

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 10, 2020

### **Pat Patterson Memorial Service**

The Memorial Service for John “Pat” Patterson will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Cottage Grove Armory. Pat was a City Councilor from 1985 to 2009. Prior to serving on the City Council he served on the Planning Commission from 1972 to 1981. He passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020.



Pat also represented the City of Cottage Grove on the LRAPA Board and served on committees with the League of Oregon Cities. Pat received the Lane Council of Governments Outstanding Citizen Award in 2009 for his many years of service.

At his last meeting as a City Councilor in December 2008 the Youth Advisory Council Scholarship was renamed the Pat Patterson Youth Advisory Council Scholarship to recognize his support of the youth of the community. He was an outspoken supporter of the creation and continuation of the Cottage Grove Peer Court and of the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council.

Our condolences go to his family on his passing. We are so grateful for his many contributions to the community over the years.

### **State of the City**

On Monday, January 13, 2020 Mayor Jeff Gowing will present his State of the City address at the beginning of the City Council meeting. The City Council meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Cottage Grove City Hall.

### **Winter Storm Warning**

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter storm warning starting today, Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> running through Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. They are predicting heavy snow accumulation for elevations above 2,000 feet through Sunday with snow levels lowering to the valley floor Monday through Thursday. City staff has prepared the snow removal and sanding equipment in anticipation of the potential of snow and are ready to mobilize as needed. Please take time to prepare yourself, family and friends for adverse weather conditions and the potential for power outages and the possibility of being homebound.

### **Fats, Oils, and Grease Prevention Program**

Starting next week the Utility Supervisor and two Maintenance Workers will be visiting businesses that prepare food to discuss with them the Fats, Oils, and Grease Prevention Program.

Food preparation businesses are required to have and maintain grease traps that remove fats, oils, and grease (FOG) before they enter the sanitary sewer lines. Once in the sewer lines the FOG can cause the lines to plug causing sewage backups. FOG is very difficult and expensive to treat when it enters to the sewage treatment plant. Removing FOG before it gets into the sanitary sewer lines will reduce the potential of plugs, extend the life of the lines and reduce the cost to treat sewage. Under Cottage Grove's Municipal Code it is illegal for businesses to release FOG into the sanitary sewer system. The intent of the program is to educate food preparers about FOG and work together in making sure it doesn't get into the sanitary sewer system.

### **Community Trust Homes**

DevNW will be holding a ground breaking celebration on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 am at 910-960 Arthur Avenue for six community land trust homes in Cottage Grove (a mix of two and three bedrooms). This creates six new homes that will remain permanently affordable for our community. Come to the ground breaking and hear more about this unique affordable housing coming to Cottage Grove.

Because of the ground breaking, DevNW now needs to get the word out about these new homes. Are you or someone you know interested in buying a home? If so, the application period will be open January 14<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>. An application demonstrates interest in purchasing one of the homes, it does not guarantee selection. DevNW will work with applicants to determine eligibility and mortgage readiness.

Please see the attached flyer and application for more information. There will be two information sessions to learn more about this amazing opportunity: January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (DevNW Springfield office, 212 Main Street, Springfield) or January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove). All applicants will be entered into a lottery to move forward, attendance at an information session is not required to apply.

For specific questions please contact Luis Mendoza at ([luis.mendoza@devnw.org](mailto:luis.mendoza@devnw.org) or call (541) 345-7106 x2053.

### **Senior Law Services**

Free Senior Law Services are offered at the Cottage Grove Senior Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. To schedule an appointment, call (541) 485-1017, Ext. 131. Senior Law Service is a program of Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center. It provides civil (not criminal) legal services to people age 60 and over who live in Lane County. There is no charge for Senior Law Service, donations are welcome and appreciated.

### **Senior Center Volunteers**

The Cottage Grove Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help at the front desk Monday through Friday with various three hour shifts available. To find out more information about this opportunity please contact Lovey at (541) 942-8751.

### **Volunteers Needed**

The City of Cottage Grove is partnering with Lane County for the Unsheltered Point in Time (PIT) Count on Thursday, January 30, 2020. All volunteers will be required to participate in a training prior to the count. To sign up for Unsheltered PIT count, you can register

at [www.LaneCounty.org/HomelessCount](http://www.LaneCounty.org/HomelessCount). For more information on volunteering please contact Teresa Cowan or Jessica Klarr at (541) 942-1185.

### **World Cultures at the Library**

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Library throughout the month of January as we celebrate and honor the diversity of cultures that reside here on Earth. Come check out our World Cultures Display and the variety of books, films and artifacts that honor the uniqueness and beauty of different cultures and traditions. Stop in soon as we begin a New Year of exploration at the Cottage Grove Library.

### **Anime Club for Teens**

Please encourage your teens to stop by to check out Anime Club for Teens at the Cottage Grove Library which meets on Friday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“The goal for today is to go a little bit further than yesterday. It’s that simple.”*

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