

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 5, 2019

Cottage Grove History Survey

The City of Cottage Grove is working with our Heritage Partners to update our Historic Preservation Plan. A brief survey has been developed to get the community's feedback on Cottage Grove's heritage. The feedback will be used to help the City and partners, including the Cottage Grove Historical Society, Cottage Grove Museum, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, EBID, Main Street Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, develop plans for preservation of the community's heritage resources over the next five years. The survey is available at www.cottagegrove.org/historysurvey and takes less than 3 minutes to complete. Survey results are being collected through May 1st. Paper versions of the survey can be picked up at City Hall.

March 2019 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of March the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 36 permits, and performed 148 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 20 permits, one for a new home, and performed 42 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 15 permits were issued, and 83 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and completed 10 plan sets in March and 11 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

Row River Water Treatment Plant Health Check

This week PALL Water, manufacturer of the water treatment plant's filtration system, had their Aria Care Team visit the Row River Water Treatment Plant and perform a health check of the filtration system. Initial reports are the filtration system is in good condition and operating as designed. The care team will be taking one of the filter canisters back to their facility to perform an autopsy on the filter. The autopsy will allow them to determine the condition of the filter. PALL Water will use this information to predict life expectancy of the remaining filters and make recommendations on any changes on operating and cleaning procedures. PALL Water's visit and analysis will provide valuable information as the City's filtration system is 10 years old and close to the original projected life expectancy of the filters.

Swinging Bridge Update

Wednesday, Councilor Roberts, Dana Merryday (Friends of the Swinging Bridge member) and City staff, met with Hamilton Construction and Ausland Group for review and discussion of the 65% design plans and cost estimate for the Swinging Bridge Rebuild Project. The plans for the project are coming along nicely and are meeting the timeline for the project. Ausland Group

anticipates completing the design and providing the final design to the City next week. Upon completion of the design, Hamilton Construction will seek subcontractor bids to complete the lump sum cost proposal for the project. Staff and Hamilton Construction are planning to present the Swinging Bridge rebuild costs to City Council in May. If approved by Council in May the Swinging Bridge rebuild is expected to be complete by the end of September, 2019.

Operation: Veteran Freedom Workshop

The Community Center is helping to host a free transformational workshop for all Veterans and their families on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The free workshop includes breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required register at: www.na2evs.org/events

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive on Monday April 8, 2019 from 11:30 am 5:30 pm at the Community Center. Please contact BloodworksNW at 1-800-398-7888 for information and to schedule an appointment. Walk-in's will be welcome but an appointment can make the experience better. All donors must bring their photo ID. The Blood Drive will be closed for lunch between 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

What's Up With AARP

Representatives from the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) will be holding Coffee with AARP on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10 am. Anyone interested in learning more about the projects and activities of AARP in Cottage Grove can come in for coffee and conversation. Register to come by calling 1-877-926-8300.

Community Coordinator Assistant

Welcome to the new Full Time Community Coordinator Assistant, Jessica Klarr in the Community Center. Jessica started full time in her position April 1st. She will be helping to oversee activities and rentals within the City of Cottage Grove Community Center.

Hey There Blue Sky

The City of Cottage Grove participates in Pacific Power's Blue Sky Renewable Energy program. During 2018 the City's participation resulted in the reduction of 205,009 pounds of carbon dioxide. We supported 226,800 kilowatt hours of renewable energy which would equal the energy generated by 336 solar panels for a year.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, April 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

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 before April 20th to check it out.

Exoplanet Costume Making Workshop

The Library will be holding an Exoplanet Costume Making workshop on Monday, April 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to help people make celestially inspired costumes for the final Exoplanet event, an Exoplanet Costume Party and Dance to be held on Saturday, April 13th.

Exoplanet Film Festival

The Exoplanet Film Festival continues at the Library with a screening of the film “Zathura” on Wednesday, April 10th beginning at 3:00 pm. The film, popcorn and fun is free. The Exoplanet Film Festival has been a fun and successful part of the Discover Exoplanet exhibit at the library.

Space Party at the Library

The final Exoplanet event celebrating and saying farewell to the fantastic NASA Discover Exoplanets Exhibit will be a party that is certain to attract creatures from throughout the universe. Saturday, April 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm the Library will come alive with space inspired costumes at the Exoplanet Costume Party and Dance. Everyone is invited to come in their favorite alien costume, or come as yourself. All ages are welcome, bring a friend, and come join in the out-of-this-world fun.

Quote of the Week

To consider oneself different from ordinary men is wrong, but it is right to hope that one will not remain like ordinary men.

~ Yoshida Shoin ~