

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 14, 2023

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1204 Adams Ave. On the way to visit Bohemia Mining Days in Coiner Park, walk by the home and check out the progress they have made on the yard.

Red Cross Wildfire Outlook Briefing

The City Manager attended a special briefing hosted by the American Red Cross. The briefing included the American Red Cross wildfire response program, the 2023 wildfire forecast, a summary of the 2020 & 2021 Wildfire Response & Long-Term Recovery Program and how local community organizations and agencies can better engage and prepare to collaborate during and after disasters. This information session was an effort to share wildfire response plans and processes, so all partners have the most current information when a community is directly impacted by a disaster.

Eugene Symphony

Be sure to plan to be in Bohemia Park on Monday, July 24th at 7:30 pm for another spectacular evening of great music and entertainment from the Eugene Symphony. There will be food vendors on site so you can enjoy the park and have dinner before the concert starts.

Get to the park early to enjoy the Instrument Petting Zoo. The Instrument Petting Zoo provides youth and the young at heart with a hands-on opportunity to try a variety of orchestral instruments. The Petting Zoo opens at 6:00 pm in the Bohemia Park Pavilion and will be open until the concert begins.



League of Oregon Cities Legislative Wrap-up

The City Manager and Assistant City Manager attended the League of Oregon Cities Legislative Session Wrap-up. The League staff reported on a variety of bills that passed as well as some efforts that failed to survive the legislative process. The staff also provided insights into future

issues that may go before the Legislature. The League is planning more detailed legislative briefings as part of the small city meeting coming in the next month or two.

Lane Alert - Sign up Now

Public safety partners in Lane County are updating their emergency alerting service to the statewide alerting system OR-Alert, which will be called Lane Alerts locally, to send emergency alerts – including evacuation notifications – to residents and visitors.

Residents should go to www.LaneAlerts.org to create a free Lane Alerts account and select where and how they would like to receive emergency alerts. Residents can also text their ZIP code to 888777.

Cottage Grove Lions Club Food Drive

On Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the CG Lions Club will be in front of Safeway collecting canned and non-perishable food items. You can also drop off donations at Cascade Home Center on July 15th during the Cottage Grove Community Cook-Off. All donations will go directly to Community Sharing in Cottage Grove.

N. River Road & S. Main Street Chip Seal Update

The spot repairs on N. River Road are complete. City Staff will crack seal N. River Road next Monday and S. Main Street Tuesday and Wednesday. On July 20th and 21st N. River Road will be chip sealed and S. Main Street on July 21st. The chip seal will cause short delays as traffic will be flagged during the chip seal application process. On July 24th N. River Road will be closed to traffic during the application and drying of the sealer. This could be up to 3 hours depending on temperature. West Main Street will be closed during the sealer application and drying on July 25th. This section of road should be reopened in less than 2 hours as it has full exposure to the sun creating a quicker drying time. If you have any questions please call the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3349.

River Road Dog Park Update

Next week drinking fountains for both pets and people will be installed at the new park. The City received one bid for construction of the new parking lot for the park. Staff is working with the contractor to reduce the scope of the project in an attempt to bring the construction costs in line with the budget. Once a contract is approved the contractor plans on starting the construction in September. The park must remain closed until parking is available for the park. The City is working hard to get the park open and ensure the neighboring property owners are not negatively impacted during construction and the future use of the park.

City BMD Support

City staff spent the week assisting Bohemia Mining Days as they prepared to open on Thursday. Staff installed generators, inspected and repaired the park's electrical system, set up the main entertainment stage, rented and delivered barricades, prepared and set out traffic control for the parade, delivered golf carts and picnic tables. Throughout the duration of the event staff will be available to address issues that arise and keep the generators filled with fuel. The Police Department will provide traffic control for the parade and assist where needed throughout the event.

Eugene Symphony Preparation

Next week staff will be installing the back on the amphitheater cover, installing stage lighting in preparation for the July 24th Eugene Symphony concert. If you haven't made plans to attend, please do. This event has been sponsored by many of our local businesses and promises to be another great concert.

Street Improvement and Funding Ad-Hoc Committee

Last Tuesday was the 4th meeting of the City Council appointed Ad-Hoc Street Improvement and Funding Committee. At that meeting the Committee adopted a Mission Statement and Goals. They started discussing street condition improvement levels and how to generate the revenue necessary to make the street improvements. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 6:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public and available online to watch. The Committee will be seeking public input once they have drafted recommendations for the City Council.

Quote of the Week:

“Happiness is not a goal... it’s a by-product of a life well lived.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt