

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 22, 2019

Legislative Day for the YAC

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) sent a five member delegation to Salem on Monday to visit with our Legislators and learn more about the legislative process. Ms. Scrima, Vice Principal from Cottage Grove High School joined the group. Thank you to Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden for taking time out of their busy schedule to visit and listen to the views from our youth. The youth shared their insights on Career Technical Education funding and other issues. The youth watched the full House Floor Session and appreciated the House Courtesy extended by Representative Hayden. Thank you also to the League of Cities for providing a meeting space for the youth to use for lunch. Also thank you to Jim McCauley, League Legislative Director, for visiting with the youth during lunch and describing the role the League plays at the Legislature and describing the work he does as a lobbyist.

2019 Oregon Youth Summit

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) sent five members to the 2nd Annual Oregon Youth Summit. The Oregon Youth Summit is an opportunity for youth councils around the state to come together and discuss their projects and activities to learn and strengthen their organizations. The idea to hold a Youth Summit was born two years ago after the Happy Valley and Cottage Grove YACs made a presentation at the LOC Conference in Portland. Happy Valley leadership took the idea and gathered support from other YACs and planned the summit. Representatives from 9 youth councils around the state attended and shared information. It was a great opportunity. The Cottage Grove delegation gleaned a number of ideas and were already starting some planning efforts on the ride home. The members of the Cottage Grove YAC thank Happy Valley for planning the event and the Cottage Grove City Council for the opportunity to go to the summit.

New Police Officer

The Police Department has hired a new police officer, Juan Hernandez, who has previous experience from the Eugene Police Department. With the addition of Officer Juan Hernandez, the department will have filled all vacant positions. Hernandez and his family are from the area

and his brother-in-law is fellow CGPD Officer Josh Dumas. Hernandez will start on Monday, March 4th.

Officers Harry Sullivan and Wendie Jackson are currently attending the DPSST Police Academy and will graduate on Friday, March 15th. The additional officers will allow for more shift coverage once field training is completed.

Cottage Grove 2019 Bridge Repairs

The City of Cottage Grove is launching a new construction project that includes repair and restoration of the E. Main Street Bridge, the Silk Creek Bridge and the Harrison Bridge. The tentative dates of construction are February 27th through May 24th, 2019. There will be a public information meeting on Tuesday, March 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 405 E. Main Street.

For up-to-date lane closures and construction information, visit the Construction Corner on the City's webpage at: www.cottagegrove.org or contact Civil Engineer, Ryan Sisson at (541) 942-3349 or civilengineer@cottagegrove.org

Annual Cottage Grove Chamber Luncheon

Mayor Gowing, Councilor Fleck and the Public Works & Development Director spoke at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Luncheon. Mayor Gowing gave the State of the City Address and Councilor Fleck discussed the Housing Needs Analysis results and recommendations. The Public Works & Development Director shared the changes to the Building, Planning, and Engineering Divisions over the past year. He also shared with the group the state of the development activities thorough out Cottage Grove.

Quote of the Week

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~