

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 24, 2020

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, April 27, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

### **USAF Band**

The City was notified this week that the US Air Force Band of the Golden West has cancelled all their performances through June 30, 2020 which would include the performance in Cottage Grove on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope to work with them and reschedule a performance in the future.

### **Budget Meeting**

The City of Cottage Grove Budget Committee will be holding their first meeting on the 2020-21 Budget on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Consistent with the City's efforts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our more vulnerable members of the community, the meeting will be held virtually. Everyone is encouraged to please attend the meeting online or by phone. For information on how to join the meeting visit the Budget Committee Agenda at: <https://www.cottagegrove.org/budget/page/budget-committee-meeting-and-public-hearing-5>.

Anyone who cannot access the meeting online or by phone can attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers at Cottage Grove City Hall. In order to follow social distancing guidelines, the City Council Chambers will be limited to 10 people. Written testimony can also be submitted, but must be submitted by 3:00 pm to the City Recorder on the date of the meeting. To email written testimony send to [cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org](mailto:cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org).

The complete 2020-21 Proposed Budget will be available on the City's webpage next Friday.

### **Bohemia Mining Days 2020**

The Bohemia Mining Days Board of Directors has announced that the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Bohemia Mining Days festival scheduled for July 16-18 has been cancelled. For more information please see the news release from BMD attached to the Friday Update.

## **City Nature Challenge 2020**

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council is inviting everyone to be a community scientist without leaving home April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day, organizations across the Upper Willamette watershed invite you to join your community in documenting our local nature during the 2020 City Nature Challenge.

As we stay home and stay safe to stop the spread of COVID-19, we can still observe and document the natural world in our backyards, on our sidewalks, and even in our homes.

The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is a community science bioblitz with the goal of observing and identifying as many species as possible in urban communities. Participants from more than 200 cities worldwide will contribute and so can you.

You may be wondering - what is a BioBlitz? ‘Bio’ means ‘life’ and ‘blitz’ means ‘to do something quickly and intensively’. Together they make ‘BioBlitz’, a collaborative race against the clock to discover as many species as possible, within a set location, over a defined time period. Plants, animals, fungi, it all counts. Even tracks and other evidence of a species can be recorded.

Find out the name of that mystery plant growing nearby with iNaturalist, a free and easy to use app and website with a community of experts helping you identify what you found. If you are in the Cottage Grove area and you make an observation on iNaturalist from April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at: <https://coastfork.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7b97e9abb89ce9ceac7ab9d74&id=dedbae0bf5&e=4eff7799a6> it will automatically contribute to our total. We also have projects set up for observations from Creswell, Oakridge and McKenzie River Communities. How many species can we find?

## **Police on KNND**

Chief Shepherd, Captain Gagner and Sgt. Branstetter were on the KNND Beeper show this morning talking about a variety of topics. Members of the Police Department join Cameron Reiten on the Beeper Show the last Friday of every month.

## *Quote of the Week*

*“Whoever said happiness comes with sunshine, has never danced in the rain.”*

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