

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 5, 2018

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, January 8th from 9:30 to 10:30am.

New Radar Speed Signs

The City ordered and has received four new radar speed signs. These signs mount on regular street sign posts and are battery powered for up to 2 weeks at a time on one charge. The signs will replace the speed trailer that is currently used by the Police Department. These signs are a coordinated effort between the Police Department and Public Works because not only do the signs display the speed of traffic passing the sign but they also can collect data regarding the traffic include number of vehicles, when vehicles pass and the speeds of the vehicles. The data can be downloaded and used much as the old road counter tubes. We purchased spare batteries and brackets to assist in moving the signs around to different areas. We hope to have them programmed and ready to install in a few locations within the next week.



January 23rd Special Election

The Oregon Constitution provides registered voters the opportunity to vote on a law passed by the legislature if a referendum is placed on the ballot. In a referendum, a “yes” vote means you want the law to take effect, and a “no” vote means you do not want the law to take effect. This past fall, 70,320 Oregonians signed a petition to allow citizens to vote on Measure 101. The provisions of Measure 101 will not become law unless Oregon voters approve it at a special election to be held on January 23, 2018. This voters’ pamphlet contains information on Measure 101. Typically, Oregon does not hold elections in January. However, the legislature chose to call a special election for Measure 101 on January 23.

Ballots are being mailed out and if you do not receive a ballot by January 12, 2018, you should contact the Lane County Election Division at 541-682-4234.

Congratulations Melissa Keenan

Today is Melissa Keenan's last day working at the City Shop for the Public Works & Development Department. On Monday, Melissa starts work at the City of Eugene in their Fleet Services Department. Melissa was hired on May 3, 2004 as a Clerical Assistant and on July 1,

2015 she was promoted to Administrative Aide. For the past 11 years she has been the direct support at the City Shop making sure our Utilities and Maintenance Divisions ran smoothly and had all the necessary support to accomplish their work. Melissa did a great job and will be missed dearly. We wish her the best as she starts her new job and we know she'll do a great job for Eugene.

Zombie House Update

This has been a very busy week for the City's Police Department and Maintenance Division as they have been securing and cleaning up the vacant home at 1331 South 6th Street. For the past two years this home has been occupied with multiple individuals without the owner's permission. The City was able to secure a lease of the property in December and has successfully removed the occupants from the property. Staff is working to secure the home from further unwanted occupants. They've caught the resident cats and delivered them to the Humane Society for adoption. Now the task of removing the garbage and rodents begins with the goal of improving the health and safety in the neighborhood surrounding the home. Thank you to all involved to date, the City's Attorneys (Local Government Law Group), Police Department and Maintenance crews.

Gateway and Row River Road Repairs

Early next week, Brown Construction will begin repairs of the intersection at Gateway and Row River Road. They will start with replacing the water lines to McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the Vintage Inn and then rebuild the storm water line that drains the street. Once the utility lines work is completed the sidewalk and street surface repairs will begin. For updates on the progress of the construction work, please visit the Construction Corner page at cottagegrove.org.

Library Celebrates Native American Culture

The Cottage Grove Public Library begins each year with exhibits, displays, and special events featuring and celebrating Native American Culture. Please stop by throughout January 2018 to see our current display of Native American books, films and art.

Lego Club Great Fun

The monthly Lego Club continues to be a big hit at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Last week an adventurous group of children had a great time creating awesome creations out of Legos, giving their creation a title and displaying them in the Library. Stop by to see these amazing creations at the Cottage Grove Public Library.

Quote of the Week

"The future depends on what you do today."

~Mahatma Gandhi~