

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 21, 2019

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper show on Monday, June 24, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1661 N Pacific Highway (Hwy 99) Space #20 in Juniper Park. The yard is small but they have really done amazing things to display a huge variety of beautiful plants. Looking through the carport into the backyard, there are countless hanging pots with flowers of all different colors.

Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee Meeting

The City Manager attended a meeting of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee in Salem on Wednesday. The committee completed the review of the strategic plan, discussed preparations for the Bikeway Proponent Conference, updated information on the 10th Anniversary Celebration and discussed history and processes for new committee members.

A Family for Every Child

The City Manager met with Jan Ferguson the Mentor/Host Home Program Director from A Family for Every Child. There is a need for mentors and host homes to help some of the youth in the community. The program is looking for opportunities to share information about the mentoring and host home programs. They have a specific need for male mentors and have created a Sports/Outdoor mentor program that only requires a six month commitment and involves 2-3 hours of a sports or outdoor recreation activity once a week. Anyone wanting more information can contact the Jan at: jan@afamilyforeverychild.org.

Concerts in the Park

Next week the Chamber of Commerce Concerts in the Park start on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The first concert will feature the swinging sounds of the Blue Skies Big Band. For more information about the concerts and the performer line-up visit the Chamber of Commerce webpage at: cgchamber.com. The Concerts in the Park are a free community event made possible through the sponsorship of Chamber member sponsors. Be sure to thank Chamber member businesses for supporting this wonderful community event.

Watershed Council June Science Pub

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be holding their June Science Pub on Tuesday, June 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe and Fiddle. The topic will be "Populating and Feeling

Our Universe". Dr. Steve Kilston, Astronomer and retired Aerospace Engineer, will present scientific ideas that may enable us to more fully tune in to and identify with our universe in all its reality and potential, intensifying our feelings of connection, unity, and purpose. This talk will describe an astronomical perspective on how our universe came to be populated, discuss how science helps us choose actions compatible with our universe's rules and the laws of nature we recognize as truths, and explore other worlds beyond Earth. The event is free to the public and family friendly. For more information visit www.coastfork.org

The State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation

The State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation visited Cottage Grove this week. The State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP) is a nine-member group that reviews nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The members are professionally recognized in the fields of history, architecture, archaeology, and other related disciplines. They chose to hold their quarterly meeting in Cottage Grove as our community is recognized for its dedication to historic preservation. State Historic Preservation Office Staff and Committee members toured the Cottage Grove Armory, Chambers Railroad Bridge, McFarland Cemetery, and the Cottage Grove Museum, and explored on-going renovation projects at the Bank Building (522 E. Main Street).

New Street Line Striping Equipment

On Tuesday the Utility Division took possession of a new paint sprayer designed to paint street and parking lot striping. At the time of delivery the sales representative trained staff on how to operate, clean, and maintain the sprayer. The next day staff started repainting the City owned parking lots around town and at Middlefield Golf Course. Within two days they had painted all but two City lots using 35 gallons of white paint. Two additional crews worked scraping and power washing the curbs along Main Street from Silk Creek Bridge at R Street east to Main and Hwy 99 in preparation for repainting the no parking portions of the curbs along the Street. Staff hopes to get started in the next couple weeks repainting the curbs.

Temporary Summer Time Employees

Next Monday six temporary employees will be joining the Public Works Department staff in the Utility, Maintenance, and Golf Course Maintenance Divisions performing various jobs this summer. All the temporary employees are students two in college, one graduate, and three high school students. Staff is looking forward to having them join their crews to assist in work projects throughout the City. They will be helping with painting projects, grounds maintenance, fire hydrant maintenance, crack sealing, etc. This is a great opportunity for the City to introduce and train our youth on various jobs our employees perform and possibly peak their interest in future full time employment with the City.

Quote of the Week

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

~VWAQ~