

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 13, 2018

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 675 Harding. The yard is very well maintained with beautiful flowers and plants. There is also garden and yard art that blends in very nicely. Remember if you see a yard that is worthy of Yard of Week, contact the City or Chamber of Commerce.

### **Oregon City/County Management Association Summer Conference**

The City Manager attended the Annual Summer Conference this week. Managers from around the state of Oregon were at the conference for the training and networking. Topics included discussions about technology, diversity, equity and ethics. The managers also had the opportunity to meet the new League of Oregon Cities Executive Director and discuss the upcoming legislative session and some of the changes and new services that may be coming from the League.

### **Bohemia Mining Days**

Bohemia City will come alive in Coiner Park next week as the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Bohemia Mining Days kicks off on Thursday. Be sure to join in and enjoy the celebration of one of Oregon's longest running community celebrations as it gets under way. Festivities will begin on Thursday and end on Saturday evening. Be sure to join in the fun and celebrate the history of Cottage Grove.

### **Eugene Symphony**

The Eugene Symphony and Community Band will be performing in Bohemia Park on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. Come early for the concert and enjoy food in the park and visit the Instrument Petting Zoo at the Bohemia Park Pavilion. Children of all ages from 4 to 99 can enjoy trying out an instrument before the concert. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience great entertainment with your friends and neighbors.

### **Utilities Division**

On Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hayden Jones will be transferring from the Maintenance Division to the Utilities Division. Hayden has worked the past year in a part-time position maintaining City parks and facilities. The new position with the Utilities Division is full-time working on the City's streets, water distribution, sewer collection, and storm drainage systems. Congratulations Hayden.

### **Mosby Creek Pond**

On Wednesday, the Public Works & Development Director and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent were given a tour of Weyerhaeuser's former mill pond on Mosby Creek. The purpose of the tour was to check for Blue-Green Algae and how the pond connects to Mosby Creek. Mosby Creek flows into the Row River just above the City's water intake feeding the water treatment plant. Staff didn't see Blue-Green Algae present in the pond and the volume of water entering Mosby Creek from the pond is very low. Staff would like to thank Maryanne Reiter and Lyndcy Patrick for giving the tour.

### **Algae Test Results Update**

The water treatment staff has been taking weekly samples of the water coming into the treatment plant for cyanotoxins that could be produced by Blue-Green Algae. The tests results for the past four weeks have come back negative (less than detectable level of the laboratory testing limits) for the presence of the cyanotoxins. Under temporary new rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority staff will be continuing the tests every two weeks throughout the remainder of the summer. The water samples will be sent to Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality State Lab in Hillsboro, Oregon. The Oregon Health Authority pays for the tests.

### **Wildfire on ODOT Property**

This past Sunday afternoon, South Lane County Fire & Rescue extinguished a small grass and brush fire on ODOT property just north of Middlefield Golf Course. The cause of the fire has not been determined at this time. This is a reminder during these hot dry days to please take extra precaution when engaging in activities that can start unwanted fires.

### **Fire Danger Level is HIGH**

Earlier this week Western & Eastern Lane Districts of Oregon Department of Forestry, along with South Lane Fire & Rescue (SLCFR) moved to the HIGH level for fire season restrictions for regulated activities. Until further notice from SLCFR, no mowing of dry grass is permitted from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. This applies within the City limits and rural areas in Lane County. There have been several wildfires started recently, so please use caution during this period of dry and hot temperatures.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.”*

*~Eleanor Roosevelt~*