

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: August 10, 2017

Yard of the Week

The Yard of the Week is located at 1033 Polk. This yard is an example of a yard that is very well kept yet simple. The Yard of the Week goes through September so make sure to nominate any yard you see that deserves recognition for making the community a beautiful place to live.

Cottage Grove 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

This Saturday, August 12th, the City of Cottage Grove is hosting its 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. The Fair will be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Drive. Each year we bring together a group of emergency responders and organizations with focuses in emergency preparedness and personal safety. This year's Fair will have games, prizes, FREE Big Stuff BBQ, helicopter and emergency vehicle displays, an emergency supply kit raffle worth \$200 and more. So come on down this Saturday to the Emergency Preparedness Fair.

The Cottage Grove Business Challenge

If you are a Cottage Grove entrepreneur who is trying to get your business idea off the ground, then consider taking part in this event. The three best executive summaries will be chosen from the submitted entries to be presented to the judges and audience on October 25th (location and time TBD). The 1st place proposal will win \$6,000, second \$3,000, and \$1,000 for third. Proposal entry deadline is September 25th. Please go to info@raineugene.com for details on how to submit your proposal. Also look for when the business mentoring classes are available in Cottage Grove to help you with your proposal. Good Luck!

Health Advisory: Wildfire Smoke

Attached is a Health Advisory from the Lane County Public Health Services regarding air quality for wildfire smoke. With multiple forest fires across the region that are affecting the air quality in Lane County, the attached has information and guidelines for outdoor activity and preventing wildfire smoke inhalation.

Community Center/Library Open for Business

The Community Center/Library was closed from last Saturday through Tuesday evening due to a Natural Gas leak. Building Maintenance Staff worked with Northwest Natural Gas to locate the leak and make the repair. The leak was coming from a bad regulator for a heating unit located on

the roof of the building. Thank you for everyone's patience while the building was closed for the repair.

Street Painting

The City contracted with Lane County to repaint the centerlines and bike lanes on the City's streets. The painting took place on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning between 5:00 pm and 5:00 am. The repainted lines look great. A big thank you to Lane County and the Utility crew for a job well done.

Party in the Park

Last Saturday the City's Public Works Division participated at Coiner Park with the Party in the Park Event. We had a great time meeting with kids and their parents sharing the work we do. Thank you to the Party in the Park organizers, the Police Department, Finance Department, Water, Wastewater, Utility, Maintenance and Golf Course personnel who made the event a success. We are looking forward to doing this again next year.

Police Department Receives Appreciation Plaque



On Saturday, August 5th, the Cottage Grove High School Class of 1957 presented Chief Shepherd with a plaque thanking the police department for their service and expressing their support for Law Enforcement. There were several members from the Class of 1957



present, including Noreen High, who organized the presentation. Photos are of Chief Shepherd with Noreen High receiving the plaque and of Cottage Grove Police personnel who were present.

Brewer's Guild Fundraising Event a Success

On Saturday, August 5th, the Cottage Grove Brewer's Guild held a fundraising event to support the Cottage Grove Police Department dog kennels. Brews and Brushes was held at the Brew Station and was very well attended. Chief Scott Shepherd addressed the group and thanked them and the CG Brewers Guild for supporting the dog kennels.

Police Chief Attends CIS Law Enforcement Conference

Chief Scott Shepherd attended the City County Insurance Services, 2017 Law Enforcement Conference in Bend, Oregon. The conference covered important topics including: Anatomy of a Lawsuit, ethics, risk management, and dealing with Brady issues. The training was attended by ninety members of law enforcement.

Library Summer Reading Programs

The Cottage Grove Public Library hosted the "Engineer It! Exploring Ancient Technologies" program presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History on Wednesday, August 9th. Kids explored various historical artifacts with hands-on engineering challenge activities. It was a great interactive STEAM event.

Explosions, Inc is coming to the Cottage Grove Public Library Wednesday, August 16th at 2:30 pm. Join the pyrotechnic scientist expert Aaron for a fun-filled hour about the science of explosions and fire.

Join us at the Cottage Grove Public Library Wednesday, August 23rd at 2:30 pm for the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party with Charlie Brown Juggling. The library will host Charlie Brown, juggler and comedian extraordinaire, for a hilarious hour of amusement and stunts. We will announce final raffle winners and light refreshments will be provided.

Library Book Club for Youth

Youth in grades 6th through 8th are invited to attend the Cottage Grove Public Library Youth Book Club, “Behind the Pages” on Saturday, August 19th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The Club will be discussing the book, Popular: A Memoir by Maya Van Wagenen.

Community Center Hosting Blood Drive

Lane Blood Center will be holding a Blood Drive at the Cottage Grove Community Center on Monday, August 14th. If you are interested in more information or would like to schedule an appointment please call (541) 484-9111.

Quote of the Week

“Work hard, stay positive, and get up early. It's the best part of the day.”

~George Allen, Sr.~