

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 2, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1640 Fairview Place. The Yard of the Week Prize Patrol had a number of yards to choose from. Thank you for the great nominations. We truly have some wonderful yards in the community. Remember to not let those great looking yards go unnoticed – nominate them by contacting the Chamber of Commerce or City Hall. Winners of the Yard of the Week receive a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce, a gift subscription to the Cottage Grove Sentinel and the water portion of their City utility bill paid.

On the Road Again

The much anticipated Transportation Bill was introduced at the Legislature Wednesday evening, HB 2017. The League of Oregon Cities has sent an email to the Mayor and Councilors regarding the bill. All 298 pages and 145 sections can be viewed online. The League is encouraging city officials to become familiar with the bill or the League's summary and understand the positive impact it will have on transportation funding for communities.

Back in the Saddle

Last week the City Manager participated in the five year review of the Old West Scenic Bikeway. As a member and Chair of the State Scenic Bikeway Committee, the manager rode over 80 miles of the 174 miles on his bike. The committee met with the proponents of the bikeway and discussed the program. The committee is responsible for evaluating the proposed bikeways and assisting the proponent groups in establishing the bikeways. The committee is also charged with reviewing annual reports on the bikeways and conducting a five year review to ensure that the bikeway is still appropriate for the program. There are currently 15 Scenic Bikeways in the State. Still the only state in the nation with a Scenic Bikeway, Oregon is recognized world-wide for the program.

Youth Advisory Council Scholarships

Wednesday evening, Cottage Grove High School held their annual Senior Scholarship night. Over \$100,000 in local scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors. The City Manager attended to present the Pat Patterson Youth Advisory Council Scholarships. Former Councilor Pat Patterson joined the manager in presenting the scholarships to the YAC members this year.

The three graduating seniors on the YAC were recognized, Jennifer McReynolds, Emma Meyers and Tori Raade. Jennifer and Tori received scholarships and Emma was presented flowers and a gift from the manager (or proud father).

Youth Advisory Council House Bill

House Bill 3030 that was introduced by Representative Hayden and carried in the Senate by Senator Prozanski was scheduled for final reading and vote on the Senate floor on Thursday. However due to the lack of time in the floor session, HB 3030 and several other bills were continued to the next floor session on Monday, June 5th. The bill passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on a vote of 4-0 with one excused absence with a do pass recommendation.

Middlefield Golf Course Business After Hours

Mark your calendars for the annual Middlefield Golf Course Business After Hours on Thursday, June 15th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Business After Hours is a program of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce to provide an opportunity for members of the Chamber of Commerce to meet and learn more about local organizations and businesses. Middlefield has hosted the June event for several years. Come meet the new Golf Course Superintendent and even try your hand at the putting contest for great prizes.

Relay for Life

The purple ribbons are going up and the community is preparing for Relay for Life on June 16th and 17th. This year Relay for Life is trying something new. The event will be held in Bohemia Park. The location will be much more visible and they hope the public will participate and make donations to the cause.

Police Department

The Police Department Dispatch Center is getting some "cool" lights today. Contractors are replacing four (4) old florescent light fixtures with four (4) new LED light fixtures that will allow Communication Specialists to adjust the lights to a level that is comfortable and effective for their needs. The Dispatcher Center will remain in operation during this upgrade. Communication Specialists will move between the two dispatch consoles, depending on which light fixtures are being changed.

Smithsonian Exhibit at the Library

Stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library during the month of June to view the Smithsonian exhibit "A Place For All People". The traveling exhibit introduces the new National Museum of African American History and Culture that opened recently in Washington D.C.

"A Place For All People" Film Festival at the Library a Big Success

The Cottage Grove Public Library just completed a month-long film festival that featured films by African American Directors. The festival was a big success with people coming from the Eugene-Springfield area each week to view the films. Locals enjoyed the films too, and everyone is asking when our next evening film festival will happen. At this time, the Library Staff are beginning to plan another evening film festival for adults next Fall or Winter, when the rains return.

Summer Outdoor Adventure Sign-Ups Happening Now

Now is the time to sign up your child age 3-17 for fabulous "Outdoor Adventures" with the Cottage Grove Public Library. These field trips happen each Friday during the summer and trips are filling up fast. Stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library soon to sign up your kids for one of our amazing Outdoor Adventures.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off June 21st

Calling all Kids, Teens and Adults. The Cottage Grove Public Library Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party is Wednesday June 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Please come to enjoy the fun and launch your Summer Reading Endeavors.

Quote of the Week

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

~John F. Kennedy~