

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 4, 2019

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will meet on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm

Budget Committee Recruitment

The City is seeking applications for two positions on the City of Cottage Grove Budget Committee. The applicants are sought to serve three (3) year terms, expiring December 31, 2021. The Budget Committee reviews the City's financial plans and policies, including the annual budget. The 14 member Committee is comprised of the Mayor and six elected City Councilors and seven members from the community.

Appointed by the City Council, each of the Committee's seven community members must live in the City limits and be a registered voter. Meetings are typically held between April and June, but the Committee may also meet on an "as needed" basis.

The deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday, January 16, 2019 by 5:00 pm. For further information please contact the Finance Director, at (541)942-3346.

Audit Committee Recruitment

The City is seeking applications for a position on the City of Cottage Grove Audit Committee. The selected applicant will serve a three (3) year term, expiring July 31, 2021. The Audit Committee reviews the City's financial statements, commonly referred to as the Audit, conducted by an independent auditor. The 5 member Committee is comprised of two elected City Councilors and three members from the community. Meetings are typically held between January and March, but the Committee may also meet on an "as needed" basis. The deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday, January 16, 2019 by 5:00 pm. For further information please contact the Finance Director, at (541)942-3346.

State of the County

Lane County will be holding the 2019 State of the County Address on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 10:00 am in Harris Hall. Newly elected Commissioners will also be sworn in.

Point in Time Homeless Street Count

Lane County is seeking volunteers to help in Cottage Grove on Thursday, January 31st from 8:00 am to noon for the Point in Time Homeless Street Count.

The Point in Time (PIT) Count is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and allows Lane County to capture a "snapshot" of the extent of homelessness in Lane County on a given night. As a HUD grantee and Continuum of Care (CoC) lead, the County is required to conduct both a sheltered and unsheltered count annually during the last ten days of January. Conducting the PIT Count requires effort from the entire community and volunteers are needed.

For more information and to volunteer visit: www.lanecounty.org/homelesscount. The online application takes about 15 minutes to complete. All volunteers will be required to participate in a training prior to the count. The training will be available in-person and online (virtual). Any questions, please contact Alex Dreher, at: Alexandria.Dreher@co.lane.or.us.

South Lane Wheels

In an effort to provide quicker, more efficient service, LTD, in conjunction with South Lane Wheels is launching the LTD Connector. This new pilot program will go live on Monday, January 14 and will replace the Route Around Town with a more streamlined, ride sharing service. For more information on this innovative, new program please visit: https://www.ltd.org/systemmap/route_MOD/. Representatives from LTD and South Lane Wheels will be making a presentation about this pilot service at the January 14th City Council meeting.

All other South Lane Wheels services will remain in full operation, and because SLW is a provider of public transportation all services are open to the general public.

Local Door-To-Door – This is South Lane Wheel’s reservation based, service which operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every weekday. You can schedule this service by calling SLW dispatch at 541-942-0456 extension 1 to schedule any trip within a 10-mile distance. Fares for Local Demand range from \$3.00 to \$10.00 one way, based on trip distance.

Metro Shuttle - This is South Lane Wheel’s reservation based service which also operates between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. For Cottage Grove residents, service is \$15.00 one way or \$30.00 for a round trip. For Creswell residents coming to Cottage Grove or going to Eugene, service is \$10.00 one way, or \$20.00 for a round trip.

December Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of December the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 53 permits, 2 for a new home, and performed 103 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 15 permits, 2 for new homes, and performed 32 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 13 permits were issued, and they performed 38 inspections. Staff reviewed

and completed 16 plan sets in December and 10 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

System Development Charges

Annually the City adjusts the System Development Charges (SDCs) to reflect the increased cost of infrastructure construction. Chapter 15.16.040 of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code establishes the annual adjustments to the SDCs by increasing the fees based on the construction cost index figures published in the Engineering News Record (ENR) magazine for twenty cities.

Records show the ENR Construction Cost Index rose 2.83% from January 2018 to December 2018. Based on the Engineering News Record the System Development Charges for the City increased 2.83% January 1, 2019.

Native American Displays at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library begins each the New Year with displays that celebrate and honor Native American Culture and History. Please stop by the library during the month of January to view examples from our collection that are now presented in two displays in the library.

Antique Children's Toy "Bicycles" at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library has just installed a fun and inspiring display of antique Children's toy "bicycles", courtesy of our good friend and avid antique bicycle collector, Joe Burris. Stop by soon to view these interesting and amazing examples of toys from the "good old days".

Lego Club for Big People

Stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library on Monday, January 7th for "Lego Club for Big People." This is a Lego experience for people 13 and up, so bring a friend and join us at 5:00 pm for some Lego fun.

Bilingual Story Time at the Library

Bilingual Story Time at the Cottage Grove Public Library is Monday, January 7th at 6:30 pm. English and Spanish will be the languages explored through stories, crafts, music and fun. This is a fun family evening, all ages welcome.

Quote of the Week

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals."

~Melody Beattie~