

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 24, 2017

Public Works & Development Department

It was announced this week that Faye Stewart will be the new Public Works & Development Director. Faye will begin with the City on Friday, March 31st. The Public Works & Development Director position is replacing the Community Development Director position, which is vacant and the Public Works Director position which will be vacant after March 31st. Faye brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position that will be a huge benefit to the citizens of Cottage Grove. Welcome Faye!

East Lane County Commissioner Position

Upon accepting the position with the City, Commissioner Faye Stewart resigned his position as Lane County Commissioner effective April 3, 2017. The Lane County Board of Commissioners will be responsible for appointing an individual to fulfill the remainder of Commissioner Stewart's term, which runs through December 2018.

An application for that appointment is now available online. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6th. All applications must be submitted online using the County's application portal. The posting is available at <http://bit.ly/2nEh1nb>.

In order to qualify, an applicant must:

- be a legal voter in the state of Oregon;
- be a resident of the county who has resided in the county two years immediately preceding the beginning of the term of office; and
- reside within District 5, East Lane County for a period of not less than two months prior to appointment.

The Board of Commissioners will interview selected applicants on Wednesday, April 12. The interviews will be conducted in a public forum. The Board of Commissioners may make an appointment as soon as April 12.

Interested applicants who are unsure whether they live within District 5 can use the search tool at <http://bit.ly/2mUFINa> to determine if they reside in the district.

Youth Advisory Council Go to the Capital



Today the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council made an early morning trip to Salem to testify before the House Committee on Health Care regarding HB 3030. HB 3030 is a bill that was introduced by Representative Hayden as a result of the 2016 YAC visit. Last year the YAC members visited with him and



described the issue in the community surrounding the availability of nitrous oxide to youth. As a result of the YAC discussion Representative Hayden prepared HB 3030 that begins the discussion at the legislature. YAC members, Ian Dukes, Emma Meyers, Jennifer McReynolds, M.J. Raade and Tori Raade participated and provided amazing testimony to the committee about the importance of controls on the sale of nitrous oxide canisters.

The bill will now be scheduled for a work session and hopefully will be going to the House Floor for a vote. If everything goes well in the House the YAC will get to work the bill through the Senate.

Oregon Bicycle Tourism Summit

Jim Harrison, Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway volunteer and the City Manager attended the 2017 Oregon Bicycle Tourism Summit this week. The summit was held to bring those interested in developing bicycle tourism throughout Oregon together to discuss ideas on how to increase the wide variety of cycling opportunities that exist in the State. They heard examples of programs in Washington and in Germany. They also learned more about the soon to be opened Oregon Timber Trail.

Poster Scam

We have received a note from Gary Roberts, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Cottage Grove High School about a scam being conducted selling ad space on a sports poster. Mr. Roberts reports that the school only uses the High School's Sports Marketing Class through Ricardo Florez to sell any kind of advertising for Cottage Grove High School Athletics. Any other business or organization would not be affiliated with the school and could be a scam.

Beeper

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

Budget Committee Recruitment

The City continues to seek applicants for the Budget Committee. The application deadline has been extended to 5:00 pm March 31st. Anyone interested in applying for a position on the Cottage Grove Budget Committee still has time. Currently there are three positions up for recruitment.

Cottage Grove Police Officer Tami Miles Attends Basic Hostage Negotiation Training

Officer Tami Miles attended Basic Hostage Negotiation taught by the FBI, at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, March 6th through the 10th. Officer Miles is a member of the Lane County Crisis Negotiation team.



Cyber-Security

On Thursday of this week, staff from the water and wastewater treatment plants, the IT Specialist and The Automation Group (TAG) Senior Systems Integrator, attended a cyber-security workshop in Lake Oswego. The workshop was sponsored by West Yost Associates' Operations Technology and Cyber-security Group and focused on cyber-security issues related to water and wastewater utilities. The workshop provided an overview of why many utility Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems are not secure, common mistakes that expose utility SCADA systems to cyber-attacks, how to quickly assess your particular SCADA system's level of security, and ways to improve the security posture of your SCADA system. The City relies on complex SCADA systems to monitor and operate the water and wastewater plants, along with associated booster pump and lift stations.

Check Out Museum Passes at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library has family passes available to check out for the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History and for the Cascade Raptor Center. Stop by the Library to check out your pass to these great Spring Break destinations in the Eugene area.

STEAM at London School

Library volunteers and staff partnered with the U.S. Forest Service and other local volunteers at London School on March 24th for workshops focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). Volunteers staged a collection of "hands on" workshop activities for London Students. Thank you to the Umpqua National Forest for partnering for this event for local youth.

Teen Art Show Coming Soon

There is only one week left for teens to enter their art work at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The art show opens in April and prizes will be awarded. Teens interested in entering their art work should bring their art work to the Library soon to get it entered in the show.

Quote of the Week

"The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter."

~Mark Twain~