

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 4, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 143 Village Drive. All the Yard of the Week Winners for this season are listed on the City's webpage and photos of the winners are linked to the page. Check out the previous winners and be sure to get those nominations for this year submitted before the season ends.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, August 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

All Aboard for the 90th Anniversary Celebration

Don't forget to be a part of the festivities surrounding the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the filming of The General on Saturday, August 13th beginning at 7:30 pm in Bohemia Park. The City, Chamber of Commerce and Cottage Grove Historical Society are excited to have partnered with the Oregon Film Office and the Hollywood Theatre to bring this celebration to life. Be sure to be a part of this once in a life time event.

The City and Chamber of Commerce are also excited to include the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club as a part of the celebration by hosting a model train show in the Armory. This train show will be Lane County's biggest model railroad display. The Train Show will be held in the Armory Friday and Saturday from 10:00 to 8:00 and on Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. Check out the City's webpage for more information on all the events.

2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

Don't forget, the 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held on Saturday, August 13th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Community Hospital, 1515 Village Drive. All the first responders and emergency organizations in the community will be providing information and giveaways focused around emergency preparedness and personal safety. At the event will be a bouncy house, a raffle to win a 72 hour disaster supply kit, FREE Big Stuff BBQ sandwich with a completed passport, Life Flight helicopter and emergency vehicle displays, and much more.

SAIF Safety Consultant Visit

The City Manager met with the Safety Consultant from SAIF this week. The City switched from CIS to SAIF for Workers Compensation Coverage this year and this visit was the first visit. The visit included introductions to the City's operations and staff. Switching coverage will save the City about \$7,000 this year in Worker Compensation coverage and will bring a number of valuable resources from SAIF to help improve worker safety.

PakTech Preparations

The City and PakTech held several meetings this week to move forward with the improvements on the PakTech building and to get ready for operations in December. The City Manager met with IT representatives and discussed the City's fiber system and PakTech's IT needs. The Community Development Director met with officials to discuss Enterprise Zone qualification requirements. Planning staff and the Building official held a meeting with the contractors making building improvements to coordinate landuse and building permit applications and information. Major improvements and renovations are being planned in the next four months and this coordination will be essential to successfully completing the projects.

Summer Water Supply

This week marks just past the midway point for the summer irrigation season. Overall, the Willamette Reservoir System is 45% full, with Cottage Grove Reservoir at 77% full and Dorena Reservoir at 59% full. These amounts last year were 39%, 47%, and 77%, respectively. Releases from the two local dams are significantly exceeding inflow and are about twice the minimum flows established for fish passage. The Coast Fork Willamette River is flowing at 104 cubic feet per second and is controlled by the Cottage Grove Dam. The Row River is flowing at 252 cubic feet per second and is controlled by Dorena Dam. The City of Cottage Grove draws 100% of its domestic water from the Row River. The US Army Corps of Engineers usually begins draining the reservoirs, in anticipation of the fall/winter rainy season, shortly after Labor Day weekend. However, again this year Cottage Grove and Dorena Reservoirs are being used to improve the main stem Willamette River flows further north. The Row River Water Treatment Plant is currently operating 20-22 hours a day producing 2.0-2.3 million gallons per day, depending on demand.

Library Dorena Lake Trip

Last Friday 30 adventurous kids ages 7-12 participated in the Cottage Grove Public Library "Nature for Kids" program. The group began the day at Row River Nature Park for an Ecology walk and morning stretch out by the ponds. The kids learned about the Row River Ecosystem that has helped shape the Nature Park and Row River landscapes over millennia. Then the group rode the school bus to Harms Park on Dorena Lake, where they embarked on a 6 mile bike ride, out and back, along the shore of lovely Dorena Lake. This was a very fast riding group, and everyone enjoyed this scenic ride. Next, the group headed over to Baker Bay Park where they enjoyed lunch by the lake, then spent the rest of the afternoon kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, using the water trampoline; basically enjoying a fine warm Oregon afternoon at the lake. Special thanks to Christy Johnson, Army Corps of Engineers, Gloria Campuzano, Library and Community Center staff and to parent volunteers for helping to make this adventure for our local kids a great success.

New Librarian Hired

The City of Cottage Grove has hired Natasha Chitow Prawlocki as our new Librarian. Natasha comes to us from Lane Community College Library and will begin work August 15. Please stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library sometime soon to help welcome Natasha to the Cottage Grove Community.

Library Events

On Wednesday, July 27th, the library hosted the Museum of Natural and Cultural History's *Move Like a Mammoth* program. Museum educator, Mia Jackson, led a lively discussion, read a story and then set the participants loose to experience the 10 stations that were placed around the

room. Children got to touch fossils of mammoth teeth and tusks, as well as many other animal skulls. They tried to jump as far as a saber-tooth cat, walk in mammoth footprints, flap giant bird wings, and then they made a puppet to take home. Both children and adults had fun and learned something new too.

On Wednesday, August 10th at 2:30 pm, the library performer will be Rhys Thomas with “Jugglemania”. Please join us for a fun-filled program that features interactive comedy and high-level circus tricks.

Quote of the Week

“What the mind can conceive, it can achieve.”

~Napoleon Hill~