

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 25, 2019

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The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Sentinel Reporter Tours

On Friday, the Mayor and City Manager arranged tours of City facilities and operations for Damien Sherwood the new reporter at the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Thank you to all the department heads and staff that joined the tour and provided information or answered questions.

City Day at the Capitol

The Mayor, Councilor Boone and the City Manager attended City Day at the Capitol sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Mayors Association on Thursday. Over 150 officials from cities throughout Oregon attended and had the opportunity to hear from Governor Kate Brown and State Legislature leaders. The Cottage Grove delegation visited with Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden and discussed the issues that are facing cities throughout the State and current proposed legislation that could impact cities.

Oregon RAIN

The City Manager with representatives from the Community Development Corporation, Matt Parsons and Len Blackstone attended a meeting in Coburg to hear information about Oregon RAIN. Members of the CDC and Economic/Business Improvement District will be visiting with the City to discuss the Oregon RAIN opportunities to determine if the program is something that would be beneficial to Cottage Grove.

Oregon Water Utility Council Meeting

The Row River Water Treatment Plant Superintendent and the Public Works & Development Director attended the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association's monthly meeting in Keizer. Karl Morgenstern from Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) gave a presentation on the Willamette Future Project regarding their effort to improve and protect the Willamette River system by enhancing spill response plans and monitoring Algae Blooms for potential impacts to drinking water producers. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) gave an update on their proposed budget and rule making for 2019. It is very likely the fees paid by the City to OHA will be increasing substantially. The Association is working hard to reduce

impact of the new rules and fee increases. There was a report on the Legislature and the new bills filed. At this time there are over 1,700 bills filed and the report highlighted 32 of the bills that could impact the operation of the City's water treatment plant.

Kickin' It With the Cops

The Police Department has begun preparing for the Third Annual Kickin' it with Cops event scheduled for Friday, June 21st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. With the help of a volunteer, the department has begun mailing letters to business owners that wish to assist in the event by either becoming a sponsor or by providing raffle prizes or donating food to be served at the event.

The event was the brainstorm of former City Councilor Amy Slay. The summer kickoff was launched three years ago, to provide the citizens of Cottage Grove the opportunity to get to know the Police Department in a relaxed, family friendly environment. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact Janice Cramer at jcramer@cgpolicy.org or call (541) 942-9145, Ext. 138.

Quote of the Week

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow”

~Albert Einstein~