

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: September 29, 2017

Yard of the Week

As we head into Fall this is the perfect yard to end the 2017 Yard of the Week season. The winner is at 1950 S. 8th Street. This home had been nominated for several weeks and just fell short of winning until today. When we arrived to review the yard, we found it decorated with straw men and women, hay bales, pumpkins and other winter squash welcoming in Fall. Thank you for all the great nominations this year and start planning now to have a winning yard next year.



Tony Kirk Retiring After 40 Years With City



Today is Tony Kirk's last day working for the City of Cottage Grove. Tony started 40 years ago on October 1, 1977 working in an entry-level position for the Water Distribution Division. Over the years he worked his way up through the ranks and in 2001 he became Supervisor of the Utility Division. He leaves us today looking forward to retirement and spending time with his family. We thank Tony for all he has done for the City and wish him the best as he transitions to the next season in his life. Pictured with Tony are his wife, Sue, son Jeremiah and daughter Marie.

Youth Advisory Council

Recruitment continues for the 2017-18 Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Any Middle and High School aged youth in the community that are interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Council are invited to participate. Applications are available on the City's webpage at www.cottagegrove.org. Those applications can be submitted on Monday, October 23, 2017 at the Youth Advisory Council meeting at 6:15 in City Hall. Anyone interested can come to the meeting to check out the YAC.

YAC Members Present at League of Oregon Cities Conference

On Thursday, MJ Raade and Ian Dukes attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference in Portland. MJ and Ian presented with City Manager, Richard Meyers, and other youth council members and their Advisor from Happy Valley about youth councils. The topic was *Youth Council – Engaging Youth in Local Government*.



Welcome Nathan Hendren

On October 16, 2017, Nathan Hendren will be joining the Utility Division Crew in the Public Works & Development Department. Nathan brings 17 years of experience working in the construction and storm drainage industry running equipment and overseeing job sites. We are excited he is joining our team and know he will be a valuable member of the Utility Crew.

Lane County Equipment Auction

For the past several years, Lane County has auctioned off used equipment from local government agencies throughout the region. In the past this has been a great place to purchase equipment, cars, trucks, and parts in very good condition. This year in the adopted budget we had several new items approved for purchase. Russ Kaleese, Maintenance Supervisor, reviewed the items for sale and found several that fit our needs. On Wednesday, we were notified that all but one of the items bid on were awarded to Cottage Grove. Russ added sanding equipment, a dump truck, pickup, van, and several small items saving over \$18,000 in the budget.

Bridging Cultures at the Library

Bridging Cultures is an exploration of Muslim culture that includes exhibits, film screenings and conversations throughout the month of October at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The library will be hosting an ongoing display for the entire month featuring its collection of books, films, music and art that's focused on Muslim culture. The first week also includes a screening of the short film *What It's Like To Be Muslim in Oregon* including conversations with guest speakers Ibrahim Hamide, the owner of Cafe Soriah in Eugene, and Hanan Elsherif, the U of O Arabit Studies Coordinator. The film screening and conversation is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, October 2nd at the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Quote of the Week

“Our daily decisions and habits have a huge impact upon both our levels of happiness and success. “

~Shawn Achor~