

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 30, 2020

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting virtually on Monday, November 2nd. We will be welcoming new YAC members and discussing the unique challenges currently facing youth in the community and also gauging interest from YAC members in participating in the If I Were Mayor contest.

Election Day is Tuesday

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is the date of the General Election. Ballots must be returned by 8:00 pm on the date of the election. Ballots placed in the mail now will not be returned in time to be counted for the election. Please use the official Lane County Ballot Drop boxes to have ballots received on time. The ballot return box in Cottage Grove is located in front of the Library/ Community Center at 700 E. Gibbs. Lane County Elections is also reminding all voters to remember to sign their ballot.

Setting Speed Limits in Oregon

Attached to the Friday Update is a copy of the new brochure regarding setting speed limits on roads in Oregon. The Oregon Department of Transportation on May 1, 2020 changed the process for conducting speed zone investigations and recommendations. Staff is reviewing the new processes to determine what has changed and how that may change our requests for speed investigations in the future.

There has been some discussion about requesting a speed investigation for Gateway Blvd. With possible new developments coming to Gateway in the near future; one located on the northern half of the Burger King parking lot and a multi-unit housing project being proposed on Gateway near Harvey, it would be wise to wait until those development are under construction so ODOT will factor that increased traffic into the speed investigation.

With the possible new development, we have expanded the request to the traffic engineer for the Main Street crosswalks to look at possible pedestrian crossings on Gateway between the CG Connector and Harvey Road. The unmarked crosswalks that exist by nature of the intersections at Oswald and Harvey have serious issues because of existing driveways, vision limitations and proximity to the CG Connector or other intersections that make determining a location for a crosswalk very challenging.

Library Staff Expands

Becky Arnoux came back to work at the Library today. Becky's return brings the Library staff to two. The Library still remains closed to the public except for the limited computer use in the morning. The curbside pickup program continues to grow and staff will be preparing to begin a book delivery program for those that are homebound. Welcome back Becky.

Middlefield Golf Course – Pro Shop Employee Retirement

Steve W. (Wally) Wile retired from his part-time position of Pro-Shop Assistant, as of October 30th. Wally has been employed by the City since March of 2010. A small gathering of Men's Club members and City Staff was held yesterday in honor of Wally's retirement, acknowledging his dedicated service to our customers and the Community. In retirement, Wally plans on completing yard work projects as well as doing a bit of golf at Middlefield as time allows. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement, Congratulations Wally.

Happy Halloween

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween. The Main Street Halloween Howl – drive thru Trick or Treat event will run from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Main Street between River Road and 7th Street. Those wishing to drive thru the event will line up on South River Road.

Quote of the Week:

"There are three things I've learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin."

~Linus~