

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 22, 2019

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, March 25th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Regional Managers Meet

The local government managers from throughout Lane County met in Florence this week. The meeting included a discussion of the design and development process of for the Florence City Hall remodel. They also discussed emergency preparedness efforts and storm response in the communities impacted by the recent storm and a discussion about training opportunities and possible coordination of a regional training for staff and elected officials.

Commissioner Buch Visit

The Mayor and City Manager met with Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch on Friday and discussed a variety of issues including homeless, emergency preparedness, Mayor's Ball and Industrial Park expansion.

Paid Internship Opportunity Cottage Grove Library

Cottage Grove High School incoming juniors, seniors, or college freshman students (from the Cottage Grove area) are encouraged to apply for a PAID Summer Internship at the Cottage Grove Public Library. This opportunity is part of the Inclusive Internship Initiative, a program of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. The Cottage Grove Public Library was selected by ALA, through a competitive process, to participate in this program and receive funding for a Summer Intern.

Internship Details:

- Rate of pay will be minimum wage, \$11.25 per hour; approximately 20 hours work per week.
- Intern should be from a background representing the diversity of the local community (Spanish speaking required)
- Intern must be able to attend a kick-off event, June 13-15, 2019, in Chicago, IL and a wrap-up event in Washington D.C., September 20-22, 2019. All travel and lodging will be arranged and paid by ALA.
- The Inclusive Internship Initiative program will utilize concepts of "Connected Learning", which combines personal interests, supportive relationships, and real-world opportunities.

Applications must be received by Friday, April 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm. For more information, please call Pete Barrell at: (541)767-4147.

Youth Advisory Council Academy

Thank you to everyone that helped with the YAC Academy on Monday. The youth enjoyed the experiences and were exhausted after it was over. Thank you to staff that took time to prepare and present experiences to the YAC. Thank you to the Mayor and Councilors that joined them for lunch.

Storm Tree and Limb Debris

The City will be sending the attached flyer out in the next City Utility bills providing details about the upcoming limb and tree pickup. City crews will be checking all street and park trees for hanging broken limbs and will be removing or scheduling the removal by a tree service. The collection site for debris (only tree, shrub or bush – vegetative debris) will remain available for citizens to drop off material until the end of May. City crews will be picking up debris the week of May 6 and May 20. Debris should be piled out on the street the weekend before. They will likely be collecting other debris earlier but would encourage the debris to be placed the weekend prior to the collection week.

Scenic Bikeway Tour

The newly hired Scenic Bikeway Coordinator from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department visited with the City Manager and Natalie Inouye today. The City Manager took them on a quick tour of the Scenic Bikeway and observed the debris that is on the Row River Trail beyond Mosby Creek. Some work has begun on the trail by the BLM contractor. They also discussed the Scenic Bikeway Program and topics to discuss at the next Scenic Bikeways Advisory Committee meeting.

Coffee With a Cop

Thursday, March 21st, members of the department were on hand at the Cottage Grove McDonald's for the second Coffee with a Cop event. McDonald's hosted the event and provided free coffee and cookies to officers and citizens. The event gives members of the community an opportunity to chat with a police officer in a safe and friendly environment. The event photos can be seen on the department's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CottageGrovePolice/>

NASA at the Library

The NASA national touring exhibit, *Discover Exoplanets, The Search for Alien Worlds*, continues to be on display at the Cottage Grove Public Library. We are in the final month of displaying this cool STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) infused exhibit, so please stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library soon to check it out.

Exoplanet Family Fun Event Success

Last Saturday a steady stream of Cottage Grove residents, as well as visitors from other regions of Western Oregon, enjoyed a family event filled with Astronomy fun for children of all ages. We designed and ate "Planetary Pizzas" and made "Celestial Slime" and did other fun Astronomy STEM activities. Thank you to our patrons for joining us for this cool, fun and educational STEM event at your library.

Exoplanet Costume Making Workshops

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library for two upcoming Exoplanet Costume Making workshops. The workshops will be Monday, March 25th and Monday, April 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to make a celestially inspired costume in preparation for our final Exoplanet event, an Exoplanet Costume Party and Dance on Saturday, April 13, 2019. We have all the supplies, so come on down and join in the fun.

Exoplanet Film Festival

Please join us next Wednesday, March 27th at the Cottage Grove Public Library when we will screen the film “ Wall-E” as part of our Wednesday Exoplanet Film Festival. The film is from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and popcorn and fun are sure to happen. Please bring a friend or two and join us for this fun afternoon Spring Break event.

Wisdom Seekers at the Exoplanet Exhibit

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library when the Wisdom Seekers group will meet for their monthly discussion, inspired this month by the search for Exoplanets. The Wisdom Seekers will meet Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm at the Library and everyone is welcome to join in the informal discussion and community networking event.

Bi-Lingual Family Story Time at the Library

Every Monday evening at 6:30 pm we feature Bi-Lingual Family Story Time at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Please join us for stories, crafts and fun, in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to this cool and fun family evening event.

Ukulele at the Library

Always wanted to learn Ukulele? Ever noticed how Ukuleles are appearing in film and commercials and in music videos a lot lately? That's because playing the Ukulele is very cool and you can be cool too. Simply stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library, check out a Ukulele (yes, check it out, take it home, play it) and consider joining us every Thursday morning for an informal Ukulele jam, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. This Ukulele jam is for adults, and in the summer we have a similar Ukulele jam session for kids. Stop by soon to chat with our Library Staff about how you too can be cool by checking out one of our Ukuleles.

Quote of the Week

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.”

~Anne Bradstreet~