

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 24, 2019

### **Memorial Day Ceremony**

The American Legion is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony in the Cottage Grove Armory on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. After the Ceremony participants will march to the Main Street Bridge and to lay the Memorial Wreath and for the gun salute. Everyone is invited to attend this important ceremony to recognize Memorial Day as a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces.

City offices and Library will be closed for Memorial Day.

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is a beautiful yard located at 1425 North 19<sup>th</sup>. The yard has a number of beautiful flowers blooming adding splashes of color to an well maintained and organized yard.

### **Gran Fondo**

Next weekend there will be hundreds of cyclists from around the country in downtown Cottage Grove to participate in the Oregon Gran Fondo one of the top Gran Fondos in the country. The mass start for the Gran, Medio and Piccolo rides will be at 8:30 am on Saturday. The first riders of the 117 mile Gran should be returning to downtown Cottage Grove at about 1:00. Be sure to come downtown and experience the excitement and cheer on the riders as the take off or return. The City and Chamber continue to explore opportunities to expand the attraction of the event and make the experience special for the guests that join the community for the ride. Several local businesses are planning sidewalk sales this year as part of the event. So come downtown and see what is happening.

### **Science Pub**

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be holding their monthly Science Pub on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. This month's topic is especially timely with the recent wildfire and the concerns about a terrible fire season on the horizon. The topic is: Fire Science: Oak versus Fir Habitats that will be presented by Alex Rahmlow, Fire Planning Coordinator with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). This presentation will explain how to manipulate fire behavior on your property and community by planning and treating hazardous fuels, and the pros and cons of oak and fir on the landscape. The Science Pub begins at 5:00 pm with Watershed Updates and Trivia and the presentation begins at 6:00 pm at the Axe & Fiddle Public House in downtown Cottage Grove.

### **Bohemia Mining Days Preparations**

The City Manager met with a representative from Civil War Reenactors that will be a part of Bohemia Mining Days this summer. They will be bringing civilian, Calvary and Artillery reenactors to provide an authentic glance into what life was like in the mid -1800s in the Oregon. The reenactment encampment will be located in Trailhead Park. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Bohemina Mining Days Celebration July 18 – 20.

### **113th Annual Conference of the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA)**

Public finance professionals from across North America and around the world came together to share ideas, discover new technologies, sharpen skills, and network with peers at the 113th Annual GFOA Conference. The City's Accounting Technician, Jennifer Violette, received a conference scholarship from the GFOA as a first-time attendee, one of 50 that were awarded in Oregon. Both she and the Finance Director attended a host of sessions ranging from Updates on Governmental Accounting Board Standards, Budgeting and Auditing, the latest in Health Care Trends, Accounting for Grants, Investing in Infrastructure, Banking Services, Capital Asset Best Practices, and many, many more. There were over 5,000+ attendees at this year's conference with a total membership of 20,500 and growing in the organization.

### **FEMA Disaster Declaration Next Steps**

Tuesday City staff attended a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) meeting in Eugene to learn the next steps following the Federal Disaster Declaration for the Winter storm on February 24th. Within the next two weeks the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management will assign a Program Manager to the City that will assist City staff in filing the items necessary for reimbursement of up to 75% of approved storm related expenses. The City has six months from May 2, 2019 to complete repairs and clean up from the storm. Staff hopes to have everything completed by the end of June.

### **Brush Drop Off Site Will Close**

On Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, City staff will close the limb drop off site on North 12<sup>th</sup> Street behind Dari Mart. City staff completed the City wide limb pickup on Thursday. Staff will be cleaning up the storm damaged trees and limbs along the Row River Trail to the Mosby Creek Trail Head next week.

Lane Forest Products will be back to continue grinding the brush pile next Tuesday. Wood grindings will be available on a first come first serve basis. Individuals taking the wood chips are required to self load and haul to their property.

### **Emergency Preparedness Workshop**

Thursday Sam Haynes, Senior Row River Water Treatment Plant Operator, and the Public Works & Development Director attended an emergency preparedness workshop at EWEB's Operations Center in Eugene. The workshop was seven hours long and covered twelve different topics. Staff learned the City will be required under state law to complete a risk and resilience assessment of the water treatment plant by July of 2021 and file an updated Emergency Action Plan by December 31, 2021 incorporating the results of the risk and assessment report. Other topics presented were; Incident Command Systems (ICS), Public Outreach, Table Top Exercises, Water and Wastewater Agency Response Networks (WARNs), Cyber Security, Facility Security, and Personal Preparedness. The workshop was presented by the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association. The topics covered and information presented was excellent and very timely in light of the natural disasters we have experienced this past year.

### **Summer Reading Program Kick-Off**

On Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> the Cottage Grove Library will hold the 2019 Summer Reading Kick-Off Event from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This year the theme is a "Universe of Stories" and this event will launch a Summer filled with reading and story culture from around the world. There will be a great "goodie bag" and free ice cream courtesy of Umpqua Bank.

### **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" "STEAM" Friday field trips for kids. (STEAM= Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). 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*

*"As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars."*

*~ John M. McHugh~*