

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 27, 2020

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting virtually on Monday, March 30, 2020. They are going to try their hand at the online meeting system (and probably show all of us older folks how it is supposed to be done). They will be discussing the results of the Youth Town Hall and report on Legislative Day and the Oregon Youth Summit.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census has real-time reporting of the census response rates. Field staff work has been postponed but households can still respond to the census online. Online responses so far for the City of Cottage Grove census tracts is 30.5%. The response rate for all of Oregon is 31.6%. If you have not responded please go to my2020census.gov to complete the census questionnaire. It is simple, short and easy to complete. If you do not want to complete the census online call, the US Census at 1-844-330-2020. (By the way, just to spark a little competitive spirit, the City of Florence has a response rate of 40.8% - so come on Cottage Grove we can do better.)

The Census is very important to our community because the community receives \$3,400 a year in funding per person. If the census numbers are off by as little as 100 people that is \$340,000 a year that doesn't come to Cottage Grove for ten years. So every response makes a difference. That funding goes to schools, non-profits, emergency services and the City.



Conference Calls, Video Meetings and More

City staff has been active in monitoring the daily changing world through a variety of conference calls and video conferences. Today the Mayor and City Manager joined over 400 local government leaders on the weekly conference call hosted by the League of Oregon Cities. The call included reports from the National League of Cities, the Governor's office, Oregon Emergency Management and more.

Also during the week, the City Manager, Public Works & Development Director and Police Chief participated in other conference calls with Lane County Public Health; Lane County Local Government Managers and School Superintendents and with Cottage Grove agencies.

Library Website Resources

With the Library closed due to COVID-19, we've put together some resources for our patrons to explore online via the library website.

[Podcasts and Video Series](#)

[Kids and Family Digital Resources](#)

[A Kids Book About COVID-19](#)

[Care For Your Coronavirus Anxiety](#)

[Amazing Educational Resources](#)

[Authors Everywhere!](#)

Quote of the Week

“Stay Home – Save Lives”