

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 20, 2018

Police Officer Recruitment

The Police Department recently conducted panel interviews for police officers and Chief Shepherd is interviewing four finalists this week. At the close of the Chief's interview, the top candidate will move on to background, medical and psychological testing. The others will remain on a list of potential hires should another position become available in the near future.

Thanks Mrs. Claus

The Cottage Grove Public Library was the location for a cookie decorating and Christmas Carol Party this week, with special guest Mrs. Claus reading Christmas stories to the children. Special thanks to the Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library for coordinating this fun event, and thank you to Mrs. Claus (Tinika) and all of the other volunteers who made this a fun holiday happening.

NASA Coming Soon

The Cottage Grove Public Library is preparing to host NASA's latest traveling exhibit, "Discover Exoplanets, The Search For Alien Worlds". The exhibit will be at the library February 2, 2019 through April 20, 2019. The display period will begin with an exhibit Grand Opening on Saturday, February 2, 2019 with a STAR PARTY joined by the Eugene Astronomical Society and their amazing telescopes. This event will also feature staff from the Eugene Science Center who will lead some fun and educational activities inside the library. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, February 2nd, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm to tour the NASA exhibit and to view the space around us through some amazing telescopes. Please visit the Cottage Grove Public Library website for a complete list of Exoplanets special events, lectures, and field trips to the Planetarium in Eugene for Kids, www.cottagegrove.org/library

STEAM at the Library

An enthusiastic group of children participated in this month's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) workshop at the library, making cool "Constellations" out of marshmallows and tooth picks while learning a little more about the celestial worlds around us. Please join Becky, our Youth Services Librarian, each month for another fun and educational STEAM event.

Opal Whiteley Fundraiser

The Cottage Grove Public Library and our Friends organization continue to fundraise to purchase a museum quality display case for our Opal Whiteley Collection. Just over \$3,000 dollars has been raised so far toward our goal of \$6,000 for the case. Please consider joining in this important endeavor to properly preserve our Opal Whiteley Collection, an important part of the history of Cottage Grove.

Help Us Brainstorm

The Cottage Grove Public Library is always thinking of new programs, events and collection development for our community, so if you have some ideas, please stop by sometime soon to chat with Pete or Natasha or any of our team about new ideas for our library.

Swinging Bridge News

On December 19th, Public Works Engineering staff met with over a dozen private engineers and contractors that were interested in submitting proposals to complete repairs to the Swinging Bridge. Several citizens attended the meeting as well as Swinging Bridge Committee Chair, Dana Merryday and City Councilor, Kenneth Roberts. The design intent will be to maintain the existing appearance as much as possible while also maintaining public safety. If all goes well, the City expects to announce the Design\Build team by January 15. The Swinging Bridge is tentatively scheduled for reopening by early Fall, 2019.

Quote of the Week

“Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality.”

~Washington Irving~