

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 8, 2019

Happy Birthday!

The birthday candles will be burning bright – all 132 of them on Monday. Happy Birthday to the City of Cottage Grove, on Monday it will be 132 years since incorporation on February 11, 1887.

Commissioner Heather Buch Visits

Lane County Commissioner visited City Hall on Thursday afternoon to learn about City operations and issues. The City Manager met with her and discussed a number of the projects the City is working on. She was also introduced to a number of staff members.

Senator Wyden Town Hall

Senator Ron Wyden will be in Cottage Grove on Tuesday, February 19th at 1:30 for a Town Hall at Cottage Grove High School.

Business After Hours

The February Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be hosted by Banner Bank on Thursday, February 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Be sure to come to this great networking opportunity and also get a chance to check out the remodeled interior.

Lane County Public Health Accreditation

The City Manager was invited to participate in the Lane County Public Health Accreditation community partner meeting this week. Representatives from the Public Health Accreditation Board, a national, non-profit organization that creates the standards and evaluation public health departments performance were in Eugene to evaluate the Lane Council Public Health Department. The community partners meeting brought representatives from public and private entities together to provide feedback regarding the Health Department's performance.

Welcome back Shauna Neigh

Shauna Neigh started working Monday for the City in the Planning & Building Divisions as an Administrative Aide. Some might remember Shauna as she previously worked for Cottage Grove as a part time Code Compliance Officer in conjunction with working as the Main Street

Coordinator. We're excited to have her back working full time supporting both the Planning and Building Divisions.

Utility Maintenance Supervisor

Greg Griswell is the new Utility Maintenance Supervisor for the Public Works & Development Department. Greg has worked for the City's Utility Maintenance Division for a little over a year as a Leadman performing excellent work in addition to learning Cottage Grove's utility infrastructure. This includes everything necessary to operate, maintain, and repair the water distribution, sewer collection, storm drainage, and transportation systems. Before coming to Cottage Grove Greg worked 10 years as a Supervisor for Salina, Kansas in the Utilities Department.

Lane Solid Waste Stakeholders Meeting

Wednesday the Public Works & Development Director attended the Lane Solid Waste Stakeholders Meeting at Lane County's Delta Public Works Building. Lane County shared with the group the plans to propose a tipping fee increase of 2.5% to the Board of Commissioners. The fee increase is needed to pay for the increase in operation costs due to inflation. They also shared the County's new Recycle Guide and the 2019 goal of achieving 53% recovery of all recyclables from the waste. Lane County' Waste Management Department will be producing a quarterly newsletter, Curbside News, that will be mailed to all Cottage Grove residents inside the City's UGB (Urban Growth Boundary).

The Director for BRING gave a legislative update on bills that could impact the handling of waste, which included disposal of household hazardous waste, used mattresses, and prescription drugs.

Lastly there was a presentation by METRO sharing the results of a Portland survey/poll regarding resident's values toward recycling. The poll showed that the majority of residents in the Portland area value recycling and support improving recycling opportunities. One interesting survey result is communicating recycling information is confusing and has been difficult for residents to understand. In the future efforts will be made to improve communication and messages to residents. Lane County is planning to do a similar survey/poll in 2019.

NASA Exhibit Is Here

The Cottage Grove Public Library is hosting the amazing NASA's national touring exhibit, "Discover Exoplanets, The Search For Alien Worlds". The interactive exhibit will be on display from January 30 to April 20, 2019. Please visit the Library web site for a complete list of programs and special events related to this exhibition.

Quote of the Week

"In baseball and in business, there are three types of people. Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wondered what happened."

~Tommy Lasorda~