Bloom started Tuesday working in the Maintenance Division assisting with Parks and Facilities maintenance and improvements. Tyrel von Barga is working at Middlefield Golf Course assisting with course maintenance.

No Friday Update Next Week

The Friday Update will not be produced next week.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Quote of the Week

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

~John F. Kennedy~