

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 22, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 520 Holly Avenue. Next week will be the final Yard of the Week recognition for the 2017 season. In the last couple of weeks we have received some amazing nominations and it is not too late to submit a nomination. The Yard of the Week Prize Patrol has been impressed with the great nominations this year for Yard of the Week.

Regional Managers Meeting

The City Manager attended a meeting of local government managers from Lane County. The managers shared insights with other about several local issues surrounding solid waste, collective bargaining, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP or 911 Centers) and franchise fees.

Recreational Trail Grant Presentation

Representatives from Cottage Grove attended a Recreation Trails Program Grant Review meeting in Salem this week. City Staff, Councilor Roberts and members of the Friends of the Swinging Bridge attended the meeting and provided a brief presentation regarding the Swinging Bridge recreational trail grant application. There were 32 organizations making presentations for grant requests over \$50,000 to the Recreation Trails Program Committee. The committee will rank the applications and submit their recommendations to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission for their review and decision at a future meeting. It may be a couple of months before we find out whether the Swinging Bridge was awarded any funding. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped show the community's support for the restoration of the Swinging Bridge.

Planning and Building Permit Update

This year from January 1st to August 31st the Planning Division has issued 71 planning permits. In 2016 a total of 122 permits were issued for the entire year. The Building Division has issued 328 building permits from January 1st to August 31st compared to 266 issued in 2016 for the entire year. New single family dwelling building permits issued from January 1st to August 31st this year total 45. In 2016 we saw a total of 14 for the entire year.

New Taylor Pump Station Update

All the service connections have been moved from the old Taylor Pump Station waterline to the new pump station waterline. We have received a couple calls concerning low water pressure. In addressing the concerns it was found in both cases that the water screens inside

the homes at the faucets were in need of cleaning. If you are experiencing or hear of any concerns with low water pressure please contact the Public Works office at (541)942-3349 and we will do our best to resolve the issue.

Library/Community Center Roof Repair

On Thursday Umpqua Roofing Company began the roof repairs and preventative maintenance for the Library/Community Center. This repair will fix the damage vandals did this Spring and extend the roof life by resealing all the roofing seams. Weather permitting the work will be completed next week.



Water Main Break

Today at approximately 10:00 am the water mainline on 17th Street between Main Street and Adams burst. The Utility Crew was able to isolate the break and repair by installing a new 6 foot section of steel line replacing the old cast line. Water was restored to the effected homes at 1:30 pm. During the leak there was approximately 3,500 gallons a minute leaving the reservoirs. A big thank you goes to the crew for all their hard work on fixing the water line.



Utility Leadman I Job Opening

Today the Public Works & Development Director posted the job opening for the Utility Leadman I position. The Leadman position supervises crews involved in the maintenance and in-house construction activities of the City's water distribution, sewer collection, storm drainage, and transportation systems. If you or anyone you know is looking to join a great team of utility workers please go to www.cottagegrove.org to access the job description and application. The job posting closes at 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 17th.

Islamic Culture Display and Events at the Library

Please join us during the month of October for a unique opportunity to learn more about Islamic culture at the Cottage Grove Library. We will present an ongoing display for the entire month featuring our collection of books, films, music and art focused on Islamic culture. Each week we will host a special event with live special guests, Skype special guests, films, music and food. The exhibit and all events are free and everyone is welcome. The following special events are scheduled: *(All events are from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Library)*

- Monday, October 2nd: What It's Like To Be Muslim In Oregon - Short film and conversation with Ibrahim Hamide and Hanan Elsherif
- Monday, October 9th: Muhammad: Legacy Of A Prophet - Documentary film from 2002, tells the story of Muhammad
- Monday, October 16th: Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Really Think - Documentary film from 2009, features a worldwide Gallup poll conducted over 6 years.

- Tuesday, October 24th: Mansoor Shams, Muslim Marine - Short film and live (Skype) conversation with Mansoor Shams, U.S. Marine Veteran, business owner, and youth leader.

Quote of the Week

"In life, there is always a hurdle.

~Gail Devers~