

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 17, 2019

### **Youth Advisory Meeting Rescheduled**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Many of the YAC members will be away as Outdoor School Counselors on the 20<sup>th</sup>. They are continuing their plans for the Youth Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at City Hall.

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 220 South R Street. Be sure to be on the look out for those yards that need that special recognition as a Yard of the Week. Nominations can be submitted to the City Manager's office or to the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Symphony Preparations**

The City staff met with representatives from the Eugene Symphony to discuss details and share ideas for this year's Eugene Symphony Concert in Cottage Grove. The Eugene Symphony will be coming on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. This year will be another spectacular experience with some new surprises planned. Mark your calendars and make plans for this great concert in the Bohemia Park Amphitheater.

### **Armed Forces Day Lunch**

The City Manager attended a special lunch at Magnolia Gardens on Friday to honor veterans and current members of the military. The lunch was organized to provide an opportunity for several of the residents to celebrate and share their experiences. Former long-time City Councilor Pat Patterson was present.

### **Memorial Day Ceremony**

On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony in the Cottage Grove Armory. Following the ceremony there will be a procession walk to the Main Street Bridge for the 21 gun salute and the laying of the wreath honoring all the veterans that were lost during the last year.

### **2019-20 Annual Budget**

The first Budget Committee meeting was held Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The Budget Committee received the Budget Message from the Budget Officer, City Manager Richard Meyers, and proceeded to review the budget by fund. Once the review was completed, the Budget Committee approved the Budget.

The next steps include Public Hearings to receive comments about the proposed budget and on the proposed uses of State Shared Revenues. The Budget Hearings before the City Council are scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The 2019-20 Proposed Budget is available for review at City Hall, as well as on the City's website: [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org)

### **Limb Pickup**

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> City Utility Crews will be starting the second and final round of limb pickup throughout the City. Please have your limbs out and ready for pickup by end of day Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Citizens will still be able to use the limb drop site on N. 12th Street behind Dari Mart. The City plans to keep the drop site open until Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. After that date citizens will need to dispose of woody debris at the Lane County Transfer Station on Sears Road. Lane Forest Products will be back grinding the large pile after Memorial Day weekend. Wood chips are available free of charge on a first come basis. Interested individuals will need to load and haul the wood chips themselves.

### **Open House**

Thursday afternoon Planning and Engineering Staff held an open house at Lincoln Middle School to share information regarding the S.4<sup>th</sup> and E. Harrison Streets safe routes to school project. Approximately 12 home owners along project boundaries attended. Staff answered questions and shared with each owner the areas where the City will need to acquire additional property for the new sidewalks. Owners had questions regarding existing fences, landscaping, plantings, trees, irrigation, and power poles and how those items will be addressed as the project moves toward construction. Included in the project will be improving school bus routes down Fillmore Street and building a new student drop off and loading zone along S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street parallel to the existing school bus drop off lane.

City staff is working to get the project out to bid in early June with a construction start date in July. The construction will start with replacing existing water, sewer, and storm lines, followed by construction of new sidewalks and repaving of the streets. Construction will begin on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Taylor to Grant. Staff is hoping to have the improvement in that location done before the start of the 2019-20 school year. The entire project will be complete by Spring of 2020.

Please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541)942-3349 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project. City staff will be reaching out to effected property owners throughout the construction to give project updates. Updates will also be available weekly on the City's website under the Construction Corner page.

### **Congratulations Ryan Kimball**

Wednesday, Ryan Kimball passed the Oregon Water Treatment Plant Level I certification test. Ryan has been employed with the City as an Operator-in-Training and working at the Row River Water Treatment Plant for 14 months. Before Ryan could take the level I certification test the State of Oregon requires a minimum of one year working in a water treatment plant. Ryan took several water treatment classes in preparation for the certification test. Congratulations Ryan on achieving the Level I certification for water treatment.

### **Crafternoon at the Library**

Everyone is invited to drop in at the Cottage Grove Library on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 pm for "Saturday Crafternoon", where folks can bring their knitting and other supplies and "drop-in" for some fun, crafting and socialization.

### **Library Summer Adventure Sign-Ups Begin**

Now is the time for families to sign up their children ages 3 to 17 for the Cottage Grove Public Library "nature inspired" Friday field trips for kids. These trips are fun and educational and take us out into the magnificent landscapes and habitat systems of Western Oregon. Kids will have a chance to hike, bike, sandboard, swim, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, whitewater raft and more. Trips are each Friday through the Summer and they begin in June when school is out. Parent chaperones are welcome on each trip too. Anyone interested should stop by the library soon to sign up for these adventure filled trips.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.”*

*~Henry James~*