

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 10, 2018

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 117 H Street. The yard compliments the Cottage Grove Museum next door and other homes in the neighborhood.

### **Emergency Preparedness Fair**

Tomorrow the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held in Coiner Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in partnership with the Annual Party in the Park. There will be games, food, fun and even the chance to win great prizes. The Emergency Preparedness Fair brings together a host of organizations and first responders focused on providing information on emergency preparedness and personal safety. The Party in the Park is dedicated to giving away backpacks filled with school supplies and other services to help prepare children for the upcoming school year. Organizations from throughout the community will be on hand to make the event a success.

### **Harrison Elementary School Book Brigade**

On Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon the community is invited to come and help move the books from the old Harrison School Library to the new Harrison School Library. Everyone that wants to help in this historic event should meet at the old Harrison School on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Ice Cream Social**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cottage Grove Armory Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in the historic Cottage Grove Armory. Ice cream and games are only a nickel. There will be entertainment, carnival games and Armory tours. Come and enjoy the fun and delicious ice cream.

### **Harrison School Ribbon Cutting**

South Lane School District will be holding the official ribbon cutting for the new Harrison Elementary School on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Make plans to join in this exciting event.

### **Mayor's Ball**

Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor's Ball will be on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will begin at 5:30 pm. There will be great entertainment, food and company. Plan to attend and help support the efforts to restore the Cottage Grove Armory.

### **Youth Advisory Council**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council is beginning the recruitment for members for the 2018-19 school year. Any youth, 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade age that lives within the South Lane School District is invited to apply. There will be a special meeting for all YAC applicants on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The YAC would like to also invite the Mayor and City Council to the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to welcome the applicants and maybe even have a piece of pizza.

### **Safe Routes to School**

On Wednesday, the City Planner and Public Works & Development Director attended the Oregon Department of Transportation's 2018 Safe Routes to School Grant Program Workshop in Springfield. City staff will be submitting a grant request to fund pedestrian improvements along Harrison and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. ODOT has \$16 million available for improving pedestrian and bicycle access to schools during the 2019-20 grant cycle. A letter of intent is due August 31<sup>st</sup> and the grant application is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Grant awards will be announced in January of 2019. If the grant request is awarded, the City could receive up to 80% of the improvement costs for eligible pedestrian related improvements. This will reduce the contributions from adjacent land owners for the new sidewalks.

### **Automated Water Meter Project Update**

Ameresco has released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City water meter upgrade project. The proposals are due close of day on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Tuesday, City staff gave a tour of possible tower sites for data collector locations throughout the City. There were six different companies that toured the sites and asked questions in preparation of their RFP submission. On Thursday, the City Manager, Finance Director, Public Works & Development Director and representatives participated in a conference call with representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency regarding grant and loan programs for the water meter project. City and Ameresco staff will be working together to submit a project funding application by the first week of September. It is possible for the City to receive up to 45% of the project costs from grant funds and the remainder from a loan at a rate of 3.15 % over 40 years.

### **Maintenance Division Projects**

Maintenance staff completed the installation of a new drinking and dog water fountain at LuLu's Dog Park. This is a welcome addition to the dog park to help keep the dogs hydrated during the summer heat. Staff also installed a new sign on the Rotary Pavilion. The picnic structure was named Rotary Pavilion by the City Council in recognition of the contribution that the Cottage Grove Rotary Club made by building the structure.

### **Therapy Pool Closed August 13-17**

The Community Center therapy pool will be closed August 13-17, for cleaning and repair. The pool is scheduled to re-open on August 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about classes being offered at the pool, please contact Teresa Cowan at (541) 942-1185.

### **Vision Keeper Awards 2018**

Vision Keepers selected the following individual, non-profits and businesses to receive the Vision Keeper Awards for this year. The awards were presented during Bohemia Mining Days. Award recipients were selected for their exceptional service toward promoting the achievement of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision.

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| • PakTech                            | Investing in a Diverse and Sustainable Economy |
| • Cottage Grove Community Foundation | Pioneering the Future                          |
| • 90by30                             | Community Health                               |
| • Opal Center for Arts and Education | Organization                                   |
| • Matthew Hall                       | Individual                                     |
| • Aprovecho                          | Promoting Environmental Assets                 |
| • P-20 Program                       | Expanding and Integrating Community Networks   |
| • Historic Landmarks Commission      | Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces              |

### *Quote of the Week*

*“The best preparation for tomorrow, is doing your best today.”*

*~H. Jackson Brown, Jr.~*