

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 30, 2016

Fiber Pulled to Territorial Seed

Last week City crews pulled 48 strands of fiber from City Hall to the Territorial Building next to City Hall. The fiber pull was done to prepare for splicing and equipment installation that will put all of Territorial's operations on fiber. The connection when complete will connect to the Willamette Exchange in Eugene and a variety of high speed internet providers. The fiber pull was challenging because the existing conduit had a single strand of fiber installed that was connecting the downtown Territorial offices to the Palmer Avenue facility. The pull had to be done with extra care to avoid disruption of the existing service. A special thanks goes out to City Employees, Russ Kaleese, Dale Smith, Alissa Allen and Chad Reel, who did an excellent job of planning the process and carrying out the pull with no disruption to the existing service. The remaining splicing and equipment installation will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Police Department Happenings

Congratulations to Officer Jarrod Butler who has been chosen as the new K9 Handler. Officer Butler will be partnered with Kimber and they will spend the next several weeks bonding prior to the start of training. This position was formerly held by Sgt. Burgin.

Captain Gagner and Captain Skaggs were guests on the Beeper show on Thursday, December 29th and addressed various topics.

On Monday, January 9th, the Police Department will conduct police officer and reserve officer testing. There is currently one police officer vacancy and the department hopes to build the reserve program with successful candidates.

Sky Lanterns Illegal in Oregon Beginning January 1st

The State Fire Marshal is advising that as of January 1, 2017, sky lanterns (also known as aerial luminaries, Chinese lanterns, mini hot air balloons, UFO balloons, wish lanterns, etc.) are illegal to release into Oregon airspace. A sky lantern is a paper sack suspended over a flame, usually from a small candle or other lit device. The hot air from the flame causes the balloon to rise into the air and be carried off by the wind.

"Although they are pretty, sky lanterns are uncontrolled, open-flamed devices that pose an extreme fire hazard to people, property, and the environment" said Oregon Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple. "Once released you have no control over where they may land. They could end up on someone's rooftop, in a tree, or a pile of debris and cause an

unwanted fire."

A number of states, as well as countries such as Germany, Australia, and Brazil have outlawed sky lanterns. As of **January 1, 2017**, releasing a sky lantern into Oregon airspace will be a Class A violation subject to a maximum penalty of \$2,000. For further information contact Rich Hoover, Public Information Officer, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Police at: (503) 934-8217 or richard.hoover@state.or.us.

Public Hearing Scheduled

The Cottage Grove City Council will hold a public hearing on the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map from C Community Commercial to M Medium Density Residential and rezoning from C-2P Community Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Multiple Family Residential at 1160 E. Chamberlain Avenue. The hearing will be on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The Planning Commission will be forwarding a recommendation to City Council. The recommendation will be submitted along with the staff report, public hearing minutes and proposed ordinance with the Council agenda. Any questions should be directed to the Community Development Department.

City Offices Closed

City Offices, Community Center and Library will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Quote of the Week

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. "

~Hal Borland~