

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: October 20, 2017

Model Railroad Show

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club, Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cottage Grove will be sponsoring the largest model railroad show in Lane County next weekend in the Cottage Grove Armory. The show begins on Friday, October 27th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th the show will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is free. This family fun event should be fun for kids of all ages from 1 to 99.

Halloween Howl

Starting thinking about your costume and get ready for the huge Halloween Howl in downtown Cottage Grove on Tuesday, October 31st. The annual Downtown Trick or Treating is planned to be even bigger than ever and be filled with all kinds of games, pumpkins and candy. The festivities will run from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Even if you are not on the prowl for treats be sure to come downtown and see all the sights.

Pumpkin Judging

Just a reminder for the City Council their expert judging skills will be needed on Monday, October 30th anytime between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council members will also be practicing their skills and will be assisting in the judging of the Annual City Employee Pumpkin decorating/carving contest.

Scenic Bikeway Conference

The City Manager joined the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Samantha Duncan and Don Strahan at the Oregon State Scenic Bikeway Proponent Conference in Salem. The conference brought together members from the proponent committees from other Scenic Bikeways around the state to share ideas and suggestions. The conference also provided an opportunity for the bikeway proponents to review the progress of the entire Bikeway program and provide input to the State Scenic Bikeway committee regarding the future of the program.

The Oregon Scenic Bikeway Program continues to be the first and only successful Scenic Bikeway program in the nation. The program and the designated bikeways continue to draw interest from cyclists from around the nation and world.

Street Projects

Knife River will be starting work on the street projects on Mosby Creek Road next week. There may be some activity from the contractor on South 6th as well. Traffic should exercise caution and follow construction zones signs and flagger instructions in the areas as activities will change each day.

Smithsonian Meetings

Pete Barrell, Cottage Grove Community Services Director, recently attended meetings at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The Smithsonian brought together representatives from each of the 19 libraries that hosted the "Human Origins" exhibit, for planning meetings focused on the future of the exhibit. The group helped the Smithsonian team generate ideas for future tours of the exhibit, and helped envision other tours and exhibits that the Smithsonian could offer in the future featuring other museums within their organization. The events concluded with a public presentation at the Museum of Natural History that shared with the public the results of the two-year Human Origins tour.

Mansoor Shams Library Event

The final event focused on Islam and Muslim Culture at the Cottage Grove Public Library is Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. The library will host (via Skype) Mansoor Shams, a Muslim and former Marine.

Mansoor Shams is a U.S. Marine Veteran, business owner, and Muslim youth leader. Mansoor served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of corporal (non-commissioned officer) and received several honors including a meritorious promotion, Marine of the Quarter and Certificate of Commendation. He's been featured by the BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun and more, and has made national TV appearances as a commentator on CNN and MSNBC. Mansoor holds a master's degree in government, with an emphasis on national security studies, and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. He currently works as President of Technology Distribution company Eye Deal Systems, LLC. From 2005 to 2008, soon after receiving an honorable discharge, Mansoor began working for the federal government as an assistant to two SEC Chairmen. Mansoor will share stories about his experiences as a Muslim Marine, and about his work with youth across our nation. Please join us for this interesting conversation with Mansoor Shams and look at our current display of books, films and art focused on Islam and Muslim Culture.

Pete Barrell Appointed to Oregon Library Association Finance and Investment Committee

Pete Barrell, Cottage Grove Community Services Director, has been appointed to the Oregon Library Association Finance and Investment Committee. This committee will help advise the OLA Board of Directors on matters related to finance and investment. Pete will serve a one-year appointment to this committee.

Quote of the Week

“Life is like a camera. You focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negative, and if things don’t work out, take another shot.”

~Gravetics.com~