

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Bert Likens, Finance Director & Faye Stewart, PW & Development Director

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 1, 2017

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1610 Fairview Place. The yard has a beautiful display of flowers, shrubs, and trees planted in areas covered in bark and decorative rock. There's only a few weeks left in the 2017 Yard of the Week season, so please get your nominations in soon.

Cycle Oregon Cancels 40th Annual Statewide Bike Ride

The statewide weather forecasts for the foreseeable future of more hot, dry, and windy weather along with the potential of increased fire activity and smoke led Cycle Oregon to cancel this year's statewide bike ride. This is the first time in 40 years an event has been cancelled. The concern for the participant's safety, health, and wellbeing gave Cycle Oregon no choice but to cancel the event.

National Weather Service Advisory

The National Weather Service has issued a **Heat** advisory for all areas besides the coast from Saturday afternoon to Tuesday evening. A **Red Flag Warning** has been issued for the Southern Willamette Valley Friday afternoon for dry and windy conditions. A **Fire Weather Watch** is in effect for all areas besides the coast Saturday through Monday for dry and unstable conditions. Please be very careful the next few days as you are enjoying the Labor Day Holiday.

September is National Preparedness Month

Lane County Emergency Management is launching a campaign to recognize National Preparedness Month. Throughout the month of September, the Sheriff's Office PIO, Carrie Carver, will be posting different ways on how to prepare yourself, your loved ones, and your property on Facebook and Twitter. There will be links to fun, short videos that will show you just how easy it is to get prepared one step at a time.

Please help distribute the preparedness message by linking, sharing and posting along with us. The many wildfires this summer (13 and counting on forest lands in Lane County alone) and the tragic realities of Hurricane Harvey are important reminders that we owe it to ourselves, families and community to be prepared for anything.

You can participate by logging onto: Facebook@[lanecountysheriffoffice](#) and twitter@[lanesheriffOR](#) using [#laneready](#)

Armory Restoration Request for Proposals

On Monday the Public Works & Development Department released a Request for Proposal soliciting architectural firms to produce construction documents for the rehabilitation of the Armory based on the approved Schematic Design Plan. The RFP closes on September 25, 2017 at 5:00 pm. The RFP can be viewed at cottagegrove.org under the Doing Business header and clicking on Bids & RFP's.

Urban Forestry Committee Hosts ODF Seminar

Foresters Kristin Ramsted and Katie Lompa from the Oregon Department of Forestry presented a seminar titled OREGON TREES IN TROUBLE: PREPARING COMMUNITIES FOR INVASIVE INSECTS & DISEASES on Wednesday August 30th at the Community Center. Staff from the Willamalane District, City of Creswell, City of Roseburg, City of Cottage Grove Public Works, Middlefield Golf Course, and the Urban Forestry Committee attended this free seminar. Those attending viewed the film "Trees in Trouble, Saving America's Urban Forests"

Lego Club at the Library

The first Wednesday of the month the Cottage Grove Library holds a drop-in "Lego Club" at 2:30 p.m. Participants build, share, and display their creations and is for youth ages 4 -12. Lego Club is well attended and is quite successful.

Bilingual Story Time at the Library

Every Monday evening at 6:30 PM at the Cottage Grove Library there is a Bilingual Story Time. This is an informal fun family experience with Spanish and English stories and creative activities for all ages. In addition, Story Time is held every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. with everyone welcome to attend.

Rhyme and Romp at the Library

Rhyme and Romp is a fun experience of stories, songs, action rhymes and more for families with baby's, ages 0-18 months. Families are encouraged to bring one adult per child. They have the opportunity to learn about early literacy, meet other parents, and have fun exploring the world of reading with their baby. Thyme and Romp is held on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. at the Cottage Grove Public Library.

Oregon "Battle of the Books"

Youth readers, grades 3-12 are gearing up for the annual Battle of the Books reading extravaganza. Contact the Librarian for more information about how you or a reader can get involved with this reading movement for youth.

Teen Drum-Making Workshop at the Library a big success

A group of enthusiastic Teens participated in a Teen Drum-Making Workshop at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Thursday August 31st. All materials were provided for each teen to make an awesome drum and learn about drums and drum-making. Head Librarian, Natasha Chitow Prawlocki, designed and led this interactive workshop. Everyone left with a cool drum and the skills to be inventive and make more drums. This is a great example of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) at work. Thank you to Natasha for an excellent program.

Environmental Protection Agency Information on Smoke and Health Tips

Smoke is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particles produced when wood and other organic materials burn. The biggest health threat from smoke is from fine particles. These microscopic particles can get into your eyes and respiratory system, where they can cause health problems such as burning eyes, runny nose, and illnesses such as bronchitis. Fine particles also can aggravate chronic heart and lung diseases - and even are linked to premature deaths in people with these conditions.

If you are healthy, you're usually not at a major risk from short-term exposures to smoke. Still, it's a good idea to avoid breathing smoke if you can help it. Everyone should take the steps below when wildfires are present.

Use common sense. If it looks smoky outside, it's probably not a good time to mow the lawn or go for a run. And it's probably not a good time for your children to play outdoors.

Pay attention to local air quality reports. Stay alert to smoke-related news coverage or health warnings.

Visit “AirNow” to find out the Air Quality Index in your area. As smoke gets worse, the amount of particles in the air changes - and so do the steps you should take to protect yourself. AirNow recommends precautions you can take to protect your health when air pollution gets bad.

If you are advised to stay indoors, take steps to keep indoor air as clean as possible. When smoke levels are high, try to avoid using anything that burns, such as wood fireplaces, gas logs, gas stoves - and even candles! Don't vacuum. That stirs up particles already inside your home. And don't smoke. That puts even more pollution in your lungs, and in the lungs of people around you.

If you have asthma or other lung disease, make sure you follow your doctor's directions about taking your medicines and following your asthma management plan. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.

Run your air conditioner if you have one. Keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Note: If you don't have an air conditioner, staying inside with the windows closed may be dangerous in extremely hot weather. In these cases, seek alternative shelter.

If you have heart or lung disease, if you are an older adult, or if you have children, talk with your doctor about whether and when you should leave the area. When smoke is heavy for a prolonged period of time, fine particles can build up indoors, even though you may not be able to see them.

Have a great Labor Day weekend and please be safe!

Quote of the Week

“No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.