

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 17, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 109 Village Drive. The yard has a number of flowers growing throughout the yard, even on a tree trunk, which brightens the yard. Keep the nominations coming.

Youth Advisory Council Academy

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding their annual YAC Academy on Monday, June 20th. The daylong event provides the YAC members an opportunity to experience the daily operations of the City. They get to visit all the treatment plants, run a remote camera up a sewer line, practice an emergency drill, see our K-9 officers in action and many other things. The YAC members also get to have lunch with the Mayor and City Council.

Support the Eugene Symphony

The Eugene Symphony is coming to perform in Cottage Grove again this year on Monday, July 18th. We will have local performances by the Cottage Grove High School Jazz Combo and the Community Band starting at 6:30 pm. The Eugene Symphony will performance will begin after 7:30 pm.

A limited number of buttons are now on sale for \$5.00 to support bringing the Eugene Symphony to Cottage Grove. The buttons are a great way to show your support for bringing this wonderful entertainment to the community. In addition this year we will be selling raffle tickets for some amazing prizes including a pair of tickets to the opening performance of the Symphony on September 22 in Eugene. If you wear your button to the Symphony's performance in **Bohemia Park on July 18th** you will get a free raffle ticket. The buttons are available at City Hall, Middlefield Golf Course, Library and at some the Concerts in the Park. Pickup your button today and show your support for this great community event.



Concerts in the Park

On Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30 pm the Annual Chamber of Commerce Concert in the Park series kicks off with their first concert of the season. The concert series kick off with a performance by Crossing Neptune a local band from Eugene that features Cottage Grove High

School's own Music Director, Gabe Dickinson. There will be vendors and other entertainment so be sure to come to the Bohemia Park Amphitheater for a great evening outside.

Business After Hours

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Business After Hours at Middlefield Golf Course a success last night. It was a great evening, just a little chilly outside but after the putting contest outside everyone made it back inside to warm up.

Library Adventure Camp Sign-Up Now

Now is the time to stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library to register your 3-6 year old, 7-12 year old, or 13-17 year old for one of our amazing Summer Adventure Field Trips. On these trips we go hiking, kayaking, swimming, sand boarding, rafting, and learn about the ecology of native Oregon habitats, study native plants, learn about local geology, explore field biology and more. Please stop by the Library soon to enroll your child, tween or teen for one of our awesome free summer adventures.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event Coming Soon

The Summer Reading Programs Kick-Off will be Wednesday, June 22nd at 2:30 pm at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Summer reading programs this year are for kids, teens and adults. In addition to the Kick-Off Event, we'll have something fun happening every Wednesday at 2:30 pm related to summer reading. Please join us on the 22nd and throughout the summer for some exciting summer reading adventures.

"Behind The Pages" Book Club for Kids

Please join us for the next meeting of the Cottage Grove Public Library's Book Club for Kids on Saturday, June 18th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. We will be discussing the book Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt. "Behind The Pages" is for 4th to 6th graders and it meets the 3rd Saturday of every month. Please join us even if you have not read the book yet. This is a great way to connect, make friends, and have fun at your public library.

Free Summer Library Cards for Kids

Thanks to a partnership with the Cottage Grove Rotary and the Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library, the Library is offering free summer Library cards for families with children who reside outside the City limits. Please stop by anytime to sign up for your free summer Library card for kids and families.

Goodbye Jeremiah

Today City Staff meet and had a lunch to bid farewell to Jeremiah Kirk as he is leaving Cottage Grove to work for the City of West Linn. Jeremiah started working for the City when he was 19 back in 1999. Thank you for your service Jeremiah, you will be missed.

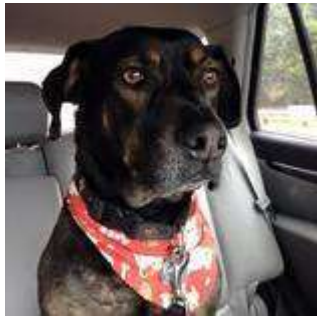
Generator Load Testing

On Thursday and Friday of this week, EC Power tested the City's back-up emergency power generators under load. The emergency generators are located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Row River Water Treatment Plant, City Shop, and City Hall. The wastewater, water, and City Hall generators will be tested under load for four hours each and the shop generator will be tested under load for two hours. These annual load tests will verify the proper operation of the generators and transfer switches. These back-up generators are critical to essential City operations during power outages of any duration.

Treated Wastewater Effluent Spraying

This week, wastewater treatment plant staff began pumping treated wastewater effluent to Middlefield Golf Course. This will be the sixth summer that treated wastewater effluent will be land applied at Middlefield Golf Course for irrigation purposes. Between June 15th and September 15th of each year, limits for phosphorus and temperature are imposed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge by DEQ. Wastewater Treatment Plant staff recently completed total coliform tests and increased chlorine concentrations in the wastewater to achieve a seven day average coliform count of 2.2 colonies or less per 100 mils. This increased chlorine residual will be maintained throughout the irrigation season. During the summer months, the WWTP processes approximately one million gallons of wastewater per day. The golf course requires between 350,000 and 450,000 gallons of irrigation water per day. The balance of the treated wastewater will continue to be discharged to the Coast Fork Willamette River until the City can develop additional sites for the land application of treated effluent. Funds for this effort were allocated in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City budget. All treated wastewater is dechlorinated with sodium bisulfate before it is discharged to the river.

Preparing Your Pet for Evacuation



June is National Pet Preparedness Month. Is your pet prepared for evacuation? If you have to evacuate to a public shelter because of a disaster, keep in mind that animals may not be allowed inside. With proper planning, you can help ensure your pet's safety if you have to separate. Just follow tips from the Ready Campaign, including:

- Assemble a pet disaster supply kit;
- Talk with your pet's veterinarian about emergency planning;
- Plan with friends, neighbors, or relatives to make sure someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so; and
- Look for a boarding facility such as a kennel or veterinarian hospital that is near an evacuation facility or your family's meeting place.

With simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take the time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress, and worry.

For more information about preparing your pet for emergencies, visit the *Ready* Campaign website (www.Ready.gov/animals) and take a look at this video featuring the nation's "first dogs," Sunny and Bo Obama.

Mayor Receives Notice regarding the outcome of FEMA's consultation with NMFS

Mayor Munroe received written notice from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X (FEMA) of the outcome of the consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as a result of a lawsuit by various environmental groups that FEMA in establishing the National Flood Insurance Program failed to consult with NMFS under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. That consultation has now taken place and on April 14, 2016 NMFS provided a Biological Opinion in which they concluded that the implementation of the NFIP in Oregon jeopardizes the continued existence of 18 ESA listed species and adversely modifies their critical habitat. It also included a Reasonable and Prudent Alternative which are program changes to the NFIP that allow the program to be implemented in a manner that avoids jeopardy to ESA-listed species and adverse modification of critical habitat.

This is a subject of a City Council worksession scheduled for June 27th from 6 – 7 pm. A copy of the letter can be seen on the City website at the Community Development page, <http://cottagegrove.org/cd>, including the Oregon NFIP Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives. Further information can be obtained from Community Development Staff.

Quote of the Week

“Life isn’t about getting and having, it’s about giving and being.”

~Kevin Kruse~