

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 30, 2018

Youth – Adult Partnership Workshop

Mayor Gowing, Youth Advisory Council members, MJ Raade and Fernando Soto Cruz and the City Manager attended a Youth – Adult Partnership workshop sponsored by the Ford Family Foundation on Monday, March 26th. The workshop presented information about effective youth – adult partnerships and what can be done to develop and maintain the partnerships. Youth and adults from 13 communities or organizations attended and shared ideas about the operation of their programs.

“YACing” with Oakridge

The City Manager was invited to attend a meeting in Oakridge on Thursday to provide information about the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Oakridge is preparing to organize their own Youth Council and was seeking input. Councilor Joshua McMillin and his wife are leading the effort and bringing together members of the community to contribute and be a part of the efforts. As the efforts continue members of the Cottage Grove YAC may visit with Oakridge youth to help with organization and ideas for their program.

League of Oregon Cities Regional Meeting

On Friday, April 20th the League of Oregon Cities will be holding a regional meeting in Cottage Grove from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in Cottage Grove City Hall. The Regional meeting will give us the opportunity to not only meet our new League of Oregon Cities Executive Director, but also collaborate with other local elected officials from the region. The regional meeting will also provide an opportunity for League members to learn about the tools and trainings that are available to cities from the League. The Mayor and Council are encouraged to attend the meeting and can register through the League’s newsletter or contact the City Recorder or City Manager and we will get you registered.

Limb Pickup

The annual limb pickup program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018. City crews will begin picking up limbs that day and continue until they have covered the City. All limbs must be placed out for collection before Tuesday, May 22nd. There will not be additional pickup days. Limbs or branches placed out after that date will be the responsibility of the residents that placed the limbs.

Youth Advisory Council Meeting Times Change

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) voted to change their meeting time on the 1st and 3rd Mondays to 7:00 pm. The meeting will then end at 8:00 pm. The change was needed to help make it easier for some of the members of the YAC that have started jobs on Monday and cannot currently come to the early meetings. Thank you to the Mayor and Council that have been attending the YAC meetings at the earlier time – please note the change in time for your next scheduled attendance at the YAC.

YAC Meeting and Guest Speaker

ON Monday, April 2nd the YAC will be meeting at 7:00 pm in City Hall to visit with Representative Cedric Hayden. They will also receive a report on the Youth – Adult Partnership workshop and continue discussion of goals and activities. The YAC has guest speakers scheduled for the next several meetings to discuss some very important and timely topics that are impacting youth in the community.

Eugene Symphony

Sound the drums, string the violins and toot the horns we have a date for the Eugene Symphony to visit Cottage Grove this summer. The selection of the date is based on the dates for the community performance in Eugene. We are excited and are planning on another spectacular evening of amazing music. So be sure to mark the calendars for an evening of music in Bohemia Park on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Teen Art Show at the Library

The Teen Library Advisory Board is hosting a Teen Art Show again this year. Art work can now be dropped off at the Cottage Grove Library until Tuesday, April 24th. This is an exciting art show experience for 6th to 12th grade aged teens. There will be prizes and the fame and glory of their own art show.

Architecture of Internment Exhibit and Event Success

Last night the Cottage Grove Library hosted the final event associated with the "Architecture of Internment Exhibit", and patrons enjoyed a screening of the film, "Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice". The Director of the film, Holly Yasui, who resides in Mexico and traveled north to Oregon for Minoru Yasui Day yesterday, joined us for this special screening in Cottage Grove last night. The group enjoyed discussing the film and its production and content with Holly.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each April, organizations around the nation promote awareness related to preventing Child Abuse. Locally, the South Lane Regional Leadership Team of the 90 by 30 Project (a partnership with the University of Oregon focused on reducing Child Abuse 90% by 2030) is working closely with local groups, organizations, agencies and with the City of Cottage Grove to promote awareness and action related to this important issue that impacts all communities. The color blue and blue pinwheels are national symbols of Child Abuse Prevention, and you'll see blue ribbons and pinwheels displayed downtown during April, as well as in decorating themes at the Cottage Grove Library and Community Center.

Opal Whiteley Mural

Connie Huston is back in All-America City Park to continue restoration and maintenance work on the Opal Whiteley mural. This past summer she repainted the center portion of the mural and is now preparing to repaint the remainder. She is currently scrubbing the wall in preparation for repainting when weather allows. The Economic/Business Improvement District (EBID) is funding the restoration of the mural.

Quote of the Week

Only by self-respect will you compel others to respect you.

~ Fyodor Dostoyevsky ~