

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 20, 2017

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, January 23rd from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Town Hall

Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 pm in the Cottage Grove Community Center Reception Room. As the 2017 Legislative Session approaches, the state faces urgent budgetary challenges. They will discuss Oregon's anticipated shortfall of \$1.7 billion for the 2017-19 biennium, the need for a statewide transportation package, and other issues that may come before the Legislature this session. The Blackberry Pie Society is hosting the event.

Bohemia Mining Museum Grand Re-Opening

The Bohemia Mining Museum will be holding their Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, January 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you did not attend the Business After Hours last night be sure to stop by on the 28th and check out the newly renovated Boots and Sandals Square Dance Barn at 308 South 10th. The barn is now housing the Bohemia Mining Museum, Cottage Grove Historical Society and the South Lane Ballet Academy, all of which will be open on the 28th. There will be live music, special guests and gold panning.

Tour of the City

The City Manager took Caitlyn May, Editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, on a tour of City facilities. The over two hour tour included stops at the Wastewater and Water Treatment plants, City Shop and passed the reservoirs, pump stations and golf course. The manager introduced Caitlyn to staff throughout the City.

City has successful Community Assistance Visit (CAV)

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) conducted a review of Cottage Grove's floodplain management program under FEMA National Flood Insurance Program. The CAV is an audit which evaluates the program administered by the City. It involves interview of City staff, review of floodplain management regulations, and review of floodplain permits and records. Christine Shirley, Coordinator of the Floodplain/Natural Hazard program, who contacted the CAV, said "Cottage Grove to be in full compliance with NFIP minimum standards

and no follow-up actions are required. As a result of Cottage Grove's sound floodplain management practices, I will recommend to FEMA Region X that Cottage Grove be invited to join the Community Rating System (CRS).” Once the City application to join CRS is approved there will be potential discounts for those citizens carrying AANFIP flood insurance in Cottage Grove. The full CAV letter and report is attached.

Plan Your Fire Escape

You have less than three minutes to get out of your home in a fire. Are you ready?

Talk to your family about what to do in a fire. If you use a wheelchair or a cane, make sure you can get to it easily and get out quickly. If you wear hearing aids or eyeglasses, put them next to your bed while you're sleeping. Practice how you will escape by holding a fire drill twice a year and develop a fire escape plan with these tips from the U.S. Fire Administration:

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- Know that once you're out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- Your meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

Learn more about preventing and preparing for home fires by visiting the U.S. Fire Administration at: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/escape.html>.

Public Hearing Scheduled

City Council will hold a public hearing on amendment of the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and the rezoning of 1140 – 1160 E Chamberlain including the vacant lot west of 1140 E Chamberlain 1726 and 991 N. Lane. The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map will be amended from C Community Commercial to M Medium Density Residential and be rezoned from C-2P Community Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Residential. The hearing will be on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission held a public hearing in January and recommended approval to City Council. The recommendation, staff report, public hearing minutes and proposed ordinance with the Council agenda. Any questions should be directed to the Community Development Department.

Row River Trail Ice Storm Damage

Last week's ice storm not only caused problems within the City but also had significant impacts on the Row River Trail. The ice storm caused limbs, branches, trees, and other debris to fall on and across the trail blocking access. City Volunteer, Don Strahan and Maintenance Worker, Chad Reel cleared the trail earlier this week. The Buffalo Blower was towed behind a Kubota ATV and cleared the trail of small branches, pine needles, and leaves. The clean-up crew also took chain saws to cut the larger limbs and trees so they could be removed from the trail. The trail is now back in service and can be used by walkers and bicycle enthusiasts. The entire 16-mile length of the Row River Trail is cleaned and maintained by the City of Cottage Grove under a maintenance agreement with the BLM.

Private Water Main Break

On Monday of this week, the private water main lateral that serves the Bi-Mart Shopping Center broke, putting the entire shopping center out of water service. The saddle bands where the private water main lateral connects to the City main line failed, causing a loss of water service to the shopping center. The shopping center management company hired a private contractor to facilitate the necessary repairs. To speed-up the repairs, the City provided spare parts to the contractor as needed. In addition, the City crew members used the City's Vactor machine to excavate the private water main lateral so repairs could be completed. The private contractor will reimburse the City for the spare parts that were borrowed. It has always been City policy to restore water service to local businesses as quickly as possible.

Police Department New Officer

The Cottage Grove Police Department has selected a candidate for the open Police Officer position. Pending a complete background, medical and psychological background, the new officer will join the department in approximately 30 days. This will make the department fully staffed.

Author Event at the Library

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm for an evening event with local author Janet Fisher, author of *A Place Of Her Own* and *The Shifting Winds*. Janet Fisher lives on a Century Farm near Elkton, Oregon, bought by her great-great-grandmother. Life on this farm is the subject of her first book, *A Place Of Her Own*. Janet's new historical novel, *The Shifting Winds*, was released this year. Please join us for an interesting evening of conversation with Janet Fisher.

Classic Film at the Library

Please join us on Monday, January 30th at 1:30 pm for a screening of Debbie Reynolds movie *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. Debbie Reynolds earned a 1964 Best Actress Academy Award for her portrayal of the plucky backwoods heroine who survives the Titanic. Come see this great movie and help honor the life of Debbie Reynolds, and enjoy some popcorn and drinks too.

Quote of the Week

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

~Carl Bard~