

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 10, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1159 Riverfront Way. Please be on the lookout for yards that you think deserve a nomination for Yard of the Week. We are always looking for different homes to recognize for their contribution to making the community a better place. Nominations can be made by phone, mail and email to the City Manager or the Chamber Director.

Youth Advisory Council – YAC Academy

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding the annual YAC Academy on Monday June 20th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The members of the YAC will get the opportunity to visit different operations within the City and experience firsthand a sampling of what goes on a daily basis. The City Council is invited to share lunch with YAC members at Middlefield Golf Course at noon.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, June 13th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Business After Hours

The City of Cottage Grove will be hosting Business After Hours on Thursday, June 16th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Middlefield Golf Course. Be sure to drop in to meet other Chamber members, enjoy some food and try your hand at the putting contest. Business After Hours at Middlefield Golf Course is always a fun chance to network and learn more about businesses in the community.

Measure No. 20-245

The City filed a Notice of Measure Election with the Lane County Clerk on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. The measure, if passed, will put a 3% tax on sales of marijuana items by recreational marijuana retailers in the City. The measure number is 20-245 and will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Tree Branch Pick-Up

Last week, the City Utilities Crew completed a very successful tree branch pick-up. A total of 31 dump truck loads (310 yards) of limbs and branches were collected from City streets and transported to the City Shop property. The collection occurred on May 23rd, 25th, and 31st. The

limb and branch pick-up went much quicker this year because the crew did not perform on-site chipping of the woody debris. All limbs and branches were stock-piled at the City Shop property and all of this woody material is scheduled to be chipped sometime during late June. Several private parties also transported limbs and branches to the Public Works yard for disposal. Public Works allocated funds in the FY 15-16 budget to rent a large commercial tub grinder to chip all of the woody debris that has accumulated at the shop. Funds have also been allocated, for this same purpose, in the FY 16-17 budget. The wood chips are used around plants in the City parks and to cover unpaved walking paths. Chips are also made available to the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council for various riparian area improvement projects. There were 64.5 labor and equipment hours committed to this effort at a total cost of \$4,166. The last time the tub grinder was used, the cost to the City was an additional \$3,539.

Library Adventure Camp Sign-Up Now

Now is the time to stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library to register your 3-6 year old, 7-12 year old, or 13-17 year old for one of our amazing Summer Adventure Field Trips. On these trips we go hiking, kayaking, swimming, sand boarding, rafting, and learn about the ecology of native Oregon habitats, study native plants, learn about local geology, explore field biology and more. Please stop by the Library soon to enroll your child, tween or teen for one of our awesome free summer adventures.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event Coming Soon

The Summer Reading Programs Kick-Off will be Wednesday, June 22nd at 2:30 pm at the Cottage Grove Public Library. Summer reading programs this year are for kids, teens and adults. In addition to the Kick-Off Event, we'll have something fun happening every Wednesday at 2:30 pm related to summer reading. Please join us on the 22nd and throughout the summer for some exciting summer reading adventures.

Story Time At The Library

Please join us for preschool age Story Time at the Cottage Grove Public Library every Friday at 10:30 am. Story Time includes stories, songs and crafts for children. Bilingual Story Time is every Monday evening at 6:30 pm and features stories and activities in Spanish and English. Please bring your little ones down soon for Story Time at the Cottage Grove Public Library.

"Behind The Pages" Book Club for Kids

Please join us for the next meeting of the Cottage Grove Public Library's Book Club for Kids, "Behind the Pages", on Saturday, June 18th, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. We will be discussing the book Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt. "Behind The Pages" is for 4th to 6th graders and it meets the 3rd Saturday of every month. Please join us even if you have not read the book yet. This is a great way to connect, make friends, and have fun at your public library.

Library Bids Farewell and Good-Luck to Angela Arena

The Cottage Grove Public Library hosted a farewell reception for departing Librarian Angela Arena this week. Staff, co-workers, patrons, kid campers, and friends all shared pizza and cake and bid Angela good luck in her new position as Teen Librarian with the Tillamook County Library System. The Cottage Grove Librarian position is now open for applications and will close on Friday, June 24th. Applications are already arriving from across the county for this library position.

All-America City Square Planning Project

The third meeting of the All-America City Square Planning Project will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Armory. At this meeting, a synthesis of comments from the Open House held on May 17th and Charrette held on May 24th will be presented.

This project was designed to gather public input about the condition of the All-America City Square on its 10th Anniversary. Participants at the Open House were asked: What do you love about the park? What would you change about the park? What is your Wish List for the park? Comments were consolidated into a series of sketches, about which participants at the charrette were asked to provide feedback. The third and final meeting presents the landscape architect's renderings of the results of this feedback. The renderings will be used by the City, the Garden Club, and other interested groups to guide maintenance and enhancement projects in the park over the next several years.

This project has been supported by the City of Cottage Grove, the Cottage Grove Garden Club, Sustainable Cottage Grove, EBID, and Cottage Grove Main Street. The City of Cottage Grove received a grant from the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Office through the Certified Local Government Program to conduct this community planning project on the All-America City Square.

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.

Tall Grass and Hazardous Vegetation Enforcement to Start June 15th

Notice is hereby given that property owners or persons in control of property are required in the City of Cottage Grove to cut or remove tall grass, hazardous vegetation and combustible materials during the fire season from **June 15th to November 1st** (CGMC 8.12 Nuisances).

Tall grass and hazardous vegetation includes wild blackberry bushes; weeds & grass more than 12 inches tall anywhere on your property including public lands out to the street. Vegetation that is likely to endanger buildings or other property should it catch on fire must also be cut or removed.

During the fire season city wide inspections will be made and property owners notified that they must cut or remove the hazardous vegetation. Failure to cut or remove the grass or vegetation will result in the City having to abate the problem. The cost of abatement will be charged to the property including a **\$100** administrative fee and if unpaid will become a lien against the property.

Property owners are reminded that they must keep hazardous vegetation and tall grass cut less than 12 inches until **November 1st**. Questions can be answered by the Community Development Department at City Hall, by calling 541-942-3340 or by email: planning@cottagegrove.org

Quote of the Week

"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

~Thomas Paine~