

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 8, 2017

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 11th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mayor's Bike Ride

Mayor Jeff Gowing will be holding the Mayor's Bike Ride tomorrow. The ride will begin at 10:00 am at Row River Trailhead Park. The riders will proceed to the Mosby Creek Trailhead, have a treat there and then return back to town for a family-friendly 6 mile ride. The more adventurous riders may proceed up the trail beyond the Mosby Creek Trailhead. There have been concerns that the ride would not occur but with the air quality returning to good today, the Mayor invites anyone interested to come out and join him to experience the trail.

Congratulations Erich Schroeder

Erich Schroeder, Wastewater Treatment Acting Superintendent, was elected to serve as a board member for the West Central section of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA). The PNCWA is a group that is dedicated to education, dissemination of technical/scientific information, promotion of sound water/wastewater laws, and programs in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

Wastewater Treatment Plant to host November Meeting

On November 16, 2017, the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association will be having a regular board meeting along with performing a plant profile of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Approximately thirty to fifty operators will be meeting in Cottage Grove at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Walt Meyers with West Yost Associates and Erich Schroeder from the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant will be discussing the future of Cottage Grove's effluent reuse program and the potential expansion project. It will also include a tour of our facility.

Fire Flow Testing

Thursday afternoon the City performed a fire flow test on the new Taylor Pump Station at various fire hydrants in the Taylor Avenue, Park Street, Red Hill, and Cottage Heights neighborhoods. The results showed the fire flows to be between 1,300 to 1,700 gallons per minute. This exceeds the minimum 500 gallons per minute required by the State. Because of the

volume of the flow, it caused scouring of the water pipe distribution system stirring up the fine mineral particulates existing inside the pipe. This normally cleans up a short time after the test. If water is discolored, the recommendation is to run a faucet until it clears up. If the water is not clearing up, please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3349 and we will work to resolve the issue.

Let's Talk Books

The Cottage Grove Public Library's Book Club for Tweens, Teens and Adults, "Let's Talk Books" meets on Wednesday, September 27th at 4:00 pm. The next book is *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle. Meg Murry, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. She claims to have been blown off course and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract", which, if you didn't know, is a "wrinkle in time". Youth within the community are invited to join us for a great book discussion.

Behind the Pages

The first meeting of the Cottage Grove Public Library's "Behind the Pages" Book Club for Middle Schoolers is Saturday, September 16th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The Club will be discussing *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio. "Behind the Pages" is a book club for 6th through 8th graders which meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Bilingual Story Time at the Library

On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, the Library will host Bilingual Story Time. This is an informal fun family experience with Spanish and English stories and creative activities for all ages. Don't forget, there is another Story Time on Friday mornings at 10:30 am and everyone is welcome.

Rhyme and Romp at the Library

Rhyme and Romp is for families with new babies and is a fun experience of stories, songs, action rhymes and more for babies ages 0-18 months. Rhyme and Romp is on Tuesdays at 11:30 am and families are encouraged to bring one adult per child. Participants can learn about early literacy, meet other parents and have fun exploring the world of reading with their baby.

Oregon "Battle of the Books"

Now is the time for youth readers grades 3rd through 12th to gear up for the annual Battle of the Books reading extravaganza. Interested youth should come to the Cottage Grove Public and talk to a Librarian about how they can get involved with this reading movement for youth.

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and Lane County Emergency Management is launching a social media campaign to maximize the reach of the campaign's message. Throughout the month of September, the Sheriff's Public Information Officer, Carrie Carver, will be posting different ways on how to prepare yourself, your loved ones, and your property on Facebook and Twitter. There will be links to fun, short videos that will show you just how easy it is to get prepared one-step at a time.

Please help distribute the preparedness message by linking, sharing and posting along with us. The many wildfires this summer (13 and counting on forestlands in Lane County alone) and the tragic realities of Hurricane Harvey are important reminders that we owe it to ourselves, families and community to be prepared for anything.

You can participate on Facebook @lanecountysheriffoffice and Twitter @lanesheriffOR using #laneready

Quote of the Week

“Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy.”

~Max Mayfield, Director National Hurricane Center~