

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 12, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week the 20th Annual Yard of the Week season kicked off. The yard selected to begin this season was at 105 North H Street. A photo of the winning Yard of the Week is posted on the City's webpage. All single family residences within the City are eligible for nomination as a Yard of the Week. To nominate a yard for the award, contact City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce. Nominations can also be emailed to the City Manager or the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. Residents recognized as a Yard of the Week will receive a credit for the water portion of their City utility bill, a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce and a gift certificate from the Cottage Grove Sentinel for a one year subscription.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council traveled to Salem bright and early Tuesday morning and testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on HB 3030 A. The four youth, Ian Dukes, Emma Meyers, Tori and MJ Raade did a spectacular job testifying and answering questions from the Senators on the committee. The bill has drawn attention from others. Some media and legislators



have been dubbing the bill the Whipped Cream Bill and spreading the rumor that the bill would prohibit the sale of whipped cream to anyone under 21. That is not the case. The bill only addresses the sale of nitrous oxide canisters. Nitrous oxide is the propellant in spray whipped cream but that does not make a can of whipped cream a nitrous oxide canister. A work session and future consideration of the bill has not been scheduled yet.

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, May 15th at 6:30 pm. One of the items of discussion will be preparing for the Governor's visit on May 19th. On Friday, May 19th the Governor is coming to Cottage Grove to hold a press event to mark the progress Oregon has made in the last 20 years protecting kids from tobacco. 2017 marks 20 years since the start of the Oregon Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, which cemented

Oregonians commitment to protect current and future generations from the toll of tobacco. The Governor will be recognizing the YAC for the work they have done in tobacco prevention.

Regional Managers Meeting

The City Manager met with other managers and administrators on Thursday. The managers had a discussion regarding preparations for the 2020 Census and a report on actions at the legislature. The U.S. Census is sending out information to local jurisdictions to begin coordination of addresses and information in order to conduct an accurate census in 2020. Lane County cities typically work closely with Lane Council of Governments to verify addresses and provide the information back to the census.

Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library is hosting a Smithsonian Exhibit during the months of May and June. The exhibit, "A Place For All People", is a traveling exhibit to introduce the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C. Stop by the Library to see this wonderful exhibit.

"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 11th - "Do The Right Thing"

May 18th - "13th"

May 25th - "Selma"

June 1st - "Their Eyes Were Watching God"

Let's Talk Books

Let's Talk Books is a club for teens and adults at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 24th at 4:30 pm to discuss the book, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Shetterly.

Classic Film at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library will be showing the movie *The Wreck of the Mary Deare*, starring Gary Cooper and Charlton Heston on Monday, May 22nd at 1:30 pm. This 1959 film has murder and intrigue, a deserted ship and a crazed captain. It is an exciting, suspenseful story that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

Behind the Pages

Behind the Pages Book Club is for 6th to 8th graders and meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. On Saturday, May 20th at 2:30 pm, they will be discussing the book *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*, by E. Lockhart.

Summer Reading Program Coming Soon

The Summer Reading Kick-Off event will be on Wednesday June 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Mark your calendar and join us for this fun event to launch our annual Summer Reading Program.

STEAM Event at the Library

Please join us on Wednesday, May 17th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm for the monthly STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) workshop for kids. All students in grades K through 12 are welcome to join in the fun and learn something cool at the same time.

Lord Avenue Sewer Line Repair

The Utilities Crew replaced 70' of worn out 8" concrete sewer line between Lord and Chamberlain Avenue. The bottom of the concrete line had been worn out making it difficult to pass waste through causing it to plug. The crew did an excellent job making the repair and restoring the disturbed property back to its original state.



Cottage Grove Community Foundation

Mayor Gowing and the Public Works & Development Director attended the Cottage Grove Community Foundation meeting on Thursday. The foundation board approved giving \$91,300 in college scholarships this year; 78 scholarships to graduating seniors and 19 renewable scholarships to current Cottage Grove college students.

Quote of the Week

“Our ability to handle life's challenges is a measure of our strength of character.”

~Les Brown~