

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 23, 2018

Swing the Bridge

Tomorrow night, March 24th from 6:00 to 11:00 pm, swing on over to the Cottage Grove Armory and participate in the benefit to raise funds for the Swinging Bridge. There will be live music, information about the history of the bridge, grant letter writing opportunities, a silent auction and of course good food and drink – all to benefit the replacement of the swinging bridge. Tickets are available at the door. Those unable to attend can still show their support of the bridge by donating through the City Water/Sewer bills on the round up for the bridge. All funds go directly to the Swinging Bridge Trust fund.

Habitat for Humanity

Tomorrow, March 24th at 10:00 am join Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane for the dedication ceremony of the latest home at 1507 Harvey Lane. Stop in and celebrate this major accomplishment.

Goopy, Drippy and Slimy

Goopy, drippy and slimy are the words of the day for the Coast Fork Science Pub on Tuesday, March 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe and Fiddle. The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) welcomes Jenny Laxton, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Education Manager, for the March 2018 Science Pub presentation entitled Slimy Creatures. This presentation will explore slugs, snails, worms and more. They might be a bit goopy, sometimes drippy and many people consider them yucky, but these underappreciated little critters are more fascinating than ever imagined. Break out the inner kid and examine the world of local slimy creatures with fresh eyes. Lions, tigers and bears have nothing on the weird and wacky world of these charismatic critters.

Youth Summit

The Mayor, Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council members MJ, and Fernando and the City Manager will be attending a Youth-Adult Partnership workshop on Monday, March 26th at the Ford Family Foundation's conference center in Roseburg. The workshop will be exploring opportunities where adults and youth can learn together about incorporating and elevating youth voice in their organizations.

New Employee

Melany Klemmer, our new Building Permit Specialist for the Public Works & Development Department, started work on Monday, March 19th. Melany's previous employer was Comfort

Flow Heating were she managed residential and commercial heating projects for the past 15 years. Melany is busy learning all the ins and outs of taking in permit applications, calculating fees, scheduling inspections, issuing permits, and supporting the Planning Division. In April, she will begin taking building permit classes to become certified in residential home plans examinations and inspections. She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge from the construction industry and we are excited to have her join our Building Division team.

Community Center Closure

On Tuesday, March 27th, the Community Center and Library will be closed for the day. The Utility Division Crew will be replacing the sanitary sewer line connecting the Community Center to the sewer collection system. The current line is concrete pipes that slide together every four feet. The line has become very worn and choked with roots from the surrounding trees. The new line will be a PVC product that is glued together creating a better seal that does not allow roots to enter the pipe. The new pipe will last longer, flow better, and require less maintenance.

Lane County Solid Waste Stakeholder Meeting

Councilor Burback and the Public Works & Development Director attended the Solid Waste Stakeholders meeting in Eugene. We received an update on operational changes to Lane County's Waste Management Division. They presented code changes pertaining to waste collection with Urban Growth Boundaries and the code changes confirming compliance with state Opportunity to Recycle laws. They also updated the stakeholders regarding commingled recycling. Most, if not all the small cities waste collectors, have successfully transitioned to the new recycle product list. The City of Springfield and Eugene are still making the transition. The recycled items that are collected today are much cleaner than in the past which is helping collectors find buyers for the recyclables.

Quote of the Week

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

~Vidal Sassoon~