

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 14, 2020

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be going to Salem on Monday for their annual trip to the Oregon Legislature. They have appointments to meet with Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden. They will also have the opportunity to visit with lobby staff from the League of Oregon Cities. There will be no Youth Advisory Council meeting in the evening since they will be spending all day in Salem.

3rd Annual Youth Summit

Several YAC members will be making two trips to Salem next week. The second trip will be to be a part of the 3rd Annual Youth Summit that will be held at Willamette University. Cottage Grove YAC members will join youth from advisory councils around the state to discuss issues facing youth in their communities. The Happy Valley Youth Advisory Council organizes the Youth Summit and it provides an amazing opportunity of the YAC members to share information and ideas. Thank you to our friends in Happy Valley for organizing the Youth Summit.

100 Years of Aviation

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society kicked off their preparation for the Century of Oregon Aviation Celebration on Tuesday. 2021 will be the centennial of the Oregon Aviation Department and the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and Museum is planning a wealth of activities and events to celebrate the remarkable role Oregon played in early aviation history. Watch for more information and opportunities to participate in this historical event.

Regional Fiber Consortium Board

The City Manager attended the annual meeting of the Regional Fiber Consortium on Thursday. The board elected officers for the next year, adopted the 2021 budget and received an update on the fiber lease renewal process with Centurylink.

Lane County Economic Development Visit

The City Manager and Public Works & Development Director met with Austin Ramirez and Alexandra Corvello from Lane County Economic Development, Robert Killen, Director of Lane Small Business Development and Henry Fields from Oregon Employment Department and took them on a tour of projects in Cottage Grove. They then discussed economic development in Cottage Grove and Lane County and some of the efforts Lane County is preparing to undertake to provide support for rural communities.

New Police Dispatcher

The Police Department is happy to announce that they have hired Dawn Loshbaugh to fill the open full time Communications Specialist position in Dispatch. Loshbaugh has worked previously for the department as a Dispatcher. Her start date is Monday, February 17th. Her depth of experience will be a definite advantage. Welcome back, Dawn.

EPUD's 2020 Arbor Day Prize Winner – City of Cottage Grove

The City of Cottage Grove has won the 2020 Emerald People's Utility District Arbor Day prize. With the prize the City will get to choose 7 powerline friendly trees, from a list of 26 provided by EPUD. In the coming weeks the City and EPUD will work together to arrange a planting event on or near this year's Arbor Day. Thank you, EPUD.

Library Events

Saturday, February 15th starting at 2:30 pm, the Cottage Grove Library is hosting a Treat Yourself Party for middle schoolers. We'll be making pancakes, creating stress busting kits with slime, stress balls, fortune tellers and more.

Tuesday, February 18th starting at 4:00 pm, teens are invited to join us in making pancakes on the griddle and hanging out. We have board games, art supplies and movies.

Wednesday, February 19th starting at 2:30 pm, Lego Club for kids with a STEAM challenge. Free building is still allowed and encouraged. Lego Club for kids is held the first and third Wednesdays every month.

Thursdays at 2:15 pm is Baby Sign Time. Learn simple signs through songs, stories, activities, and more. Ideal for children 0-24 months.

35th Annual Asian Celebration- Hiroshima Peace Tree Display

The City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee was invited to create a display at this year's Asian Celebration taking place at the Lane Events Center this weekend (Saturday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm). The display is about the Hiroshima Peace Tree the Urban Forestry Committee will be planting in Coiner Park at 11:00 am on Monday, February 17th. If you are planning to attend the Asian Celebration in Eugene this weekend the Committee's display will be found in the atrium of the events center. The display will also be available for viewing at the tree planting on Monday and after that in the lobby of City Hall.



Quote of the Week

“Every new opportunity in life remains only potential until you take that first step forward.”

~Richard Daly~