

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 14, 2017

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory will meet on Monday, April 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The YAC will be assisting the City Manager and Public Works & Development Director in making presentation to a local scout troop about the City Emergency Operations.

Northwest Managers

The City Manager attended the Northwest Regional Managers Conference this week. The conference brings together City and County managers and administrators from Oregon and Washington to learn and discuss issues and trends in local government. Major discussions surrounded the development of a 21st Century workforce, body cameras and the changes occurring at the Federal Government level and how it could impact local government.

Annually the most eventful part of the conference is the annual Oregon/Washington Volleyball Tournament. Nothing is more entertaining than watching a bunch of City Managers try to play volleyball. This year the contest was planned to be held on an outdoor sand court, but due to major heavy rains the event was cancelled. The volleyball court was covered with about 6 inches of water. Conveniently, plans were not made for a backup location.

Prescription Drug Drop Box at Police Department

Records and Evidence Coordinators, Shawna Bailey and Jill Drury, transported over 500 pounds of prescription drugs collected at the police department over the past 12 months for incineration by the Covanta Energy Corporation in Brooks, Oregon. The prescription drugs were collected in the drop box located in the lobby of the police department. The drugs were destroyed at no cost to the city, through a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Free Smoke Detectors and Installation

The Red Cross Home Fire Campaign aims to reduce death and injury by installing free smoke alarms for those who need them.

The Red Cross responds to an average of two home fires every day throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. To help save lives, the Red Cross and partners are installing free smoke alarms in homes that need them. Residents throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington can get free smoke alarms in their home by calling (503)528-5783. Appointments may also be made online. Smoke alarms have a tamper-resistant, 10-year lithium battery and are installed free of charge to residents. In Oregon this campaign is in partnership with the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

Three ways to get free smoke alarms installed by trained Red Cross volunteers
Schedule an appointment for trained Red Cross volunteers to install free smoke alarms in your home, review a fire safety and home hazard checklist and provide information about creating a fire escape plan by:

1. Calling: (503)528-5783; or
2. Visiting: <http://www.redcross.org/local/oregon/home-fire-safety>; or
3. Emailing: preparedness@redcross.org

The Red Cross is also seeking volunteers to help with this lifesaving community outreach effort. Individuals, faith-based groups, local businesses and organizations are welcome to participate. Working in teams, volunteers canvass neighborhoods, install smoke alarms, review a fire safety and home hazard checklist and provide information about creating a fire escape plan with residents. Training will be provided. If you or you know of anyone or a group that would be interested in helping with this project contact the Red Cross at: (503)528-5783.

Did you know?

You have as little as two minutes to safely escape a burning home. On average, seven people die every day in the United States from a home fire. A working smoke alarm can cut the risk of death from a home fire in half.

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Arbor Day /Memorial Tree Planting Bohemia Park

In recognition of Arbor Day the Urban Forestry Committee will be hosting a tree planting at Bohemia Park on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30 am. The City is being recognized for the 23rd year as a Tree City USA. The family of Jim Brownson, along with students from Harrison School, will be planting a Memorial Tree in memory of this remarkable man. Jim was a dedicated member of the Urban Forestry Committee and volunteered at Harrison School working in the gardens and teaching technology to students. The Arbor Day tree planting project is supported with funding from Oregon Community Trees. Community members are invited to help plant trees for the next generation.

Teen Art Show Now at the Library

Please stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library to check out the Teen Art Show that is presently on display in the Community Center Art Gallery. You can still vote for your favorite works of art (one vote daily) so stop by soon to vote. The Teen Art Show Closing Reception will be Friday, April 28th at 6:00 pm. The Art Show is organized by the Teen Advisory Library Board "TLAB." Teens interested in becoming involved with TLAB should chat with a Librarian soon.

Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library

The Smithsonian is returning to the Cottage Grove Public Library. During the entire month of May the Library will host the "A Place For All People" display. The Smithsonian traveling exhibit introduces the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened

recently in Washington D.C. Please stop by the Library during May to view this inspiring exhibit about the new museum in Washington D.C.

"A Place For All People" Film Festival at the Library

The staff at the Cottage Grove Public Library has assembled a collection of films for a weekly film festival during the month of May to honor African American Directors. The films will be screened each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm at the Library. Films include:

"Moonlight" - May 4th

"Do The Right Thing"- May 11th

"13th" - May 18th

"Selma" - May 25th

"Their Eyes Were Watching God" - June 1st

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Public Works & Development Department Staff Meeting

The Public Works & Development Department had their first regular Supervisors and Assistants meeting on Tuesday. The intent of the meetings is to get updates on current and future projects, improve communication and coordination in the department, and is a place to brainstorm with each other about challenges being faced.

Wastewater Effluent Storage and Irrigation Project Interviews

Public Works held interviews of Engineering and Design Firms that responded to the Request for Statement of Qualifications and Proposal for the Treated Wastewater Effluent Storage and Irrigation Project. This project will help the City comply with the wastewater operation permit the City has with DEQ. There were 5 proposals received. After interviews, the review team recommended selection of West Yost Associates. We will now move into project scoping and contract negotiations with hopes of starting design early this summer.

All-America City Park New Path Completed

This week the new path into All-America City Park was completed. It looks great. Thank you to Jeffrey Faville Masonry and the Public Works & Development Staff for a job well done.



Public Works & Development Director Attends CG Community Foundation Meeting

The Public Works & Development Director attended the Cottage Grove Community Foundation meeting on Thursday. The Foundation is preparing to review scholarship applications for the 2017 High School graduates. Brent Czaban, Mill Manager for Weyerhaeuser, announced the \$15 million plant upgrades were three days ahead of schedule for completion and they hoped to be back sawing lumber very soon.

Incident Command System Training Webinar

On Thursday, the Public Works & Development Director attended an Incident Command System Training Webinar. The training focused on designing and implementing table top exercises for potential disaster events that could impact our community.

City Safety Committee Meeting

The City Safety Committee met this week and discussed the need for improved signage for City Hall and the Community Center and the status on having it installed. The committee was reminded the committee that Omlid and Swinney will be here on Monday, April 17th to test all the City's fire extinguishers. Next month the committee will be visiting all the City's facilities for quarterly safety inspections.

Quote of the Week

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."

~Oprah Winfrey~