

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 11, 2019

State of the City

Mayor Jeff Gowing will be presenting his State of the City Address at the City Council Meeting on Monday, January 14th at 7:00 pm in Cottage Grove City Hall. The Mayor is planning to announce a number of exciting opportunities for the community in 2019.

In addition to the State of the City, the Mayor and Councilors elected in the November election will be sworn in to office. Everyone is invited to attend and hear from the Mayor and witness the administration of the oaths of office.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, January 14th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Vision Keepers Committee Recruitment

The City has been recruiting for applicants for three at-large positions on the Vision Keepers Committee. The recruitment closed today with only one applicant so we are keeping the recruitment open to January 30th to get more applications. The Vision Keepers monitor the progress of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision Action plan. They meet quarterly. Anyone interested can pick up an application at City Hall, the Library or at www.cottagegrove.org. Applications should be returned by 5:00 Wednesday, January 30th to City Hall at 400 Main Street or can be emailed to Teresa Cowan at: volunteers@cottagegrove.org.

Coast Fork Bird Count

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council is inviting everyone to join the Coast Fork Birders for the annual Bald Eagle Count led by Alison Center on Saturday, January 12th. All levels of bird enthusiasts are welcome to join. Meet at the Koffee Kup restaurant by 9:00 am to check in for the Dorena Reservoir count. Arrive earlier if you would like to have breakfast beforehand. Participants will depart the Koffee Kup shortly after 9:00 am so as to be birding at Dorena Reservoir by 9:30 am.

The Cottage Grove Reservoir count will take place in the afternoon. Meet at 2:00 pm at the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Lakeside Park on London Rd. to check in.

For either event bring birding gear, weather appropriate clothing and your own snacks and water.

These counts will contribute citizen science data on juvenile and adult bald eagles (and other birds that winter in the area) around Dorena Reservoir and Cottage Grove Reservoir to the Oregon Eagle Foundation's statewide midwinter eagle count. This will be the 26th annual count led by Alison Center.

Welcome Videos

One of the programs that is available to the City of Cottage Grove as a result of membership in the National League of Cities is the development of community videos that are posted on the City's and Chamber's websites. The community video tour is produced by CGI Communications and they work with the City to keep the information update and keep the videos current. The videos also provide opportunities for businesses and non-profit organizations to have a presence on the video viewer. Non-profit organizations are eligible for a free presence on the Community Organizations video page. Businesses can subscribe to have their presence and links displayed on the different video pages. CGI Communication Representatives Logan Osborne and Jordon Chilton will be contacting local businesses and organizations to invite them to participate on the video pages.

The Video Tour is available on the City's Web page by clicking on the menu item on the bottom left corner of the web page labeled "Video Tour".

Police Department New CSO

The Cottage Grove Police Department would like to introduce the newest employee, Tisha Fetter. Tisha will be a Community Service Officer (CSO) and will start on Monday, January 14th. Some of the duties of a CSO include: Animal Control, Parking Enforcement, Municipal Jail duties, and Community presentations/events. Tisha and her family live in Cottage Grove. Welcome "Tisha".

Row River Bike Trail Cleanup

Tucker's Cupboard, a local non-profit group, cleaned up the beginning of the Row River Bike Trail the first weekend in January. The non-profit plans to do clean-ups on the first weekend of the month through the Winter. Tucker's Cupboard is a non-profit organization that helps financially care for canine households in the South Lane School District, has been cleaning up the Row River Bike Trail. The group assists with vet bills, pet medications and medical equipment. The local vet clinics refer candidates to them and they are endorsed by the Humane Society of Cottage Grove. Thank you to Tucker's Cupboard for helping to make the bike trail a safe place for citizens to ride.

Any group that is interested in finding fun team building volunteer opportunities can contact Rhonda Branstetter at the City Shop, (541) 767-4100, to coordinate clean-up projects on the Row River Trail.

NASA Coming Soon

The Cottage Grove Public Library is preparing for the arrival of NASA's latest national touring exhibit, "Discover Exoplanets, The Search For Alien Worlds", which will be on display January 30th through April 20th, 2019. Please plan to join us for a grand opening "STAR PARTY" with the Eugene Astronomical Society and their amazing collection of telescopes on Saturday, February 2nd from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at the Library. Please visit the Library website for a complete list of programs and special events related to this exhibition.

Discover Exoplanets Planetarium Field Trips

Now is the time for teens (13-17), or youth (7-12), to sign up to attend a free field trip to the Eugene Science Center and Planetarium. Children and their parent or guardian, should stop by the library soon to register for this field trip to see the "other half" of the Discover Exoplanets exhibit and to experience the "new" HD Planetarium show. The teen trip is on Saturday, February 16th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, and the youth trip will be on Saturday, March 3rd from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Quote of the Week

"Create a life that feels good on the inside, not one that just looks good on the outside."

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