

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 26, 2019

### **Downtown Cleanup**

Join the fun on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm as volunteers will converge on downtown Cottage Grove to help get it ready for the Spring and Summer activities. Everyone should meet at All-America City Park. Remember to bring gloves and any tools, (shovels, rakes or brooms). Some tools will be provided.

### **Yard of the Week**

The 21<sup>st</sup> season of Yard of the Week starts May 10<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to be on the lookout for any yards that deserve recognition. Turn in the nominations to the City Manager's office or the Chamber of Commerce office.

### **The Cottage Grove Waver, Clarence**

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Clarence Kreamier "The Cottage Grove Waver" passed away at the age of 70. For several years Clarence spent time sitting along East Main Street at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street waving to folks as they drove by. He had a large following supporting his effort to brighten everyone's day. Several requests to place a bench at the location where Clarence sat were received by the Mayor and Council members.



The Mayor secured permission from the land owner, Ernie Olson for the City to install a bench in Clarence's memory. The Public Works & Development staff located a new bench and had Golden Rod Graphics, Rod Lundy, paint an American Flag on the seat back with the following inscription, "In Memory of Clarence Kreamier Cottage Grove Waver". City staff will pour a concrete pad next Monday and install the bench by the end of the week. Thank you to everyone involved in making the memorial bench a reality. If members in the community wish to make a donation to help cover costs of the bench please come to City Hall to make a donation.

### **Brush Mountain**

On Monday Lane Forest Products will start chipping the large mountain of brush on North 12<sup>th</sup> Street behind DariMart. A pile of chips will be available for residents to take in a self serve u-haul

manner. Lane Forest will be chipping a couple days a week until everything is chipped. To recover costs of the chipping some of the chips will be sold as hog fuel to local mills. We will monitor the local demand and do our best to have enough chips available for local residents to have and use.

City crews will be performing our regular limb pickup working their way throughout the City starting the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> making a second round the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Residents are encouraged to have their limbs out the weekend before the pickup dates and asked to follow the guidelines for preparing the limbs for pickup. The guidelines are available at [cottagegrove.org](http://cottagegrove.org).

### **Leadership Training**

On Wednesday, the Utility Supervisor and Public Works & Development Director attended the Spring Supervisor Training held by City/County Insurance Services (CIS). The five-hour training focused on communication skills, daily interaction, how to address difficult situations, and gave updates on new employment laws.

### **NASA Has Left The Building**

The NASA Discover Exoplanets exhibit has departed Cottage Grove. The Cottage Grove Library would like to extend a special "Thank You" to NASA's Universe of Learning, to the Space Science Institute and to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for providing this amazing STEM themed astronomy exhibit to our Library and community. Thanks also goes out to the Eugene Science Center for being a fantastic partner on this exhibit, and to Cottage Grove resident scientist Steve Kilston for his participation in this Exoplanet endeavor. Thanks also to Cottage Grove Library staff and patrons for their work and participation toward making Discover Exoplanets a spectacular experience for all. And of course, thanks to E.T. for helping us all understand that "Aliens" can be loveable creatures too.

### **Lego Time at the Library**

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm is Lego's and Movie time for Kids at the Library. Kids are invited to come build their Lego creations that will then be displayed at the Library for family, friends and the public to view. They can also enjoy a family friendly film and some popcorn.

### **Oregon Library Association Conference**

Members of the Cottage Grove Library staff attended the joint Oregon and Washington Library Association Conference in Vancouver, Washington last week. The conference featured an amazing collection of classes, presentations, and workshops, and the team brought back some great ideas from other northwest public libraries and school libraries. The Cottage Grove staff also shared some of our programming and collection accomplishments with the other library professionals at the conference.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case you fail by default."*

*~ J.K. Rowling ~*