

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 9, 2017

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Cottage Grove Veterans Day Ceremony will be held in the Cottage Grove Armory on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony to honor local veterans. The Cottage Grove VFW and American Legion posts will be conducting the ceremony.

Beeper

The Mayor will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Friday, November 10th from 9:00 to 10:00 am. He will be joined by some members of the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council.

The City Manager will be on the Beeper Show on Monday, November 13th.

Shine a Little Light

The daylight hours have gotten shorter and it has become easy to be out walking in the morning or afternoon hours under low light conditions. To help, Lane Transit District through Point2Point, will be giving away safety lights that can be worn when walking, biking or skating. The free safety light giveaway will be on Wednesday, November 15th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Bohemia Park Pavilion. **Be Safe – Be Seen** get some free safety lights – and use them and also wear light colored or reflectorized clothing.

Jolly ole Guy in the Big Red Suit

You better be good, you better be nice because that Jolly'ole elf, Santa himself will be visiting downtown Cottage Grove Saturday, December 2nd. He is coming to town to visit with the little boys and girls of all ages and also to kick off the holiday season by lighting the Christmas Tree in All-America City Square at 5:00 pm on December 2nd. After the tree lighting he will come to City Hall for pictures with the kids until 8:00 pm. There will be hayrides, caroling, winter Farmer's Market in the Armory and other events throughout the day. Mark your calendars and make plans to join the fun to kick off the holiday season in downtown Cottage Grove. This is all brought to you by the Cottage Grove Main Street, the Economic & Business Improvement Districts, Chamber of Commerce, City of Cottage Grove and many others.

Leaf Pickup Begins

On Monday, November 13th, the first round of the annual leaf pickup begins. City Crews will go through the community collecting leaves in the right of way. The leaf pickup is for leaves only, no limbs or other debris. Leaves must be loose – do not bag the leaves. Leaves should be placed in the right of way next to the curb or on the edge of the road in parking spaces only. The

leaves cannot block the travel lane for cars or bicycles. Leaves on private property will not be picked up. If there is not a parking area leaves can be left on the concrete surface on Row River Road outside the Water Treatment plant gate. As in previous years, anyone may take any leaves piled in the right of way or at the Row River Road site for their own use.

Leaves collected are used throughout the year for City projects. Removing the leaves helps keep our storm water system clean and prevents backups when the major storms come.

Minoru Yasui Film at the Library

Please join us for a screening of the film: Never Give Up: Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice. This documentary film about the life and work of Minoru Yasui by Holly Yasui and George Doolittle and narrated by George Takei will be at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Monday, November 20th at 6:00 pm followed by a skype session with Director Holly Yasui.

Minoru Yasui was an American lawyer from Oregon, born in Hood River. He earned both an undergraduate and law degree at the University of Oregon. He was one of the few Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor who fought laws that directly targeted Japanese Americans or Japanese immigrants. His case was the first case to test the constitutionality of the curfews targeted at minority groups.

Library and NASA Partner Again

The Cottage Grove Public Library has been selected to participate in the NASA Museum Alliance Program. The Museum Alliance brings current NASA Science and Technology to communities and provides access to NASA staff and materials. More than 1,600 professionals at over 800 U.S. and 90 international museums, science centers, planetariums, NASA Visitor Centers, Challenger Centers, observatory and park visitor centers, nature centers, zoos, aquariums, libraries, camps and youth-serving organizations, are partners in the NASA Museum Alliance. These organizations use NASA educational products, images, visualizations, video, and information in their educational public programs and exhibits. The Cottage Grove Public Library is excited to be joining the NASA Museum Alliance Program, and look forward to bringing more high quality "STEAM" educational programs to our community. Stay tuned for more on this soon.

Winter Farmers Market

The South Valley Farmers and City of Cottage Grove are excited to announce the opening of the South Valley Farmers Winter Market on Saturday, November 18th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm in the Cottage Grove Armory. The Winter Market will be held every Saturday until December 16th, with extended hours on December 2nd for the Tree Lighting and Christmas in Downtown activities. They plan on multiple vendors carrying organic produce, local farm goods and handcrafts. For more information contact: SVFarmersOnMain@gmail.com

Quote of the Week

“The willingness of America’s veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.”

~Jeff Miller~