

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 21, 2023

April 24th City Council Meeting is Canceled

There will be no City Council meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 as a majority of the Council will be attending the League of Oregon Cities Spring Conference. The next City Council Regular meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Are You Election Ready?

Election Day is quickly approaching, and the Lane County Elections office would like to encourage voters to be #ElectionReady for the May 16, 2023 Special Election. Voters in Lane County must register to vote no later than April 25, 2023.

The voter registration deadline is April 25, 2023. If a voter registration form is hand delivered, it must be received no later than 5:00 pm at the Election Office (275 W 10th Ave., Eugene) on that day. If mailed, it must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2023. If registering via www.oregonvotes.gov, it must be completed no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2023.

The May 16, 2023 election ballots will be mailed starting on Thursday, April 27, 2023. To track the status of a ballot, visit www.oregonvotes.gov/MyVote.

Voters may return their ballot by regular mail, ballot drop box, or at the Elections Office. The ballot drop box for the Cottage Grove area is located on the sidewalk in front of the Community Center/Library at 700 E. Gibbs in Cottage Grove. For other ballot drop box locations, visit www.LaneCountyOR.gov/elections. Voters with questions can email elections@lanecountyor.gov or call (541)682-4234.

Eugene Symphony

We have heard from the Eugene Symphony and they have Monday, July 24, 2023 available for the concert in Bohemia Park. We are making plans and seeking donations to continue this amazing opportunity for the community to experience the Eugene Symphony in Cottage Grove. Anyone interested in donating or helping prepare for this event can contact the City Manager or Shauna Neigh at City Hall.

Free Keynote

Monday, June 26, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm New York Times bestselling author, renowned keynote speaker, and beloved Jesuit, Fr. Greg Boyle who founded Los Angeles-based Homeboy Industries will be giving a free keynote address at the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts building in Eugene.

Armed with a culture of kinship, compassion, connection, and tenderness, Homeboy Industries has grown to be the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world, providing jobs and support to thousands every year through its many social enterprise businesses, an 18-month training program, art academy, tattoo removal service, case management, mental health & substance abuse services, education programs, legal services, etc.

In addition, the Global Homeboy Network (GHN) has grown to include over 400 organizations around the world that assist each other to provide marginalized men, women, and youth with the tools needed to change their lives and become productive members of their communities. The GHN brings people together to work toward social justice, advocate for marginalized populations, strive to break the recidivism cycle, and address the collateral consequences of serving time in prison.

This keynote address is being sponsored by organizations throughout the County including St. Vincent DePaul, Lane County Parole and Probation, City of Eugene, Food for Lane County, ShelterCare and others. To register see the QR code below.

Igniting Compassion, Kinship & Inclusion

Free Inspiration & Keynote by **Greg Boyle, S.J.** of Homeboy Industries

June 26, 2023 5:30-7:30pm

The Shedd - 868 High Street, Eugene

Must register to attend this free event www.ccslc.org/onlyus



Railroad Locomotive Diesel Spill

Tuesday at approximately 12:50 pm the diesel fuel tank on a railroad locomotive was punctured causing it to spill out approximately 1,200 gallons of diesel. A portion of the diesel spilled on South 6th Street. City, South Lane Fire and Rescue, and Genesee & Wyoming railroad employees mobilized to the site, blocked off 6th Street, applied Greasweep absorbent to the fuel on the street to keep it from entering the storm drainage system, and swept it up with the City street sweeper. The crews finished the work just as it started to rain and reopened the street.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality along with NWRR Environmental responded and implemented a plan to remove the bulk of the diesel that spilled between the rail tracks and HWY 99. Approximately 300' of rail line was removed and all the contaminated rock and soil is being removed. New material will be placed to restore the area and the track.

A huge thank you to City and South Lane Fire & Rescue employees and Greasweep for their fast actions to help reduce the impacts of the diesel spill and protect the City street and storm drainage system.



Officer Hopkins Completes Police Academy

Cottage Grove Police Department is pleased to congratulate Officer Hopkins for the completion of Basic Police Academy. Fellow officers Jared Butler, Ryan Blalack and Justyn Ristau were able to attend the ceremony to commend and support Officer Hopkins on his achievement.

We are excited to have him back to continue his field training. Welcome back Officer Hopkins.



Finance Department Hires Part-Time Finance Clerk – Rosalee Taylor

We are very excited to welcome Rosalee Taylor to the Finance Department as a part-time Finance Clerk. Rosalee started with us April 14th. She completed a City facility tour and was appreciative to see and learn about all of the services and facilities that the City provides. She will be in training to learn all of the many various tasks as a Finance Clerk and is off to a great start. If you have not had the opportunity to say hello, feel free to stop in and introduce yourself.

Open House at the Community Center and Library

The Open House event held at the Community Center and Library on April 20th was a huge success! Community members enjoyed refreshments, explored the recent remodel and checked out what is happening at the Community Center and Library.

58 community members participated in a raffle drawing. To enter the drawing, players received a Passport card and traveled around to the organizations in the Community Center to learn what they offer, how they serve the Cottage Grove community and meet their staff. After visiting each location, they received a unique stamp on the Passport card. All completed Passports received one entry into the raffle drawing. The winners of the raffle drawing will be announced

Tuesday, April 25th. The Library had 90 visitors at the Open House, including six people who signed up for new library cards. Thank you to all who attended and participated.

Oregon Library Association Conference

Two Library Staff members attended the Oregon Library Association conference in Bend this week, where they heard about programs, services and ideas from libraries all over the state. We look forward to hearing about what they have learned at the conference and how we can improve our local library's services and collections.

Quote of the Week:

“Rain is just confetti from the sky.”

~ Anonymous