

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 3, 2019

Federal Disaster Declaration

On Thursday the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management announced the Federal Government issued a disaster declaration for Five Oregon counties as a result of the February 24th snow storm and ordered federal assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts. This is great news for the City as there will be funding assistance available for the emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm. More than \$30 million in damage was documented in the five counties, Lane, Coos, Curry Douglas, and Jefferson. Lane County has an estimate of over \$17.5 million in damage. Cottage Grove's estimated damage is over \$240,000. The City could receive reimbursement of up to 75% of all qualifying expenses as a result of the storm.

2019-20 Budget Committee Meeting – Scheduled for May 7, 2019, 6:00 pm

The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at **6:00** pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 400 E. Main Street. At this meeting the City Manager will present the 2019-20 Proposed Budget for the Committee's consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on the uses of State Revenue Sharing monies, as well as public comment will be taken along with requests for appropriations. A second Budget Committee meeting has been slated for the following Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm if needed. The Budget document is now available at City Hall.

April 2019 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of April the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 63 permits, two for new homes and performed 138 inspections in Cottage Grove. Staff issued 12 permits, one for a new home and one home rebuild after a fire, and performed 56 inspections for the City of Creswell. In Veneta, 11 permits were issued, two for new homes and performed 35 inspections. Staff reviewed and completed 18 plan sets in April and 12 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

Brush Mountain Grinding Update

This week Lane Forest Products worked 3 days grinding approximately 5,000 cubic yards of wood debris collected over the last 2 months from storm damage. They sold 39 truck loads to mills in the surrounding area for hog fuel. They also left approximately 500 yards of ground material at the site for local residents. The material is available at North 12 Street near the parking lot for LuLu's Dog Park. There are two piles of chips available on a first come first serve

basis. Residents will need to load and haul the material themselves. Lane Forest Products will be grinding the large pile over the next 4 to 5 weeks. The City will monitor the demand for chips locally and work to keep a pile available to residents throughout the month of May.

Limb Pickup Starts Next Week

City staff would like to remind Cottage Grove residents that limb pickup starts next week. Please have your limb piles out by Monday morning the 6th. For directions on where and how to stack your limbs please go to the cottagegrove.org. Staff would also ask that if there is a pile in your neighborhood to please leave space between parked cars and the pile so they can be picked up easily. If you're unable to get your limbs out by the 6th City staff will be making a second round of limb pickup starting May 20th. Please have your limbs out no later than May 19th.

Three Bridges Repair Update

This week, the Main Street Bridge received a new polymer-concrete deck surface that will greatly extend the life of the bridge. Renovations to railings and concrete pillars were also completed on the south side of the Main Street Bridge.

Looking ahead, on Monday, May 6th, one lane of Silk Creek Bridge (S. River Road) will be closed at a time with flaggers controlling traffic. Contractors will excavate and then install large 1" thick steel plates that will prevent future undermining of both bridge approaches.

Beginning Wednesday, May 8th, the approaches at Main Street Bridge, Silk Creek Bridge and Harrison Avenue Bridge will also be paved. Re-striping is scheduled to occur Monday, May 13th.

Coating and painting will continue at Silk Creek and Main Street Bridges through Friday, May 24th.

For more information or questions, please call Public Works Engineering (541-942-3349).

Quote of the Week

"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."

~ Les Brown ~

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