

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 4, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1225 Dublin Lane. This yard has many mature plantings with younger flowers and plantings mixed in to create an attractive display. With the record heat this week many yards and plants are showing signs of the stress. But even with the heat there are a wide variety of yards that are demonstrating the pride that residents have for the community. Be sure to nominate any yard you see that deserves recognition for making the community a beautiful place to live.

Public Works at the Park

Remember tomorrow the Party in the Park will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in Coiner Park. This year Cottage Grove Public Works is joining in the Party and will have equipment and items on display in the Park from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Be sure to stop by see the equipment, look in a sewer pipe with the sewer camera and get an ice cream sandwich.

Armory Project Improvements Continue

The window restoration project has been completed in the Armory. The restoration of the windows involved removing the windows and removing the lead based paint and in some cases rebuilding the windows or the casing. The windows were important to do because they were identified as having the highest concentrations of lead based paint in the 2004 study. Removing that paint was important to reducing the amount of lead introduced into the building. Every time a window would be opened the friction would create paint dust that would continue to introduce lead on the floor or other surfaces.

The next step (pun not intended), is to remove the lead paint that is badly worn on the entrance steps to the Armory. While all but one of the lead sample locations from 2004 had significantly decreased to below standards or even non-detectable as a result of improved housekeeping and the window renovations, one location had increased. The remaining sample location is believed to be impacted by foot traffic entering the building from the front stairs. Sampling on the stairs confirmed that the stairs were a source of slightly elevated lead. This week the contractor, Global Pacific Environmental, Inc. installed containment structures over the stairs and entrances and first thing Monday morning they will begin removing the paint from the stairs and porches.

They will be using an interesting method of blasting the paint with dry ice. This process will result in only paint waste as the dry ice will warm to its gas state. The process has less impact on the environment, has less contaminated waste to dispose of and won't damage the building by seeping into cracks or the structure. Work will be completed and cleaned prior to the North American Jaw Harpists Festival on the 11th and 12th.



Thank you Taylor's Towing

On Monday our maintenance crew was mowing grass along the river's edge at Haskell Park. The mower was on a side hill, lost traction and slide down the bank. The operator was able to get off safely as it went over the bank. Taylor's Towing was able to lift the mower up the river bank and back to level ground. Neither the operator nor the mower were hurt.

Village Green Water Meter

On Wednesday, the Utilities Crew replaced the original 1959 Hersey water meter with a new Octave Meter from Master Meter at the Village Green. The old meter weighed close to 1000 lbs and was approximately 3' wide 4' long and 2' high. The new meter weighs 135 lbs and is 18" long by 12" in diameter. The crew was able to replace the meter early in the morning and not interrupt the operations of the Village Green or their guests.

New Taylor Pump Station Update

On Wednesday, the new Taylor Pump station was tested. Our staff from Engineering, Water Treatment, and Utilities assisted in the test and were very pleased with the results and confident it will do a great job supply water to customers as well as provide fire flows up in the Cottage Heights, Red Hill, Parks, Taylor and Hillside areas. The Utilities crews will now be busy flushing and chlorinating the new water lines. The final step will be hooking each home to the lines supplied by the new pump station. We hope to have project completed by the end of September.

Waste Water Permit Violation

On May 24th the Waste Treatment Plant had a violation of the coliform allowable limits in our DEQ NPDES operating permit for treated effluent that is used in our reuse program. The permit allows for 23 micro-organisms per 100 mls and our test showed that we had 30 micro-organisms violating the allowable limit by 7 organisms. Wastewater staff has worked with the DEQ to improve our testing procedures to insure our treated effluent meets the permit requirements. The test for coliform requires a 24 hour incubation period to determine the results. Consequently the results of the test aren't know til after the effluent has left the plant. Because this is the second violation within 3 years there will be a formal enforcement action that may include a civil penalty.

The current effluent reuse expansion project will help the plant meet the permit requirements. The expansion will create a large onsite storage pond that will aid in ensuring the effluent meets the permit requirement before being pumped off site for irrigation use.

For your information, water treatment staff test the Row River water entering the plant once a month for coliform levels. On May 1st the test showed 276 micro-organisms per 100 milliliters, on June 5th it was 1990 per 100 milliliters, and on July 10th the level was greater than 2420 per 100

milliliters. If we were unable to use the treated effluent from the Wastewater Treatment plant for irrigation we would be using water from Row River with much greater coliform levels.

