

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 25, 2019

All Aboard!

Today the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club opened the Largest Model Railroad Show in Lane County in the Cottage Grove Armory. This is the fifth year the club has been in Cottage Grove and they are looking forward to great time in Cottage Grove. Everyone is invited to come and see the great the excitement of model railroading. Club members will be on hand to share information.

They will be open until 8:00 pm tonight in conjunction with Art Walk. Saturday's hours will be 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and they will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Admission is free.

International City/County Management Association Conference

The City Manager joined over 5,000 of his colleagues from over 34 countries for the annual International City/County Management Association Conference last weekend. The conference included presentations from internationally recognized speakers Jake Wood, Leonard Brody, Bonnie St. John and Gina Rudan as well as presentations from other local government leaders about the global state of recycling, combating loneliness, navigating through response and recovery for deaths on the job, decision making in crisis situations, blockchain, podcasting and the little things that cities do that drive you nuts. In addition to the formal classes and presentations the conference provided a great opportunity to visit with managers from around the globe and share ideas.

Halloween Howl

On Thursday, October 31st next week, Main Street in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove will be overrun the frightening sight of all manner of ghosts, goblins, ghouls and Super Marios and Princesses when the excitement of Halloween returns to downtown Cottage Grove for the annual Halloween Howl from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Main Street will be closed beginning at 1:00 pm to set up for the festivities. There will be a costume contest, cider, Pumpkin carving contest and more. Be sure to stop by City Hall not only for some candy but to see the results of the City Staff Pumpkin Carving contest.

Beds for Freezing Nights is Looking for Site Volunteers

The leaves are falling and so are the temperatures. Beds for Freezing Nights is preparing for its 12th season of offering a warm bed on the coldest of winter nights. A shelter will open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Catholic Church at 1025 N. 19th Street when the average temperature drops below 29 degrees from November 15 – March 31. Two volunteers are needed

to staff the shelter during each of the following shifts: 6:00 to 11:00 pm, 10:45 pm to 4:00 am, 3:45 to 8:00 am. Responsibilities include setting up/taking down shelter supplies; checking guests in and out; and supervising the shelter. Volunteers are required to undergo a \$10 background check and attend a training meeting on Saturday, November 9th at OLPH from 10:00 am to noon. Volunteers will be assigned a shift according to their availability when the shelter is activated. To volunteer, or for more information, please check out freezingnights.com. Tax deductible cash donations may be sent to BFN (checks made out to Beds for Freezing Nights) at P.O. Box 1110, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

Point2Point “Be Seen Be Safe Light Giveaway”

On Thursday, November 14th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Bohemia Park Pavilion, Point2Point at Lane Transit District will be giving away free bike, walk and skate lights and other safety information. Stop by and pick up a light while supplies last.

Police Destroy Prescription Drugs

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Police Department Staff transported 738 pounds of prescription drugs collected from the drop sites in Cottage Grove to be incinerated at the Covanta facility in Brooks, Oregon. The City of Cottage Grove has two locations for prescription drugs to be dropped off and disposed of safely.

- 400 E. Main Street - Lobby of the Police Department
- 700 E. Gibbs Ave. - Community Center

The amount of prescription drugs turned in for disposal has increased each year. In 2018, 673 pounds and in 2017, 538 pounds were collected and destroyed.

Just a reminder, the collection boxes are for pills and tablets and patches only. Please no liquids or syringes.

Plastics Roundup Update

Halloween will be the last Thursday in 2019 for the outdoor Farmers Market. Shauna Neigh (City Administrative Aide) continues to gather plastics for recycling every week. She has partnered up with David Gardiepy of EcoGeneration, another community plastics collector, at the Farmers Market. The Recycling Take-Back looks forward to following the Farmers Market into the Armory starting Saturday, November 9th. Today Shauna is headed up to Glenwood Transfer Station to drop their first load. So far they have collected over 300 pounds of #2,4 & 5 plastics. They have been collecting approximately 60 pounds of 2, 4 & 5 plastics per week. A huge thank you to the City of Cottage Grove for providing storage and transportation. Drop by the Farmers Market or Winter Market with your plastics and check out the list of additional recyclables EcoGeneration accepts.

Quote of the Week

“Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day.”