

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: February 24, 2017

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, February 27th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

LCOG Awards

The City Manager attended the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Annual Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 18th. At the Annual Dinner LCOG presented awards to individuals and organizations from the member jurisdictions. South Lane School District Board Chair Sherry Duerst Higgins was given the award for Elected Official of the Year. Congratulations to Sherry.

CIS Conference

The City Manager and Finance Director attended the City/County Insurance Services (CIS) Annual Conference in Salem this week. The conference provides an excellent opportunity for local government officials to gather and discuss issues surrounding reducing risk throughout their operations. Topics covered Human Resources, Personnel Management, Recreational Immunity, Discretionary Immunity, The Eclipse, Cyber Security and other best practices to minimize risk and contain or reduce costs for jurisdictions. CIS also introduced new programs they will be starting to help jurisdictions improve the health and safety of their employees which will reduce benefit and worker compensation costs.

Sockball Fight

The Youth Advisory Council held their Sockball fight on Monday and had about 12 people present, including Mayor Gowing and Councilor Roberts. The youth enjoyed the night and played a variety of sockball games including sock baseball. About 50 pairs of socks were collected and will be donated to local organizations.

Visitors at City Hall

City Hall hosted about 20 guests Tuesday evening from Riverview Terrace while the fire scene was secured in the building. Residents were invited to City Hall to get out of the rain and relax. Thank you to staff that helped make their stay comfortable for the brief time they spent in the building.

Cottage Grove Police Department Reserve Program

The Cottage Grove Police Department currently has two candidates going through background checks for Reserve Police Officers. Upon completion of the backgrounds, both will begin the Reserve Officer Academy at Lane Community College in Eugene beginning March 2nd. Upon successful completion of the academy, training will continue at the department.

The Cottage Grove Police Department Reserve Officers are sworn police officers who assist full-time officers in the performance of their duties. With two additional reserves, the department will have a total of four reserves to assist the department and to free up full-time officers so they are available for calls for service. Reserves are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month.

Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness

Representatives from EPA Region 10 and the CADMUS Group were in Cottage Grove on Wednesday and Thursday of this week facilitating our participation in the Climate Readiness and Resilience Training effort for water and wastewater utilities. City Staff involved in the two-day meeting were Water Production Superintendent, Ray Pardee, City Planner, Amanda Ferguson, and Public Works Director, Jan Wellman. Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Executive Director, Amanda Gilbert was also in attendance.

The City will make use of the Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool (CREAT) to identify goals for the assessment of current and future climate concerns that could adversely affect water and wastewater operations. This effort includes available resources and general information on utility performance and watershed management in the event of floods, drought, or source water degradation. Climate change could have many yet unknown effects on water supply and water quality, including more stringent standards for treated effluent discharge and source water siltation.

This week's site visit was the culmination of several conference calls that began the project during 2016. The EPA and CADMUS Group representatives were given a tour of the watershed, Dorena Dam, and the Row River Water Treatment Plant. The remainder of the two-day class involved entering specific water and capital improvement data into the CREAT computer program, which can now serve as a planning tool for the City.

Native American Cultural Event

The Cottage Grove Public Library's Native American Cultural Event will be held on Saturday, March 4th from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. The event will be in memory of Roy Hayes, Jr., Great-Great Grandson of Chief Joseph, who contributed so much to the Native American programs at the Library and in the community. The afternoon will include storytelling, crafting, beading, leatherwork, food and more. Everyone is welcome to this free community event.

Library Youth Art Show

Cottage Grove youth 6th to 12th grades are encouraged to enter a piece of their own art into the Cottage Grove Public Library Youth Art Show. All entries must be submitted by March 28, 2017. The opening Gala Reception will be on April 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information, stop by the Library and chat with one of the librarians.

Classic Film Screening

The Cottage Grove Public Library will screen the classic film *Father Goose* starring Cary Grant and Leslie Caron on Monday, February 27th at 1:30 pm in the Shepherd Room. The film won an Academy Award for best story and screenplay in 1964.

Let's Talk Books at the Library

The Book Club for adults at the Cottage Grove Public Library will be meeting on Monday, February 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The book selection for February is *Lucky Us* by Amy Bloom.

Quote of the Week

“Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being.”

~Kevin Kruse~