Library Summer Reading Programs

The Cottage Grove Public Library will host the “Engineer It Exploring Ancient technologies program presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History on Wednesday, August 9th at 2:30 pm. Kids will explore various historical artifacts with hands-on engineering challenge activities.

Explosions, Inc is coming to the Cottage Grove Public Library Wednesday, August 16th at 2:30 pm. Join the pyrotechnic scientist expert Aaron for a fun-filled hour about the science of explosions and fire.

On Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:30 pm the Library will have the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party with Charlie Brown Juggling. The library will host Charlie Brown, juggler and comedian extraordinaire, for a hilarious hour of amusement and stunts. We will announce final raffle winners and light refreshments will be provided.

Library Adventure to Rujada Success

Last Friday 30 enthusiastic youth ages 7-12 went on an "Outdoor Adventure" with the Cottage Grove Public Library to Rujada Campground in the Umpqua National Forest. The US Forest Service brought Botanist Krista Farris, a Fire Crew and truck, and other staff to teach and lead interesting workshops on Stream Ecology, Orienteering, Fire Ecology, Native Plants and Forest Ecology and more. A Special thank you is extended to the awesome crew at the Cottage Grove Ranger District who helped with our Rujada Adventure.

City Cleans up Benny Hubble Park

Thursday, August 3rd, the Police Department and Public Works worked together to address a large amount of garbage and debris left by transients/homeless on the cement slab on the west edge of Benny Hubble Park. Officers did not find any subjects at the location. There was also a large amount of graffiti applied to cement surfaces. The area has been taped off and officers will patrol that area until the graffiti has been cleaned up.



Open (outdoor) Burning Rule Revisions

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has announced a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 14, at 12:30 pm on the proposed revisions to the Open (Outdoor) Burning Rules. DEQ and LRAPA are proposing to revise LRAPA Title 47: Open (Outdoor) Burning rules in an effort to meet or maintain federal air quality standards for fine particulate matter and to improve the general air quality of Lane County. The proposed rules would:

- Change the term "Open Burning" to "Outdoor Burning" throughout Title 47
- Clarify terminology pertaining to size and materials of "religious ceremonial fires" and "bonfires"
- Clarify terminology relative to outdoor burning during the LRAPA "Home Wood Heating Season"

- Require residents within the Oakridge Urban Growth Boundary to be subject to outdoor burning prohibitions and exemptions during the November through February Oakridge "Home Wood Heating Season"
- Identify the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries as separate
- Identify cardboard, clothing and grass clippings as "prohibited materials"
- Prohibit outdoor burning in barrels
- Prohibit outdoor burning within the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary
- Include in LRAPA rules Oakridge and Florence outdoor burning ordinances requirements.
- Limit outdoor burning to woody yard trimmings within the city limits of Junction City, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Lowell, Westfir, Dunes City and Veneta and further clarify relative to affected areas
- Update names of Fire Districts
- Update "Forest Slash Outdoor Burning" requirements in areas not covered by Department of Forestry Smoke Management Plan
- Increase fee for prescribed burning of standing vegetation permits (species or wetland conversion) from \$100 to \$1,000 and include caveat relative to Director discretion in fee adjustment
- Increase fee for permits required for forest slash open burning in areas not covered by the Department of Forestry Smoke Management Plan and for construction, demolition, commercial or industrial open burning from \$4 per cubic yard to \$10 per cubic yard and minimum fee from \$50 to \$100

The Public Hearing will be held in the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Meeting Room at 1010 Main Street, Springfield, on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 21:30 pm. The public is encouraged to comment on the proposed rule amendments. Comments submitted prior to the hearing date must be submitted in writing and must be received by LRAPA by Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Comments submitted at the hearing must be presented orally by the commenter. If LRAPA Board adopts this rulemaking, the plan and rules will be presented to the Environmental Quality Commission for approval and submitted by DEQ to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040 as a requirement of the Clean Air Act. To submit comments or request additional information, please contact Robbye Lanier at LRAPA, 1010 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97477, toll free in Oregon at (877)285-7272 or (541)736-1056 extension 214, email at robbye@lrapa.org. Fax (541)726-1205. To view the proposed rule changes online, visit <http://www.lrapa.org>.

Eugene Airport Master Plan Open House

The Eugene Airport is holding an Airport Master Plan Open House on Tuesday, September 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Lane Community College Downtown Campus at 101 W. 10th Avenue, Rooms 113-114. The Eugene Airport is a regional resource and they are inviting everyone from throughout the region to share their thoughts about the future of the Eugene Airport. For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/MasterPlanEUG>.

Quote of the Week

*"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."
~Eleanor Roosevelt~*