

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 16, 2017

Symphony Bars

Do you want a sweet reward for supporting the Eugene Symphony performing in Cottage Grove, if yes, have we got the deal for you. We have Extra Large Symphony Bars (Creamy Milk Chocolate and Creamy Milk Chocolate with Almonds & Toffee Chips) available for every \$5.00 donation to the Eugene Symphony performance. These delicious Symphony Bars are available at the City Hall, Community Center and Middlefield Golf Course. More locations will be coming. Watch for them to be sold at Concerts in the Park and other events. Help support bringing the Symphony to Cottage Grove and satisfy that chocolate craving. They make great gifts and while supplies last they will come with a “Music in the Park” button so you can show your support for the symphony.

Coast Fork Science Pub

On Tuesday, June 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council welcomes Christine Buhl, Forest Entomologist with Oregon Department of Forestry, for the June 2017 Science Pub presentation entitled “What the heck is Dendroctonus?!” Learn all that you ever wanted to know (and more!) about urban and forest tree health as it pertains to insects. Ms. Buhl will provide a general overview of what makes trees tasty to insects, how to diagnose attacks from our more prominent pests, invasive insects to be on the lookout for and the benefits of forest insects. This presentation will answer questions like: Why is my tree dying? What are those holes or globs of sap from? What’s eating those leaves? What good are insects to trees anyway? And most importantly: What can I do to protect my individual urban tree or forested stand from insect damage?

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1103 South 2nd Street. This beautiful yard has some interesting farm items among the variety of flowers and plants. Thank you for the nominations. The Yard of the Week Prize Patrol has some amazing nominations and wants to remind those that have nominated a yard that the nominations will stay on the list for a number of weeks before getting the award.

2017 All-America City

Fifteen communities across the country were honored today with the 2017 All-America City Award (AAC) for their civic engagement to help more young children from low-income families achieve grade-level reading proficiency and early school success. The only Oregon community recognized among the 15 recipients was Lane County, Oregon. Lane County was cited for reporting measurable progress in school readiness and summer learning for children from low-income families, as well as for exemplary efforts in promoting civic engagement and inclusiveness.

The AAC Awards were presented this year during Grade-Level Reading Week in Denver, Colorado at the All-America City Awards Gathering hosted by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, along with the National Civic League, which created the prestigious program 68 years ago. Congratulations Lane County.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will meet on Monday, June 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Bohemia Park Restroom Damage

The City of Cottage Grove has so many wonderful people and things happening in the community that it is difficult to have to report that the restrooms in Bohemia Park were closed this week because of some significant vandalism. Those that committed the pointless acts of vandalism were caught on the video both days that they damaged the facilities. The recordings have been turned over to the Police Department and we will intend to hold those responsible to the fullest extent possible.

The interesting thing with this vandalism is that it was not committed under the cover of darkness, but in the middle of the day with other park users in the immediate vicinity. We all have a role to help prevent and also to report this type of behavior. If you ever see any type of behavior that is not appropriate in the parks, please call the Police Department immediately. Make a mental note of the description of the person responsible or better yet, snap a photo or video, if safe to do so, to share with the police to help make those that damage or destroy community property accountable for their poor behavior. Anyone with information about the latest damage is encouraged to share it with the police.

The restrooms have been cleaned and partially repaired and were opened on a limited basis within a couple of days.

New Meter Installation

On Wednesday the Public Works & Development Department Utilities Crew continued working on the new water meter service to Riverview Terrace. They were able to install the new piping and 4" meter across West Main Street. They also installed a 2" by-pass line and meter to allow for continuous water service to the residents if the main 4" meter needs maintenance or fails. During the first week of July the Utility Crew will connect Riverview Terrace to the new meter completing the new meter installation.

New Civil Engineer

The Public Works & Development Department would like to welcome our new Civil Engineer, Ryan Sisson, to the Engineering Division. Ryan started his engineering career at Cottage Grove as an intern in the early 90's. He went on to work for several private engineering firms, the City of Springfield, and as the owner operator of Ford and Associates LLC. Ryan has designed pump stations, subdivisions, managed large construction projects, and many other efforts related to the engineering field. We are excited Ryan is joining the Engineering Division team and look forward to working with him.

Underwater Diving

Today and tomorrow Inland Potable Services is cleaning the Knox Hill Reservoirs and the high service tank at the Water Treatment Plant. To clean the reservoirs a diver enters the reservoirs after being disinfected and basically vacuums the silt from the bottom of the reservoir. The silt in the bottom of the reservoirs is less than 1/16th of an inch and very fine and naturally occurring as a result of interaction of water with pipes and equipment and the settling of super fine sediment. The reservoirs are cleaned every 5 years. The condition of the reservoir walls, floors and joints are also inspected.



Applying to Join the Community Rating System Program

On Friday, June 16, City Planner Amanda Ferguson spent the day exploring the requirements of the Community Rating System (CRS) Program with Marlene Jacobs, ISO/CRS Senior Floodplain Specialist from the Insurance Services Office. The City has begun the application process to join the CRS Program, which is a voluntary program linked to the National Flood Insurance Program. Participation in the program can provide property owners within communities with discounts on their flood insurance policies. We hope to join the CRS Program at least a Level 7 (out of 10, 1 being the highest), which will give all flood insurance policy holders a 15% discount. Staff has 30 days to complete the application. Floodplain program elements we will be documenting as part of our application include open space preservation, flood mapping information services, public outreach efforts and drainage system maintenance.

New Children's Librarian

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

Behind the Pages Book Club for "Tweens"

The Cottage Grove Public Library, "Behind the Pages" Book Club, the book club for middle school aged youth will be meeting Saturday, June 17th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The club will be discussing "Goodbye Stranger" by Rebecca Stead.

Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library

During the entire month of June the Library is hosting "A Place For All People", the Smithsonian traveling exhibit introducing the new National Museum of African American History and

Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C. Please stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library during June to view this inspiring exhibit about the new museum in Washington D.C.

Summer Outdoor Adventure Sign-Ups Happening Now

The summer "Outdoor Adventures" program from the Cottage Grove Library is now taking sign-ups for 3-17 year old youth. The Outdoor Adventure field trips happen each Friday during the summer. Trips are filling up fast.

Summer Reading Program

The Cottage Grove Public Library Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party is Wednesday, June 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Adults, kids and teens are invited to join in the fun and be a part of the Summer Reading activities.

Quote of the Week

“Great things are done when men and mountains meet.”

~William Blake~