

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 30, 2016

Yard of the Week

The Yard of the Week Prize Patrol officially closed the 2016 season with the selection of 103 Village Drive as the final Yard of the Week for 2016. This beautiful yard is an example of the great yards that were recognized throughout the 2016. Congratulations to all the Yard of the Week winners this year. Remember, the all 2016 winning yards can be seen on the City's website. Next year's Yard of the Week season will begin on May 12, 2017.

Annual International City/County Management Conference

The City Manager joined 3,509 other local government managers in Kansas City this week for the Annual International City/County Management Conference. Managers from the United States and 24 other countries attended to share ideas, knowledge and skills to pursue continued improvement of professional local government. The conference provides high caliber training and keynote speakers such as Soledad O'Brien, David Brooks, Bob Chapman and Vernice Armour. The manager attended sessions covering online citizen engagement, supervisor training, generational cultures budgeting and budget engagement, leadership, broadband and digital inclusion. Beside the classes and keynote addresses the conference provides the opportunity to visit with managers and share ideas and experiences to address the challenges facing local governments from around the world.

League of Oregon Cities Conference

City Councilors and staff will be attending various sessions of the League of Oregon Cities Conference this weekend in Salem. The conference provides a priceless opportunity to sharpen skills and knowledge regarding local government issues in Oregon.

Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council

Recruitment continues for the 2016-17 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 3, 2016 at the Youth Advisory Council meeting at 6:15 in City Hall. Anyone interested can come to the meeting to check out the YAC.

Certified Floodplain Managers attend NORFMA Conference

Howard Schesser and Amanda Ferguson, both Certified Floodplain Managers, attended the annual Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association in Yakima, Washington. The association represents private and public professionals in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and British Columbia involved in floodplain management. This year's theme was "*The Changing Climate of Floodplain Management in the Northwest*". Many of the sessions dealt with flood mitigation and habitat enhancement, floodplain restoration, wading through the DFIRM (new flood map) adoption process, floods follow fires, and biological opinions & NFIP in Oregon and Washington.

Planning and Historic Landmark Commission Vacancies

The Planning Commission and the Historic Landmark Commission each have two positions that that expire at the end of the year. The Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Historic Landmark Commission meets once a month on an as needed basis in the evening. Applicants for the Historic Landmark Commission must have a **demonstrated positive interest, knowledge, or competence in historic preservation**. Incumbents for both Commissions are eligible to apply.

The deadline to apply for both Commissions is October 21st at 5 pm. Applications can be obtained from the Community Development Department or on the City's Planning or Landmark Commission sites on the City's webpage.

For further information please contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340.

National Preparedness Month – September 30th – National PrepareAthon Day

September is National Preparedness Month with a theme of "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today". This is the last installment of preparedness in recognition of National PrepareAthon Day on September 30th.

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!

When a disaster occurs is not the time to start planning. The message can be boiled down to one basic reality - **be ready to be on your own for a minimum of three days**. Emergency responders can only react to the most severe emergencies in a crisis. People have to be able to rely on themselves, on their families and friends and on their neighbors.

Are You Ready? provides a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness by walking the reader through how to get informed about local emergency plans, how to identify hazards that affect their local area and how to develop and maintain an emergency communications plan and disaster supplies kit. Other topics covered include evacuation, emergency public shelters, animals in disaster and information specific to people with access and functional needs.

The guide has been designed to help the citizens of this nation learn how to protect themselves and their families against all types of hazards. It can be used as a reference source or as a step-by-step manual. The focus of the content is on how to develop, practice, and maintain emergency plans that reflect what must be done before, during, and after a disaster to protect people and their property. Also included is information on how to assemble a disaster supplies kit that

contains the food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity for individuals and their families to survive following a disaster in the event they must rely on their own resources.

Are You Ready? also provides in-depth information on specific hazards including what to do before, during and after each hazard type. The following hazards are covered: Floods, Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Thunderstorms and Lightning, Winter Storms and Extreme Cold, Extreme Heat, Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Landslide and Debris Flows (Mudslide), Tsunamis, Fires, Wildfires, Hazardous Materials Incidents, Household Chemical Emergencies, Nuclear Power Plant and Terrorism (including Explosion, Biological, Chemical, Nuclear and Radiological hazards).

Are You Ready? can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/7877>. *Are You Ready?* is also available in [Spanish](https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/16807) at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/16807>, and can be used in a variety of ways including as a read-through or reference guide.

Regional Representative for National Trust for Historic Preservation Meets with City

Sheri Freemuth, AICP, a Senior Field Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, met with the City Planner, Amanda Ferguson, Main Street Coordinator, Shauna Neigh, Architect of record for the Armory, David McClean, and Fund Raising Coordinator for the Armory, Christina Lund, to become familiar with the historic properties in downtown Cottage Grove. The group toured the Armory and the downtown area to see the historic fabric and discuss the plans for renovation and preservation. Grant opportunities were also explored with Sheri. For further information contact Amanda at the Community Development Department, (541) 942-3340.

LEGO Club at the Library

Kids ages 4-12 are encouraged to stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library the first Wednesday of each month to enjoy LEGO fun. The next club meeting will be Wednesday, October 5th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Come and join in the fun of creating original LEGO creations, and then displaying your creation here at the Library. Hope to see you soon and bring a friend.

Library Directors Meeting

Pete Barrell, Community Services Director, attended the annual State Library meeting of Library Directors from across Oregon last week. The meeting brought together directors from all corners of the state to hear from State Librarian, Mary Kay Dalgren, regarding the status of funding and support for libraries here in Oregon. Directors all shared updates on their libraries. The group was amazed to hear about the busy year that the Cottage Grove Public Library has had with special programming such as the Smithsonian Human Origins Exhibit and the OBON Society Exhibit of World War II Souvenirs of War. Our library Summer Adventure Program for kids and teens has inspired other libraries across the state to try similar programming, and our Ukulele classes and instrument loaning programs continue to inspire other libraries to try unconventional programs and events.

Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors Conference

City Recorder, Trudy Borrevik, attended the Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors Annual Conference last week in Ashland. Trudy is the Secretary and a member of the Executive Board of the association. There were numerous educational sessions during the conference, including

one on Public Meetings and one on Records Management with State Archivist, Mary Beth Herkert. There was also a one day academy session on “Get Organized; Know Your Priorities; and Never Break a Sweat.

Quote of the Week

“And in the end it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years. “

~Abraham Lincoln~