

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: February 10, 2017

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, February 13th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Sweet Sounds Are Coming

Bohemia Park is going to be coming alive with music all summer. Plans are underway for the Chamber of Commerce's Summer Concerts in the Park, the Eugene Symphony and a variety of other events. As a part of Bohemia Mining Days there will be a special concert in Bohemia Park. They are bringing the group Home Free to the Bohemia Park Amphitheater on Friday, July 14th. Tickets are on sale now at TicketsWest. Home Free is the country a cappella band that was crowned Champions of Season 4 of NBC's The Sing-Off. Ticket sales are already brisk and anyone interested in getting a ticket should purchase their ticket soon.

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Budget Committee Vacancies

The City of Cottage Grove is a member of Lane Regional Air Protection Agency with Councilor Fleck serving on the agency's board of directors. Currently, LRAPA is seeking applicants to serve on the agency's Budget Committee. The Budget Committee typically holds two Budget Committee meetings on the 2nd Thursdays in March and April from 11:00 am to noon. Anyone interested could contact Councilor Fleck or the City Manager's office.

Chamber Annual Business Meeting

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Business meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at noon at the Village Green.

City Day at the Capitol

Mayor Gowing, Councilors Boone, Fleck, Roberts and the City Manager attended City Day at the Capitol sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Mayors Association on Wednesday. City Day provided an opportunity for City Officials from around the state to hear from State leadership, such as the Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate and House Republican Leaders, learn about legislation already entering the process that would affect cities and to spend time visiting with our own legislators. Thank you to Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden for providing valuable time to visit with the officials from Cottage Grove.

Rotary Organized a Service Club Lunch in the Armory

The Rotary Club arranged for their meeting to be held in the Cottage Grove Armory on Thursday and invited members of other local service clubs to join the lunch. The program for the lunch was a review of the fundraising campaign and renovation efforts on the Armory. Groups continue to discover the Armory and are using the space for more events.

Drinking Water Protection Plan Annual Stakeholder Meeting

On Tuesday of this week, Water Production Superintendent, Ray Pardee, City Planner, Amanda Ferguson, and Public Works Director, Jan Wellman attended the second annual stakeholder meeting in regard to the City of Cottage Grove's Drinking Water Protection Plan. When the original DWPP was written and submitted to DEQ for review, it was suggested that the City add an implementation strategy to place the plan's goals and objectives into action. Toward this end, Public Works applied for two grants, totaling \$38,250, to fund a Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation strategy. Phase one fostered agency cooperation to protect the watershed and called for a memorandum of understanding between stakeholders for this purpose. Phase two dealt with individual landowner issues, education, and outreach.

Tuesday's meeting was facilitated by the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and was attended by representatives from the US Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, Lane County Parks, Oregon DEQ, Weyerhaeuser, Eugene Water and Electric Board, and the City of Creswell. The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be preparing a similar Drinking Water Protection Plan for the City of Creswell during 2017. There was a general discussion by the partner agencies concerning their 2016 activities benefitting or protecting drinking water and presentations concerning planned activities for 2017. Each of the partners also committed to meet annually to continue the dialogue in regard to drinking water protection activities in the area.

Pesticide Applicator's Short Course

On Tuesday of this week, Maintenance Workers Alissa Allen and Chad Reel attended a Commercial Pesticide Applicator's Short School sponsored by Oregon State University, Lane Extension Service. The class was held at Lane Community College and provided a general update on pesticide laws and regulations. Sessions of note included Emerging Insect Pest Threats, Organic Landscape Integrated Pest Management Techniques, and Getting Tough on Pests While Staying Soft on Pollinators. Alissa and Chad are both pursuing their Certified Pesticide and Herbicide Applicator's License.

Annual Inflow and Infiltration Report

As part of the City's NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit, we are required to submit an annual report to Oregon DEQ outlining what the City has done to address inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues. Under perfect conditions, a wastewater collection system should be an entirely enclosed system. However, line breaks and cracks, uncovered clean-outs, storm drains connected to the sanitary sewer system, loose connections, etc., all allow rain water to enter the collection system. During heavy rain events waste water flows into the treatment plant can be in excess of 13 million gallons per day. Most of this inflow is rain water that has entered the collection system from a myriad of places. Each year, Public Works replaces sections of old, worn-out sewer line, repairs lateral line connections, identifies points of intrusion

into the collection system, and uses a television probe to inspect the conditions of lines. All of this work is reported to Oregon DEQ once each year as part of the required I & I report. Chasing I & I is a never ending task but every little bit helps.

Faye & Lucille Stewart Foundation & Marcia Allen Receive Excellence in History Awards

Cottage Grove's heritage community is being honored twice by the Lane County Historical Society this weekend. On Saturday, February 11th, the Lane County Historical Society will present their Heritage Outreach Grants and their inaugural Excellence in History Awards at their Annual Meeting. Marcia Allen will receive an Excellence in History Award for Lifetime Achievement as Cottage Grove Historian Extraordinaire, and the Faye & Lucille Stewart Foundation will receive an Excellence in History Award for Organizational Excellence. Congratulations to these award recipients. Their work in the preservation of Cottage Grove's heritage is greatly appreciated.

Youth Book Club at the Library

"Behind the Pages" book club at the Cottage Grove Public Library is open for all 6th to 8th graders on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month the club meets on Saturday, February 18th and will discuss "I Am Princess" by Cherie Priest.

Youth Art Show at the Library

All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to enter art into the Youth Art Show at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The art will be displayed in the Library's gallery from April 1st through the 30th. All entries must be submitted by March 28, 2017. Please call the Library (541) 942-3828 or visit our web site for more information.

Quote of the Week

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

~Winston Churchill~