

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 11, 2019

### **Mayor's Ball**

Tomorrow night the Armory will be alive with the excitement of the Fourth Annual Mayor's Ball. The sounds of the big band era will come from the building as what looks like a record attendance will be celebrating the work that has been completed this year on the Armory. It will be the debut of the restroom project as this is the first event with the entirely completed restrooms on the main floor. Thank you to everyone that helped to put together this amazing event – and we will see you tomorrow night.

### **Armory**

A huge thank you goes out to all the contractors, Pacific Power and City staff that worked on the projects at the Armory. The new flag pole is installed, the restrooms are complete, the lawn and sprinkler system is installed and the first two phases of the exterior work are finished.

Thank you to Steven Stewart for funding the flag pole and to Pacific Power for putting it into place. The entire building looks amazing. Great job everyone.

### **Oregon21**

The City Manager and Travis Palmer, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director attended the Kickoff event for the Oregon21 IAAF World Athletics Championships that will be coming to Eugene, August 6-15, 2021. Several of the United States Track and Field athletes fresh from the 2019 Championships were in attendance. The 2021 Championships will be the first time the event has been held in the United States and is expected to bring about 2,000 athletes from over 190 countries to the area. Cottage Grove has submitted information to host a team or teams in the community. More preparations will be underway soon since the 2019 Championships have ended.

### **Indoor Clean Air Meeting**

Lane County Public Health is considering the creation of a county-wide indoor clean air policy and is seeking the public's input into the creation of a possible policy. They will be holding community meetings around the County. They will be in Cottage Grove at PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, please register at <http://bit.ly/CottageGroveCleanAir> to help them plan for the meeting.

### **Roller Skating is Back**

Roller skating is coming back to the Armory on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> with three sessions for different ages or groups. All skaters must use only indoor skates. There will be skates available for rental at the door or skaters can bring their own indoor only skates. For more information visit the RollerSkatinginCG Facebook page or see the attached flyer.

### **Model Railroad Show**

Lane County's largest Model Railroad Show is returning to the Cottage Grove Armory, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This annual event has become a favorite of old and young alike as the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club bring amazing layouts from members throughout the region to display.

### **"When it rains it pours!" ...into the City's sanitary sewer pipes and manholes**

Stormwater entering the City-wide sanitary sewer system can increase flows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) ten-fold immediately after a moderate storm. This happens because the sanitary sewer system becomes burdened with Inflow and Infiltration (I&I), which occurs when either rainwater or groundwater incorrectly enters the sanitary sewer system through cracks and other defects in pipes and manholes.

Expensive spikes in energy usage at the City's sanitary sewer pump stations, and more significantly, at the WWTP, have been an ongoing problem that we are aggressively addressing. So, this fall the City has prioritized eliminating defects in the sanitary system in order to reduce energy use and labor costs.

The City hired the contractor, Underground Tech, LLC, to complete repairs to fifteen old, brick-lined manholes, which were finished this week. The effects have been an almost 100% reduction in infiltration from groundwater at these manholes, as well as greatly improved flow through their bottoms. The repairs will result in energy savings at the WWTP as well as labor costs typically triggered by the extensive labor to keep older manholes flowing. City crews will also begin disconnecting stormwater catch basins located in the neighborhood east of Bohemia Park as part of the effort to eliminate I&I.

Below are before and after photos of repairs to a sanitary sewer manhole near 29 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street.



### **Oregon Emergency Management Association Conference**

The City Planner and Public Works & Development Director attended the OEMA annual conference this week in Eugene at Valley River Inn. This year's conference focused on building relationships and the power of working together to assist each other during disasters. Presenters discussed last year's snow storm, flooding, and wildfire events. There were breakout sessions that focused on responding, engaging, supporting, planning, recovery, and resiliency for disasters. There were also sessions on private-public relationships and how important having strong partnerships help when disaster strikes. The conference was well attended by emergency managers throughout Oregon.

### **New Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

Tuesday was Dave Belden's first day working for the City at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dave is a certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. He is a graduate with an Associates Degree of Applied Science from Linn Benton Community College. He has worked the last two years at Sweet Home at their water and wastewater treatment plants. The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant staff welcomed and is excited to have Dave join their team.

### **New Leaf Vacuum**

Early this year the Public Works & Development Department purchased a new Spartan Pro Leaf Vacuum. Monday the leaf vacuum arrived and the Utility Staff was trained on how to operate and maintain it. In past years the Utility Staff used a backhoe and two dump trucks to collect leaves throughout the City. With the new vacuum we will be able to reduce the equipment and employees needed to pickup the leaves. We're also confident it will pickup more of the leaves reducing the amount of work for the street sweeper.

Leaf pickup will begin on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled for the following dates: November 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>; December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>; and December 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer attached for more information on the leaf pickup.

### **Community Vitality and Natural Hazards Workshop**

Friday the City Planner and Public Works & Development Director attended Lane County's Community Vitality and Natural Hazards Workshop in Eugene. Close to 100 emergency manager professionals throughout Lane County attended the event. Special guest speaker was Dr. Lucy Jones, Caltech Seismologist and Natural Disaster Scientist, presentation was "Thinking through a Resilience Lens". Her presentation was on how to prepare and invest in mitigation for natural disasters to reduce the costs and time to recover from disasters. Lane County will be hosting an additional workshop in November in an effort to bring partners together and start building resiliency against future natural disasters through out Lane County.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"Listen!! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves."*

*~Humbert Wolfe~*