

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 28, 2020

Youth Town Hall

On Monday, the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding their 2nd annual Youth Town Hall starting at 5:30 pm at City Hall. The Town Hall will give youth in the community an opportunity to discuss issues around Youth Mental Health with local leaders and professionals. All youth in the community are invited to attend. There will be food and beverages.

3rd Annual Oregon Youth Summit

Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council members Emma McDonald, Riley Llamas and Khai Llamas attended the 3rd Annual Oregon Youth Summit in Salem on February 21st in Salem. The Oregon Youth Summit is organized by the Happy Valley Youth Advisory Council and provides a way for Youth Councils from around the state to meet and share ideas and receive training. Sixty-five youth representing ten Youth Councils were at the summit this year. The summit had a special visit from Governor Kate Brown to kick off the summit.



City/County Insurance Conference

The City Manager and Finance Director attended the annual City/County Insurance Services Conference in Salem. This year portions of the conference were also available virtually, so Mandy Biehler was also able to participate in several sessions. The conference brought together city, county and local agencies to discuss risk management, personnel, cybersecurity and emergency preparation issues for their communities.

Tree Giveaway

The first Saturday of our tree giveaway was a success! Thank you to Urban Forestry Committee members and staff for helping to giveaway 57 trees. There are two more Saturdays to get your free trees, so come on down tomorrow or next Saturday the 7th of March between 9 and noon near the basketball courts in Coiner Park.

The following trees will be available in limited quantities so come by early:

- *Oregon White Oak
- *Red Cedar
- *Flowering Dogwood
- *Vine Maple
- *Western Crabapple
- *Cascara
- *Douglas Fir
- *Sequoia



Please be prepared to show that you live within the city limits of Cottage Grove to receive your free tree.

Coast Fork Leap Day Tree Planting

The Cost Fork Willamette Watershed Council is having a planting day on Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at South River Road & Harrison Avenue. Join them in planting native trees and shrubs on public lands along the Coast Fork Willamette River. RSVP is requested by emailing maggie@coastfork.org. See attached flyer for more details.

Tech Help at the Library

Stop by the Cottage Grove Library Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for free "Tech Help". Bring your phone, tablet or laptop, or use one of our public computers, and receive tech help from one of our volunteers. We also need more volunteers to help so if you are interested please inquire at the Library.

Name Your Price Sale

Humane Society of Cottage Grove and Tucker's Cupboard: Name Your Price Sale. February 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and February 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Community Center in the Shepherd Room. All proceeds help animals in our community.

AARP Free Tax Help

The Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting free AARP Tax Help every Wednesday through April 15th. To schedule an appointment for this free service, community members are asked to arrive at the Community Center at 8:00 am to sign in for appointments.

Women Filmmakers of the Pacific Northwest

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Library on Wednesday March 4th at 4:30 pm for a presentation in honor of Women's History Month. Join the organization Girls' Voices Matter for a free presentation showcasing women filmmakers of the Pacific Northwest. Girls' Voices Matter is a media arts education program for girls located in Eugene, Oregon. IMAGINATION | CREATIVITY | CONFIDENCE www.girlsvoicesmatter.com

Kids Activities at the Library

Please check out the March Library Kids Calendar that is filled with cool, fun and education activities for kids of all ages at the Cottage Grove Library.

Opal Whiteley Celebration

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Library on Saturday, March 21st from 12:00 to 2:00 pm for a celebration of the work of Opal Whiteley and to view our new display area for our Opal collection. The day will begin with a lecture by Steve Williamson on Opal Whiteley at the Historical Society Meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. At noon, join us for cake and cider at the new Opal Whiteley display. Steve Williamson will then lead a tour of Opal's homeland east of Cottage Grove and share stories, knowledge and insights about Opal's life. Sign up in advance for the tour at the Cottage Grove Library.

Three Rivers Foundation Grant Awards

Thursday the Public Works & Development Director attended the Three Rivers Foundation Annual Grant Awards Luncheon. The Director was invited to present 6 grant awards standing in for Lane County Commissioner Bozievich, a Foundation Trustee. The Foundation granted 46 awards to qualifying organizations throughout Lincoln, Lane, Coos, Josephine, Douglas, and Curry Counties.

Three of the awards went to projects in Cottage Grove, Cottage Villages, Looking Glass, and South Lane Mental Health. This was a great event supporting organizations doing incredible work. Thank you Three Rivers Foundation.

Automated Meter Project Update

This Monday the Utility Crew received training on installing the new Sensus Automated Water Meters and started installing the new meters. The crew installed 175 new meters and plan on installing meters each week until the 3,200 water meters are replaced. This should take approximately 6 months to complete.

Quote of the Week

“Let this be the day you LEAP into the life you’re meant to live.....ready, set, fly”

~LivLane.com~