

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 9, 2017

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1105 E. Adams. Check out the flower bed on the west side of the house that is planted to represent the American Flag. The beautiful hanging baskets and flowers add a colorful touch to the well cared for yard. Thank you for the great nominations this week.

### **Scenic Bikeway Committee Meeting**

The City Manager attended a meeting of the State Scenic Bikeway Committee in Salem on Thursday. The committee meeting was held to review and prepare the results from the evaluation of the Old West Scenic Bikeway and to make additional amendments to the committee's strategic planning document.

### **Airport Welcome Center**

The construction of the Cottage Grove Airport Welcome Center is progressing quickly. The picture shows the progress as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The electrical work, windows and plumber were underway this week. They are busy picking out flooring, fixtures and other things for the building.



### **Kickin' It with Cops**

On Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Cottage Grove Police Department will be participating in a special event to kick off the start of the 2017 Summer Season at City Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The event, "Kickin' It with Cops" will be a fun chance to meet members of the Cottage Grove Police Department, sit in a police car and learn more about public safety in Cottage Grove. There will be free hot dogs, bicycle helmets for kids and even a dunk tank that may include some City Councilors and even the Police Chief.

### **Project Kickoff**

The Public Works & Development staff met with the team from West Yost to kick-off the Waste Water Effluent Re-Use Project. West Yost will be designing the project and Phase 1, pre-design, will be done by the end of 2017.

### **Crosswalk Marking**

On Tuesday, H2O Contractors began the application of crosswalks on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. They were able to complete the 10<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalks and several others around town before the rains started. Once the weather dries they will be restoring crosswalks on Main Street from River Road East to Gateway.

### **Planning Tech Interviews**

Today Planning Staff, with the help of Police Chief Scott Shepherd and retired Community Development Director Howard Schesser, interviewed 5 candidates for the Planning Tech position in the Planning Division. We had several very good candidates and hope to make a job offer early next week.

### **Listening Session**

Wednesday evening Councilor Fleck, Cottage Grove Chamber Director Travis Palmer, and the Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, held a listening session at the Community Center to hear from citizens about how Faye can improve the building and planning division. Approximately 12 people attended and gave very good suggestions on how to improve. Overall the attendees felt focusing on improving customer service was the number one place to start. With the addition of a new Planning Tech and Civil Engineer we anticipate improvements to the permit approval time and build customer trust.

### **New Children's Librarian**

The Cottage Grove Public Library is excited to announce the new Children's and Youth Services Librarian Julie Jeanmard. Julie has joined the Library Team and she brings a wealth of experience and creative energy to share with the community. Please stop in soon to welcome Julie.

### **Behind the Pages Book Club for "Tweens"**

The "Behind the Pages" book club's next meeting will be Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The club will be reviewing the book, *Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead. If you are in the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades, plan to join the Behind the Pages book club on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Don't forget to stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library during the month of June to view the Smithsonian exhibit, "A Place For All People". The traveling exhibit is to introduce the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C.

### **Summer Outdoor Adventure Sign-Ups Happening Now**

Now is the time to sign up your children ages 3 to 17 for fabulous "Outdoor Adventures" with the Cottage Grove Public Library. These field trips happen each Friday during the summer and trips are filling up fast. Stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library soon to sign up your kids for one of our amazing outdoor adventures.

**Summer Reading Program Kick-Off June 21st**

Calling all Kids, Teens and Adults. The Cottage Grove Public Library Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party is Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the fun and launch your summer reading endeavors.

*Quote of the Week*

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”*

*~Maya Angelou~*