

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 22, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week highlights another beautiful yard that is an example for the entire neighborhood. The Yard of the Week is located at 1659 South 5th Street. Everything in the yard is perfectly trimmed and maintained.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, July 25th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Regional Managers Meet

The City Manager attended a meeting of local City and County managers from throughout Lane County in Florence on Thursday. The managers heard a report about the ODOT improvements to Highway 101 through Florence and a report from Lane County about the Board of Health's discussions regarding raising the age to buy tobacco.

Happy 90th Anniversary

It has been 90 years since Buster Keaton visited Cottage Grove and filmed the timeless classic "The General". In partnership with the Oregon Film Office and the Hollywood Theater in Portland the City of Cottage Grove will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of this classic film. There will be special showing of "The General" on Saturday, August 13th at the Bohemia Park Amphitheater. The festivities start at 7:30 pm. The evening will be filled with special performances that will reflect the entertainment and events in the 1920s to 30s, including silent movie organ accompaniment and local historical films. The main event of the evening will be the showing of the classic silent film "The General" accompanied by a special arrangement composed by Mark Orton. Mark Orton was nominated for an Academy Award for his 2013 music score for the acclaimed movie, "Nebraska". This will be a once in a lifetime celebration of the creation of this classic film be sure to plan to attend.

Thomas, The General and Lionel

To help celebrate the 90th Anniversary of "The General" the City of Cottage Grove will be hosting a model train show in the Cottage Grove Armory August 12, 13 and 14th. The show will be fun for all ages and include train safety demonstrations as well as having train layouts for all ages to enjoy. Thomas the Train will be there as well as the City's own model of The General. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event. It promises to be one of the largest model train shows in the area.

Are You Ready? 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

The City of Cottage Grove is getting ready for our 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. The fair takes place Saturday, August 13th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Community Hospital, 1515 Village Drive. The Fair will bring together a host of first responders and organizations providing information and giveaways focused around emergency preparedness and personal safety. At the event there will be a bouncy house, a raffle to win a 72 hour disaster supply kit, Life Flight helicopter and emergency vehicle displays, and much more. Visit the displays and complete an emergency preparedness passport and get a free Big Stuff BBQ sandwich at the event.

2016 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Out For Comment

The update of the City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is now complete and is ready for comments from the public. The 30 day comment period ends on August 22nd. The plan can be found on the Emergency Management page of the City website under Emergency Management in the Community Development Department (<http://cottagegrove.org/cd/page/emergency-management>). Comments need to be made to in writing City Planner Amanda Ferguson or via email to: planner@cottagegrove.org. If you need further information please contact the Community Development staff.

Cottage Grove State Airport Annexation

The annexation of the Cottage Grove State Airport is in the final stages of the process. In September of 2015 the State Aviation Board voted unanimously to annex into the City. City Council in January of 2016 voted unanimously to initiate the application for annexation. Since that time the legal description and map have been created. The ordinance to annex the property has been prepared. The proposal is being processed using the expedited process and is out for comment at this time. ONLY the State Airport property is being annexed. No privately owned property is part of this application. Once the annexation is complete the City and State Aviation Department staff will initiate a rezone application and develop a master plan for the airport property. Written comments can be submitted to the Community Development Department at City Hall or via email to: planning@cottagegrove.org. Further information can be obtained by calling (541)942-3340.

“Can You Hear Me Now”

On Monday of this week, 44 City employees from the Police Department, Middlefield Golf Course, Utilities, Building Maintenance, Shop, Water, and Wastewater received hearing tests. Employees in job classifications within these City function areas are routinely exposed to loud or repetitive noise. City policy requires employees to use hearing protection when working in loud or repetitive noise environments. Annual hearing tests create a baseline level for each employee that can be monitored for any significant changes. These tests also give us a good opportunity to reinforce the importance of using hearing protection when exposed to loud or repetitive noises. Annual hearing tests are part of the City's on-going health and safety program. Follow-up hearing tests will be scheduled for those employees that missed the test because of shift or leave conflicts.

Row River Water Treatment Plant in the News

Version 2.0 Communications of Boston and New York recently contracted with Pall Corporation to prepare several case studies of Pall membrane water filtration plants around the country. One of these case studies specifically highlighted the Row River Water Treatment Plant. This week, Ray Pardee, Water Production Superintendent was notified by Version 2.0 Communications that

the trade publication, *Treatment Plant Operator* is interested in publishing a summary of the Row River Water Treatment Plant case study in the publication's November, 2016 issue. This will coincide with that issue's editorial focus on "Treatment and Filtration". This trade publication is delivered to 75,000 municipal water treatment operators and is read online by an additional 13,500 professionals each month.

Vehicle and Equipment Repair and Maintenance

With the close of the FY 15-16 budget, it is interesting to note what the City spends on vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance services during a fiscal year. The City Shop repairs and maintains vehicles and equipment for all City departments. Total equipment and vehicle repair costs, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, were \$72,845. This amount was generated by a total of 303 repair orders. During the previous Fiscal Year (FY2014-2015), total vehicle repair costs were \$69,275 for a total of 277 repair orders.

Award-winning Storyteller Visits the Library

Over 40 people enjoyed the library's summer reading performer last Wednesday. National award-winning storyteller Christopher Leebrick entertained the crowd with his extensive repertoire of world folk tales, legends, whoppers, and original stories. His stories were accompanied by flute and harmonica music, as well as lots of audience participation. All had a great time.

Next Wednesday, July 27th at 2:30 pm the library will be hosting the Museum of Natural and Cultural History's Move Like a Mammoth program. This one-hour experience targeted for families includes a story, a short presentation, and activity tables. We hope to see you there.

Quote of the Week

*"It is a bad plan that admits of no modification."
Publius Syrus,*