

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 19, 2019

A 230 Year Tradition

The City Manager met with Michelle Maher, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census to discuss opportunities and preparations for the 2020 Census. The Census is a 230 year tradition started when Thomas Jefferson directed the first census in 1790. This year's census will be very important for the State of Oregon as well as Cottage Grove. The results of the census could possibly result in the State of Oregon gaining an additional seat in Congress. It will be used to redistrict state legislative districts and the numbers will be used to allocate state and federal dollars to the community. Watch for more information about the 2020 Census and opportunities to ensure an accurate count in our community.

Additionally, the U.S. Census is currently recruiting staff to assist with the 2020 Census in Lane County. For more information contact 1-855-JOB-2020 to find out more information or to apply for a job with the Census.

Snowmagedon Debrief

City staff organized a meeting of all the organizations that responded to the needs of the community during the February snow storm. Attending the meeting were representatives from PeaceHealth, South Lane School District, County Sheriff's office, State Police, EPUD, Red Cross, Pacific Power and South Lane County Fire and Rescue and they discussed the responses to and impact from the snow storm in February and also the flooding April. The meeting was a great opportunity to get all the organizations together and share information and insights. We will be pulling together some of the insights and preparing for future events.

Cycle Oregon

The Chamber Executive Director, Travis Palmer and City Manager met with Tara Corbin from Cycle Oregon to begin the preparations for Cycle Oregon's visit to the community in September. Cyclists will be arriving to our area on Friday, September 13th for the last night of the cycling event and staying the night at Schwarz Park before their trip back to Oakridge to end the ride on Saturday. Community groups and organizations will have the opportunity to help with the event and earn funds for their organization. Anyone interested in helping with Cycle Oregon's stay in the community should contact Travis at the Chamber of Commerce.

Art Walk Begins

Next week on Friday, April 26th the 2019 season of Art Walk officially begins at 6:00 pm downtown. The last Friday of every week through October will host the Art Walk activities. Be sure to take advantage of the wonderful art and food during the season.

Yard of the Week

We are just three weeks away from the 21st season of the Yard of the Week awards starting on Friday, May 10th. All single family residences within the City are eligible for the award. Nominations for Yard of the Week can be submitted to the City Manager's office or to the Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of the Yard of the Week award not only receive the fame and recognition as the Yard of the Week but they also receive a credit for the water portion of their City Utility bill and gift certificates from the Chamber of Commerce and the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

2019-20 Budget Committee Meetings

Staff has been busily creating the 2019-20 Proposed Budget. The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm. At that meeting the City Manager will present the 2019-20 Proposed Budget for the Committee's consideration. A second Budget Committee meeting has been scheduled for the following Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm if needed. Budget documents should be available by May 1st.

2019 Earth Day

The 2019 Earth Day Celebration will take place tomorrow, April 20th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Coiner Park. Fun for the whole family, the event is free and open to the public. The event will feature three local tours, live music all day, informational booths hosted by community organizations, local vendors, kids' activities, food, and a rummage sale benefiting the Friends of the Swinging Bridge.

The FREE tours will take place at the City of Cottage Grove Drinking Water Treatment Plant at 11:00 am; City of Cottage Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant at 12:30 pm; and Singing Creek Farm at 2:00 pm. Round trip transportation from Coiner Park to each tour location will be provided by South Lane Wheels at no cost to participants. Tour registration is required and if any spots remain, they will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis.

At 3:00 pm, a representative from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Link Smith, will present Mayor Gowing with the City's 25th 'Tree City USA Award' and its 2nd Growth Award. Mayor Gowing will also read the Arbor Day Proclamation, a plaque will be placed and an Oregon White Oak has been planted in honor of this award. We would like to thank Doak Creek Nursery for the beautiful tree.

The Earth Day Celebration is put on by the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, the City of Cottage Grove's Urban Forestry Commission, and Parent Partnership.

Quote of the Week

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."

~Lady Bird Johnson~