

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: November 2, 2018

Howling Good Fun

What a great time this week with Halloween and the Halloween Howl downtown. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Program for running this amazing event. It continues to grow while still maintaining the family friendly environment.

A huge thank you to the staff that participated in the Pumpkin Contest. We had 17 entries - a new record - and they were all spectacular. Thank you to our judges who rose to the challenge to judge the entries. The pumpkin display was enjoyed by the young kids and also the parents. The entries that won recognition at this year were:

Scariest	Funniest	Best Department Theme
Police Department	Development	Public Works Shop
Custodian	City Attorney Office	Finance
Municipal Court	Building Division	Water Production

Again thank you everyone, we look forward to what next year’s display will bring.

Thank you to all the staff that assisted with making the downtown Trick or Treat a success, from placing barricades, directing traffic or assisting with clean up all the efforts were greatly appreciated.

Cheetah Encounter @ Library – Saturday – November 3rd

Wildlife Safari will be stopping by the Cottage Grove Library on Saturday, November 3rd between 12:00 and 1:00 pm in the Shepherd Room with their animal ambassadors, Khayam and Mukumba. Be sure to let everyone know about this special opportunity to meet Khayam and Mukumba and stop by and learn more about cheetahs and Wildlife Safari’s conservation efforts.

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, November 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th

Everyone should know that next Tuesday is Election Day. Any ballots not returned yet should be dropped in an official drop box to make sure they are received by the election deadline. The

official drop box in Cottage Grove is located in front of the Community Center. Remember all ballots must be received (postmarks do not count) by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6th.

Did you know you can track your ballot? On www.oregonvotes.gov following the “MyVote” link anyone can check the status of their ballot and also verify all your voting information. The site also provides the official information about the election, the online Voters’ Pamphlet, election results, official drop box locations and more.

LTD Point2Point

With shorter days approaching, more commuters may find themselves traveling home in the dark. Point2point at Lane Transit District wants to help pedestrians and cyclists stay safe during the darker winter hours by distributing free bike, walk and skate lights and other safety information during their “Be Seen Be Safe Light Giveaway” event in Cottage Grove on Wednesday, November 7th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Bohemia Park.

Row River Trail Update

On Thursday, local cyclist, Don Strahan, rode the Row River Trail to check on the progress of work on the trail. Work is progressing on the culvert replacement project with work being done on the last of the six culverts. The culverts now need to be covered and the asphalt surface replaced. The surface work will depend on the weather but will likely be done throughout the winter months. Expect portions of the trail to remain closed while the work is being completed. It is expected that the trail repairs will be complete in time for the spring riding season.

Lego Club

The Lego Club will meet at the Cottage Grove Library on Wednesday, November 7th at 2:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to join in the fun of creating amazing Lego creations and have the opportunity to display them at the Library for the world to see.

Ukulele Jam at the Library

Everyone is invited to stop by the Cottage Grove Library for our informal drop in Ukulele Jam on Thursdays at 9:00 am. The Library has Ukulele's that you can borrow if you don't have one so don't delay, come on down and join in the fun.

Storytime at the Library

Preschool Storytime is held on Friday's at 10:30 am at the Library. Preschoolers and parents can join in the fun with Stephanie for stories, music, singing, dancing, jumping, laughing, crafts, food, and FUN.

Bi-Lingual Storytime

Bi-Lingual Storytime at the Cottage Grove Library is on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join Lesley and friends for stories, crafts, food and fun. All ages are welcome to come join in the fun.

New Employee

The Public Works & Development Department would like to welcome Jessica Klarr as our new Administrative Aide for the Planning, Building, and Engineering Divisions. Jessica worked as an assistant for a law firm in Eugene and most recently operated her own photography business while being a stay at home mom. Jessica is a great addition and is learning the new position

quickly. Once Jessica is fully trained, the Public Works & Development Department will maintain open office hours during the lunch hour extending access to Planning and Building Divisions services.

Swinging Bridge Update

On Tuesday, Engineering staff met with Earth Engineers, Inc. at the Swinging Bridge to review geotechnical conditions. The intent of this due diligence research is to confirm that there are no engineering deficiencies with the existing footings and subgrade conditions.

The City received notice late last week from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that the Swinging Bridge Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Application fell short of being recommended for funding this grant cycle. This was a \$150,000 grant request to help fund the reconstruction of the bridge. City Staff will research whether or not to apply again next year.

However, even without the RTP funding the engineering design of the bridge will continue. Staff plans to begin construction work on the bridge in June 2019.

Day Light Savings Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend - don't forget to set all your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Quote of the Week

“Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.”

~Og Mandino~