

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 19, 2017

### **Budget Committee Approved the Proposed Budget - Process Moves Forward**

The Budget Committee for the City met and approved the Proposed Budget May 9<sup>th</sup>. The next step in the process is for the budget to be adopted by the City Council. A public hearing before the City Council will be held to receive comments from the public concerning the uses of State Shared Revenues as well as a public hearing to discuss the budget as approved by the Budget Committee. The City Council will be meeting on June 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 400 Main Street to hold the public hearing and then consider the adoption of the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The complete 2017-18 Approved Budget is available on the City's website at: [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org)

### **Gran Fondo**

This weekend the Oregon Gran Fondo is returning to Cottage Grove on Sunday. Cyclists from all over the country and even Canada are coming to experience this exciting leg of the Oregon Triple Crown. Gran Fondo is not a race, but rather a mass start event designed to draw the community together and give everyone a chance to enjoy the fun of riding a bike. At The Oregon Gran Fondo, teams and individuals, who want to race, will do that on the 117-mile Gran route or ride the 71 mile Medio Route. This year Levi Leipheimer, a 3-time Tour of California winner, Olympic medalist, Tour de France stage winner, and creator of Levi's GranFondo and King Ridge Foundation serving at-risk youth will be joining the Oregon Gran Fondo. Levi is recovering from a major skiing injury and will join the riders on the 71 mile Medio route.

The mass start for the Fondo is at 8:00 am on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> on Main Street. Come down and watch as hundreds of cyclists take off for the beautiful ride. Cheer them on and make them feel welcome to Cottage Grove.

### **A Sign of the Season**

The warm weather and beautiful weather has kicked off another season of yard or garage sales. Yard and garage sales are a great way to make a little extra cash and clean out some of those unwanted items in garages or closets. Going to the sales is also a great way to find some amazing bargains. However, placing signs in the City right of way on sign or signal posts, traffic light poles and utility poles or on City property is illegal. Any signs illegally placed will be removed and anyone placing signs illegally can be cited.

So how is anyone supposed to advertise their yard sales? The Sentinel lists yard sales and KNND's Swap and Shop allows announcement of Yard sales and signs are allowed, as long as they are located on private property (with the property owner's permission of course.) But starting next week there will be a new way to promote yard sales. Information for sales can be submitted on the City's webpage and a list of the yard sales will be posted on the City's webpage. It is mobile friendly so even customers using their cell phones can be guided to the sale location. Why waste the time to make, put up and take down signs – save time and submit the information online and let the web guide the customers.

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1010 Birch Avenue. The weather has brought out the beautiful Rhododendrons in the yard. When you see a local home that has a great looking yard be sure to nominate the yard to receive the Yard of the Week award. To nominate a yard, contact City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce. Winners of the Yard of the Week receive a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce, a credit for the water portion of the City utilities and an annual subscription to the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

### **Cycle Oregon Preparations**

Cycle Oregon is coming to the Cottage Grove area in September for the third time in the 30 year history of Cycle Oregon. There are a number of opportunities for groups to earn some money for their organization by helping with the event. Organizations, clubs or any non-profit groups can contact Travis Palmer, Chamber of Commerce Director at (541)942-2411 to sign up to help with the event. Cycle Oregon pays local groups to fill specific needs for the event. It is a fun way to meet cyclists from all around the country.

### **Governor Brown Visits**



Today Governor Kate Brown and Lillian Shirley, Director of Oregon Public Health Division visited Cottage Grove to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of start of the Oregon Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. They also recognized the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council for their efforts. The

Governor presented the YAC with a tree to plant in the community to remind the community about the efforts to reduce youth access to tobacco. The YAC presented the Governor a plaque the YAC members made from a piece of the scrap wood from the Chambers Railroad Bridge. They also presented the Governor with a YAC t-shirt, City pin and Cottage Grove bag.



### **Quote of the Week**

*“You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”  
~ Maya Angelo*