

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 8, 2017

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be KNND's Beeper Show, Monday, December 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

### **Regional Fiber Consortium Executive Committee**

The City Manager attended an Executive Committee meeting of the Regional Fiber Consortium. The Executive Committee prepared plans for an upcoming Consortium meeting to discuss Consortium grants, the 2018-19 Budget and fiber infrastructure.

### **Historic Landmarks Commissioner Recruitment**

The City is seeking applicants to fill two positions on the Historic Landmarks Commission. The commission assists planning staff in developing an annual work plan aimed at fostering and furthering historic preservation in the City of Cottage Grove. They also review applications for alteration or demolition of historic landmarks within the City. The application deadline is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Application information is available on the City's webpage under the Jobs and Volunteers link.

### **Planning Commissioner Recruitment**

The City is seeking applicants for two positions on the Cottage Grove Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is a seven-member body that takes action and or makes recommendations to the City Council on a variety of land use applications for development within the City. Commissioners serve four-year terms and are scheduled to meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. The application deadline is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Application information is available on the City's webpage under the Jobs and Volunteers link.

### **Urban Forestry Committee Recruitment**

The City is seeking applicants for two vacancies on the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee. The committee meets once a month as needed. The committee makes recommendations to City Council and Staff regarding urban forestry and seeks grants to improve the quality of our urban forests. The application deadline is Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Application information is available on the City's webpage under the Jobs and Volunteers link.

### **Vision Keepers Recruitment**

The City is seeking applicants for two at-large positions on the Vision Keepers Committee. The Vision Keepers Committee is charged with collectively tracking implementation, troubleshooting

challenges, and keeping the public and plan stakeholders informed of the progress. The application deadline is Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Application information is available on the City's webpage under the Jobs and Volunteers link.

### **Opal Whiteley Birthday Party**

The Cottage Grove Public Library and Friends of the Library invite everyone to the 120<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Opal Whiteley on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Axe and Fiddle. We will be screening the Oregon Experience film, "Opal Whiteley", and will have an Opal Whiteley "Karaoke Party" where people can get up and read passages from Opal's writings. "Opal expert", Steve Williamson, will also share a few words about Opal and her extraordinary local history. All ages welcome for this fun Opal Whiteley event.

### **Library Food for Fines**

The Cottage Grove Public Library is continuing their "Food for Fines" to benefit Community Sharing. For every unopened nonperishable food item donated you get \$1 forgiveness on outstanding fines.

### **Mrs. Claus Visits the Library**

The Friends of the Library are hosting a gingerbread cookie decorating and sing-along with Mrs. Claus on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Children's room at the Library. All ages are welcome to celebrate the season with Mrs. Claus.

### **Looking for something to Do During Christmas Break?**

Board games, passes to the Cascades Raptor Center and passes to the UofO Museum of Natural and Cultural History are available at the Library and can be checked out for one week at a time. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends."*

*~Margaret Thatcher~*