

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 8, 2016

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

### **Fun Fly**

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm the South Lane RC Modelers and the Youth Advisory Council are sponsoring another Fun Fly in the Cottage Grove Armory. So, after you have finished your taxes or if you need a break from trying to finish them or if you want to celebrate that they were done months ago, stop by the Armory and experience indoor flying. You can bring your own small electric plane, copter or drone or you can try your hand at one from the RC Modelers.

### **Covered Bridge Scenic Bikeway Meeting**

The City Manager attended a meeting of the local Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway Proponent Committee. The committee's membership includes the City, Chamber, Travel Lane County, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corp of Engineers, Lane County and several cycling enthusiasts from the community. The committee meets periodically throughout the year to address challenges or issues and to consider ways to promote the bikeway and enhance ridership. Each designated scenic bikeway in Oregon must have a proponent committee that meets regularly and provide reports to the State Scenic Bikeway Program.



### **All-America City Square Planning Project**

The City of Cottage Grove, the Cottage Grove Garden Club, Sustainable Cottage Grove, EBID, and Cottage Grove Main Street are holding a planning charrette designed to improve and enhance the All-America City Square. The City of Cottage Grove has received a grant from the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Office through the Certified Local Government Program to conduct a community planning project on All-America City Square this spring.

All-America City Square has become a cherished part of our beautiful downtown. But it is almost 10 years old. Everyone is invited to an open house at the Cottage Grove Armory on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come prepared to share:

- What are your concerns?
- What you would like to change?
- What should stay the same?

All ideas will be used to help make the park cherished for generations to come.

The following week, on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Armory, a certified Landscape Architect, David Dougherty from DLA Inc., will facilitate a design charrette. A charrette is an interactive planning session where citizens, designers and others collaborate on a vision for a project. It provides a forum for ideas and offers the unique advantage of giving immediate feedback to the designers. More importantly, it allows everyone who participates to help author the plan. The charrette will be a hands-on exercise where everyone will help design and sketch out the future of the park. Ideas that come out of the charrette will be used to improve and maintain the park. If you have questions about the process or want to get more involved, please contact Amanda Ferguson, City Planner, at (541)942-3340 or via email at [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planner@cottagegrove.org).

### **Smile, You're on Camera**

Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd and Commander Conrad Gagner attended a Body Worn Camera presentation at the Eugene Police Department on Friday, April 8, 2016. Eugene Police hosted several vendors for area agencies to view their product and talk to the representatives.

### **Community Policing**

Interim Chief Scott Shepherd participated in the second meeting for "Stand up for Cottage Grove". Community Service Officer Cherie Nelson and Interim Chief Shepherd presented information and discussed several topics including; identifying and reporting suspicious behavior, preventing vehicle break-ins, property identification programs, home security and home inspection information. Councilor Amy Slay, Councilor Mike Fleck, and Councilor Kenneth Roberts were also in attendance.

### **Final Reminder - ODFW Family Fishing Event Scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> in Cottage Grove**

Don't forget about the ODFW family fishing event at the Cottage Grove Pond in Row River Nature Park tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. There will be ODFW staff and volunteers on hand to provide access to fishing equipment and angling instruction. ODFW would like to ask adults to leave the fishing to the young anglers for a few hours.

### **Auto Gas**

The City Manager, Public Works Director and the Interim Police Chief joined the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor for a presentation on the addition of propane fuel systems to certain city vehicles. The addition of propane capabilities to vehicles has a number of potential benefits not only in reduced emissions but also in costs savings. There are a number of programs and opportunities that encourage the conversion.

### **Summer Water Supply Forecast**

With the summer irrigation season quickly approaching, it is very informative to look at the reservoir refill projections for the Willamette System. With a more normal winter and good snow pack, refill of the Willamette Basin projects is considered “normal”. The Willamette System is 65 percent full and only 9% behind rule curve, as of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Dorena Reservoir is 60 percent full and 1% behind rule curve. Inflow to Dorena Reservoir is 459 cfs and outflow is 359 cfs. At this time last year, these amounts were 511 cfs and 149 cfs respectively. Dorena and Cottage Grove reservoirs are both projected to fill, so that minimum summer flows can be achieved. Reservoir levels for both Dorena and Cottage Grove are important to the City, as flows from Dorena impacts our domestic supply and flows from Cottage Grove can impact the temperature for treated wastewater discharge. As the spring season progresses, Public Works will continue to closely monitor weather conditions for the local reservoir operations.

### **Tree Branch Pickup Service will be held the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The City of Cottage Grove’s annual tree branch pickup service will begin the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This program is intended to assist property owners with their tree trimming along streets and sidewalks. City streets require a minimum overhead clearance of 13 feet 6 inches for vehicle traffic and a minimum overhead clearance of 15 feet in intersections. Sidewalks require a minimum overhead clearance of 8 feet for pedestrian traffic. It is the property owner’s responsibility to trim trees along their property to meet these clearance requirements.

Residents can also use the opportunity to trim other trees on their property. The Public Works crew will pick up branches that are placed in street parking areas beginning the week of May 23, 2016. If you have questions regarding the Tree Branch Pickup Program, or would like a copy of the informational brochure which outlines the specific program guidelines, please call the Public Works Department at 541-942-3349, stop by the Public Works office located in City Hall at 400 East Main Street, or go to the City’s website at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org).

### *Quote of the Week*

*Leadership is an electric current of believing. The energy created from people believing in each other fuels a constant positive reaction to work together and achieve.”*

*~Lisa Stevenson~*