

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 1, 2019

Cycle Oregon is Returning

On Wednesday night Cycle Oregon held their annual Kickoff Party to announce the routes for the 2019 bicycle rides. The Classic 7-day ride to be held September 7th – 14th will once again be passing through the Cottage Grove community. The nearly 2,400 riders will be stopping at Schwarz Park on Friday, September 13th for their final night on the ride. On the 14th the riders will leave the area for the final day of riding back to the City of Oakridge.

Since 1988 Cycle Oregon has been holding an annual bicycle ride that highlights the beauty and wonder of rural Oregon. Since that first ride 62,000 bicyclists have ridden the seven day ride. Cyclists come from almost all 50 states and countries including Canada, Germany, Italy, Norway, Great Britain and France. The age range of cyclists is 8 to 82 years old with the average rider being 53 years old.

Cycle Oregon is an Oregon nonprofit championing the economic vitality of the state, and dedicated to transforming individuals and communities through bicycling. Proceeds from the ride go to the Cycle Oregon Fund, which helps preserve and protect the special places of Oregon, and supports community development projects in the regions through which the organization rides.

The Cycle Oregon Fund is maintained by the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF). The Cycle Oregon board recommends grant opportunities to OCF to award through the Fund. Since the Cycle Oregon Fund was established in 1996, the organization has awarded 303 grants totaling \$2.2 million to communities and organizations throughout the state. Community grants support projects and programs throughout Oregon in three key areas: Environmental Conservation and Historic Preservation, Bicycle Safety & Tourism and Community Projects. Locally, Cottage Grove has received a grant from the Cycle Oregon Fund for the installation of two bicycle “fixit” stations along the Row River Trail.

The other way that Cycle Oregon impacts the local community is that they hire community groups to provide a wide range of services during the event. We will be looking for groups and organizations that will be willing to assist with unloading and loading gear, site cleanup, serving

meals to hosting rest stops and information booths. Any group interested should contact Travis Palmer with Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, February 4th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. The YAC will be making final preparations for their trip to the Legislature scheduled for the 18th and selecting delegates for the 2nd Annual Youth Summit to be held in Salem later this month. They will also have a guest speaker at the meeting.

Chamber Annual Business Luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Business Luncheon on Friday, February 22nd. Any City Councilor that would like to attend should contact the City Manager's office to make the reservations.

Community Coordinator Assistant

Congratulations to Jessica Klarr who has been hired as a Community Coordinator Assistant at the Community Center to help Teresa Cowan with the operations of the building and other community resource identification and coordination.

Armory Events - Closure

On February 9th Habitat for Humanity will be holding their annual Crab Feed in the Cottage Grove Armory. After the Crab Feed the Armory will be closed until April 13th. During the closure substantial remodeling will be underway to install two restrooms on the main floor. When the Armory opens back up for the Cottage Grove High School Sports Banquet on April 13th there will be beautiful new restrooms available on the main floor.

Additionally, the City is currently accepting bids for exterior restoration work on the front entrance portion of the façade. These two projects will be funded by grants and donations. We would love to do further work on the façade on South 7th Street and Washington Avenue but will need to find additional funding to undertake those improvements.

Cottage Grove Video Tour

On the City of Cottage Grove and the Chamber of Commerce webpages there is a community Video Tour that introduces visitors to our community. As a member of the National League of Cities the production of the video tour is free. Additional opportunities are available to highlight local businesses or organizations in association with the prepared tour videos. For the next two weeks a representative from CGI Communications, Logan Osbourne will be in the community to visit with interested businesses or organizations about the opportunity to participate and the costs to participate. Participation is totally voluntary and the Video Tour will exist with or without the additional participation from businesses or organizations.

To view the Video Tour go to the City's web page at www.cottagegrove.org and click on the "Video Tour" link located in the lower left hand corner of the webpage.

NASA Exoplanets Exhibit Is Here

The Cottage Grove Library is excited to announce the arrival of NASA's latest national touring exhibit, "Discover Exoplanets, The Search For Alien Worlds", that will be on display from January 30 to April 20, 2019. Join us at the Library on Saturday, February 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the Grand Opening "STAR PARTY" with the Eugene Science Center and the Eugene Astronomical Society and their amazing collection of telescopes. If the sky is clear, we will have telescopes set up to view the night sky until 10:00 pm. Visit the Library web site for a complete list of programs and special events related to this exhibition.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Pump Repair

Late last week at the Waste Water Treatment Plant one of the waste water influent pumps shattered and was pulled for repair. The pump needs extensive repairs that will take up to six weeks to complete. Treatment plant and maintenance staff worked hard this week to locate and install temporary pumps for use if needed. The Treatment Plant Superintendent was able to secure three portable pumps, one from the City of Woodburn, another from the City of Eugene and the last pump from the City's Row River Water Treatment Plant. Many thanks go out to Woodburn, Eugene, and the water treatment staff for allowing the use of their pumps during this repair.

Dog Food Donation

On Thursday Tractor Supply Company in Creswell donated approximately 220 pounds of dry dog food to the Cottage Grove Police Department for use at the City's kennels. The kennels are used by the Police Department to hold stray dogs until they are reunited with their people. Donations like this one are much appreciated to help reduce operating costs of the program. Thank you Tractor Supply Company for the very generous donation.

January Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of January the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 52 permits, 1 for a new manufactured home, and performed 141 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 18 permits and performed 68 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 10 permits were issued, and they performed 94 inspections. Staff reviewed and completed 5 plan sets in January and 12 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

Quote of the Week

"Advice is like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge~