

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 18, 2019

Armory Events and Improvements

There are only two events scheduled in the Cottage Grove Armory between now and the first weekend in April. This Saturday evening the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Annual Awards Banquet at the Cottage Grove Armory. The social hour starts at 5:00 with the dinner and program starting at 6:00 pm. Then next month on February 9th Habitat for Humanity will be holding their Crab Feed Fundraiser. We have had calls to schedule other events but we have closed the Armory to do some restroom remodeling during the next few months. By the first weekend in April we hope to have two new restrooms with four fixtures each on the main floor installed. Work has already begun, but more major work will make using the facility difficult to use.

We are also making final preparations to start soliciting bids for exterior improvements to the front entrance section of the building. We hope that the first portion of the exterior improvements can be completed before the end of the summer.

Prescription Drug Drop Box

The City of Cottage Grove has two prescription drug drop boxes; one box is located in the Police Department Lobby and accessible 7 days a week. The second box is located in the lobby of the Community Center just outside the Shepherd Room. Last year over 700 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications were collected and destroyed from the box in the Police Department. One of the best ways to prevent misuse of prescription medications is proper disposal as soon as they are no longer needed. Proper disposal is guaranteed by dropping those medications in the approved drop boxes. Medications should not be flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash. Some medications flushed into the sewer system are difficult or impossible to remove from the sewer system. The medications can also have a negative impact on the treatment process. Medications thrown in the trash can be retrieved from the trash and abused.

Medications placed in the drop boxes are collected by the Police Department and taken to an approved incinerator and destroyed.

Please help protect our community and dispose of any unused medications in the Drug Drop Boxes in the Police Department and Community Center.

Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, January 21st from 6:45 to 8:00 pm at City Hall.

Regional Local Managers Meeting

The City Manager attended a meeting of the local government managers from within Lane County on Thursday. The managers discussed continuing efforts of the County and communities to address the 9th Circuit Court ruling in the Martin v Boise case. Communities continue to struggle to find ways to address the wealth of issues raised. Managers also discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and the preparations that are currently underway and efforts that can be taken to help insure an accurate count for our communities and the State. Oregon may be receiving an additional Congressional seat and an accurate count would be critical to make sure that the seat is designated to Oregon.

Safe Routes to School Grant Award

In November, the Public Works & Development Staff submitted a Safe Routes to School Grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for \$1,272,143 to improve school routes to Lincoln Middle School and Harrison Elementary. On Wednesday, the Oregon Transportation Commission approved the request from Cottage Grove for the full amount. ODOT received 112 grant applications and awarded 24 grants for a total of \$15 million. This is great news and will ensure this project moves forward to construction this year.

CPR Class

Thursday, 25 City employees attended a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Class at the Cottage Grove Armory. The training was given by Oregon CPR out of Eugene. The employees attending will receive certification for CPR that is good for 2 years. The Police Department employees attending also received First Aid training and certification.

Golf Cart Wash Station

This week the Maintenance Division staff built a new wash station for golf carts at the Middlefield Golf Course. The wash station includes a new concrete pad with a 24" catch basin for filtering sediment, a water faucet, air hose outlet, and lighting. This replaces a gravel pad that was used for washing carts. The new concrete pad and catch basin will reduce impacts to the surrounding grass while treating the wash water catching oils and sediment as it drains off site.

Ameresco Energy Saving Projects Meeting

Friday, staff members from the Finance and Public Works & Development Departments met with Ameresco to discuss the Automated Water Meters, LED Street Lights, Facility Heating, Lighting, and Bio Solid Drying Projects. Preliminary energy audit results show the water meter, street lights, and several lighting and heating projects generate enough financial savings to service the debt for upgrading. Ameresco is going to perform further analysis to verify the savings to finalize the project list and present them to the City Council for project selection.

South Lane Community Broadcasting

The Public Works & Development Director attended the South Lane Community Broadcasting (SLCB) meeting this week. SLCB operates channel 14.4, a free TV station broadcast locally over the South Lane Television translator in Cottage Grove and the surrounding area. Garrett Bridgens works for South Lane School District teaching several media classes at the Cottage Grove High School. He and his students have been creating content and overseeing the operation of the TV station. Tonight on the High School's You Tube web page, his class will be broadcasting live the High School Boys Basketball game starting at 5:45 pm. If you have a chance to watch the game it would be a great opportunity to see what Garrett's students are up to. You can view the game at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lsyv0a3paOA>.

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", that will be on display from January 30th through April 20th, 2019. We are one of only eight libraries that will be receiving and showing this exhibit. Plan to join us for a Grand Opening "STAR PARTY" with the Eugene Science Center and 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 web site for a complete list of programs and special events related to this exhibition.

Discover Exoplanets Planetarium Field Trips

Now is the time for teens (ages 13-17) or youth (ages 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 16, 2019 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, and the youth trip will be on Saturday, March 2nd from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Quote of the Week

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.~