

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 8, 2019

Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships

The Cascade Collegiate Conference Cross Country Championships were held at Middlefield Golf Course this morning. Men and women teams from the ten universities in the Cascade Conference participated in the meet. The teams in the Cascade Conference are: College of Idaho, Corban University, Eastern Oregon, Evergreen State College, Multnomah University, Northwest Christian University, Northwest University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon



University and Warner Pacific University. Many of the teams and spectators arrived yesterday and spent the night in Cottage Grove. Thank you to Northwest Christian University, Cross Country Coach for bringing this amazing event to Cottage Grove. Over 200 athletes were involved and many friends and family came to witness the event. The meet was finished by noon and

golfing resumed on the course after 12:30 pm. Thank you staff that helped make this a success. There were many positive comments from spectators and teams about the location and staff. Hopefully, we will be able to host future home meets for Northwest Christian University.

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be conducting a Veterans Day Ceremony in the Cottage Grove Armory at 11:00 am. The American Legion and City of Cottage Grove will be assisting with the ceremony. Please plan to attend and honor those from our community who have and are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

In honor of Veterans Day City Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2019. The City Council meeting scheduled for November 11th was cancelled in honor of Veterans Day.

J. Polk Currin Swinging Bridge Ribbon Cutting

On Saturday, November 30th at 10:00 am join your neighbors from both sides of the Coast Fork Willamette River on River Road near the J. Polk Swinging Bridge for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new suspension bridge.

Be Seen, Be Safe

Since the clocks have fallen back and now that the days are getting shorter for the winter months it is more important to be seen at dusk or dawn. Whether you walk, bike or skate, you need to be seen to be safe. Point2point at Lane Transit District is distributing free bike/pedestrian lights at a Be Seen Be Safe event on Thursday, November 14th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm (while supplies last) at the Bohemia Park Pavilion. Stop by pick up lights and "Be Seen Be Safe".

October 2019 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of October the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 56 permits and performed 143 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 10 permits were issued and 92 inspections were performed. In Veneta 13 permits were issued and 63 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 23 plan sets in October and an additional 13 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Public Works Winter Operations Meeting

The Public Works & Development Director attended the Oregon Department of Transportation's 2019/2020 Public Works Winter Operations Meeting in Springfield. Representatives from ODOT District 5, Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Coburg, Veneta, Oakridge, and LTD attended the meeting. At the meeting there was a debrief of last winter's operations and storms, plans for winter operations for the upcoming months, how to improve communications, available resources, mutual aid, and any jurisdiction changes. This meeting was well timed and is a great way to connect with neighboring jurisdictions to learn what resources are available and how we can work together during storm events.

Hydrant Flushing Update

On Monday of this week, Utility Crews started City wide fire hydrant flushing. The first day was challenging as there was a large amount of material flushed out of the water piping causing a lot of water discoloration. City Finance Staff received multiple calls from concerned water users about the discoloration. As the week went on fewer calls were received and less discoloration was noticed during the flushing. The flushing is about 25% complete. 110 hydrants were flushed and two of the hydrants required maintenance after the flushing. Approximately three million gallons of treated drinking water was used during the first week. Crews will resume flushing Tuesday, November 12th.

Coiner Park Restroom Roof Repair

Last winter a large tree branch fell on the Coiner Park restrooms damaging the roof. At the time Maintenance Staff placed a patch over the damage to protect from the weather and allow use to continue. Repair of the roof started this week and is planned to be completed late next week.

Art at the Library

Please stop by the Cottage Grove Library to experience an inspiring exhibit of paintings by Rick Bartow, Native American Artist from Newport Oregon. Rick uses a variety of media and techniques to portray famous authors in this collection titled "From The Heart".

Saturday Tech Help

The Cottage Grove Library offers free tech help on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can use one of the public computers or bring your own smart phone, laptop or tablet and ask staff and volunteers questions about using your tech. We may not know all of the answers, but it will be fun to work together to try to figure things out. We also need volunteers to help who are "Tech Savvy" so stop by if you would like to volunteer at the Cottage Grove Library.

Teen Hang Out

Teens are encouraged to stop by the Cottage Grove Library on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm for "Tuesday Teen Hang Out". This is a fun and informal gathering of teens so bring a friend and stop by the Library soon for Tuesday Teen Hang Out.

Quote of the Week

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."

~John F. Kennedy~