

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Friday Update  
DATE: December 7, 2018

**Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

**Plastic Roundup**

The Cottage Grove Garbage Service, City of Cottage Grove and Lane County Solid Waste are excited to announce a local Plastic Roundup beginning on December 10<sup>th</sup> to the first week in April, 2019. Recyclable #2 bottles, #2 tubs and lids, #4 bottles, tubs and lids and #5 bottles, tubs and lids will be accepted at the Cottage Grove Garbage Service offices from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday. All materials must be clean, paper labels removed and sorted. Lane County has arranged for the materials to be hauled to a recycler in the state that will only accept the items properly collected.

**Habitat for Humanity House Dedication**

Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane is excited to announce the completion of the third house this year with the dedication of the home on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The home is located at 1505 Harvey Lane and everyone is invited to come to the ceremony and celebrate this great project.

**Christmas Kick-off**

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Cottage Grove Christmas Kick-off last Saturday. The decorations and activities were a huge success. Lots of volunteers made it a fun evening for everyone involved. The weather may have kept a few away but attendance was nearly the same as previous years.

**November Building Inspection Services Report**

For the month of November, the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 47 permits, 1 for a new home, and performed 112 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 8 permits, 3 for new homes, and performed 69 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 34 permits were issued, 1 for a new home and 1 for a manufactured home, and performed 83 inspections. Staff reviewed and completed 12 plan sets in November and 5 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicant.

**Swinging Bridge Update**

The City's Legal Counsel, with the assistance of Engineering Staff, prepared and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) Friday for bids to design and make repairs to the Swinging Bridge through a Design-Build contracting process. The Bids are to be submitted by January 4, 2019 at

4:00 pm. Engineering Staff will present City Council the bid results at the January 14, 2019 City Council Meeting for Council consideration. The City Council will also be holding a Public Hearing in regards to approve an exemption to the project bidding procedure to allow for the Design-Build RFP. Engineering staff has set a starting date for Swinging Bridge repairs of July 2019. Legal Counsel and City Public Works & Development Staff believe the Design-Build services will help accommodate the July 2019 construction starting date.

### **New Children's Librarian**

The Cottage Grove Public Library is excited to announce the hiring of Rebecca "Becky" Arnoux as our new Children's Services Library Assistant. Becky comes to us from Cascade Elementary School in Lebanon, Oregon where she was the Library and Media Specialist. Becky will be involved with collection development and programs for children of all ages. She had a great time at her first Story Time and we look forward to many wonderful library experiences with Becky in the future.

### **Opal Whiteley Birthday Party**

Please join the Cottage Grove Public Library and the Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library to celebrate the birthday of local author Opal Whiteley on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Axe and Fiddle. The event is an all ages family friendly event. The Axe and Fiddle is donating 10% of the night's profits to the Friends of the Library's effort to purchase a new museum archival quality display case for our Opal Whiteley collection. Please join us for an evening of music, food and fun.

### **Answerland Virtual Reference Available to All**

Did you know that you can go online and have your library reference questions answered by a real live librarian? The Oregon State Library coordinates and administers "Answerland", online help from the library 24/7. To learn how to use this amazing service, simply go to [www.answerland.org](http://www.answerland.org) and follow the directions that explain how you can chat live or email in your reference questions. A team of librarian volunteers staff Answerland and make this amazing resource to you.

### **Coffee With A Cop**

On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the Police Department were invited by McDonald's Restaurant to take part in Coffee with a Cop. This gave community members the opportunity to come by and enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with a Police Officer. The event was in conjunction with the grand re-opening of the newly remodeled McDonald's on Gateway Blvd. The event was well received and the Cottage Grove Police Department would like to do this event quarterly.

### ***Quote of the Week***

*"Christmas is like candy, it slowly melts in your mouth sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever."*

*~Richelle E. Goodrich~*