

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 28, 2017

### **Youth Advisory Council**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. The YAC will be meeting to discuss next steps with HB 3030, visit with Juine Chada, Field Representative for Senator Ron Wyden to discuss the upcoming Town Hall and to visit with Christy Inskip, Lane County Tobacco Prevention & Education Program Coordinator to prepare for the visit with Governor Brown on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eugene Symphony**

The Eugene Symphony is scheduled to return to Cottage Grove on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Bohemia Park. To continue to bring this spectacular event to Cottage Grove, sponsorship opportunities are being offered. Table seating is also available to experience the performance. It will also be exciting because the new Music Director, Francesco Lecce-Chong was selected by the Symphony this week and may be making his first public performance with the Symphony for the outdoor concerts in Eugene, Roseburg and Cottage Grove. Mark your calendars and be sure to plan for this event.

### **Senator Ron Wyden Town Hall**

Senator Ron Wyden will be holding a Town Hall meeting in Cottage Grove on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The Town Hall will be held at Cottage Grove High School. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Congressional Staff Visits**

The Mayor and City Manager met with staff from Senator Wyden's office. They discussed transportation funding, the Armory, Row River Trail and other issues facing the community.

The City Manager and Public Works & Development Director met with staff from Congressman DeFazio's office. They discussed transportation funding and programs that may be helpful to address needs in the community. The Public Works & Development Director will be traveling to Washington, D.C. as a part of the United Front and will be visiting members of Congress and staff.

### **Service Line Warranties**

Last week City Utility Customers received a letter about an optional water line warranty program available to homeowners provided by Service Line Warranties. The City of Cottage Grove has partnered with Service Line Warranties of America to make this options coverage available to

homeowners in Cottage Grove. The availability of the program is a benefit of membership in the National League of Cities. The Service Line Warranty program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for water and sewer lines. The program is offered at no cost to the City of Cottage Grove, and no public funds are used to promote the program. There are other service line warranty programs available, some with questionable history that homeowners may receive mailings information about. This program can be recognized by the City's logo and letter from the Mayor.

The service line warranty covers the cost to repair or replace the water or sewer lines from the City's mainline to the home up to \$4,000 and includes additional coverage if street or sidewalk repair is necessary. The program is entirely optional and homeowners should consider whether the program would be beneficial to them. More information about the water and sewer line programs are available at: <http://www.slwofa.com>.

### **Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library**

The Smithsonian is returning to the Cottage Grove Public Library. During the entire month of May, 2017, the Library will host "A Place For All People", the Smithsonian traveling exhibit to introduce the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C. Stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library during May to view this inspiring exhibit about the new museum in Washington D.C.

### **"A Place For All People" Film Festival Hosted by the Library**

The Cottage Grove Public Library will be hosting a weekly film festival during the month of May as part of the "A Place For All People" exhibit to honor African American Directors. The films will be screened each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm in the Community Center Reception Hall. Films include:

- May 4th - "Moonlight"
- May 11<sup>th</sup> - "Do The Right Thing"
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - "13th"
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - "Selma"
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - "Their Eyes Were Watching God"

### **Taylor Street Paving by New Pump Station**

Work is continuing on the new pump station on Taylor Street. Today, due to the break in the weather, H & J Construction was able to pave Taylor Street at the new pump station. The pump station should be completed next month. The new pump station will reduce operating costs because it will replace two old inefficient pumps stations.



### *Quote of the Week*

*"We can learn to see each other and see ourselves in each other and recognize that human beings are more alike than we are unlike."*

*~Maya Angelou~*