

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 19, 2016

Summer Break

Remember that next week is Summer Break for the City Council. There is no City Council meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016. So get out and enjoy the summer (at least one evening of it). The next City Council meeting will be Monday, September 12th.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, July 22nd from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1337 Dogwood Avenue. Just over a month left to get your neighbor recognized for their dedication to making the community look better. It doesn't even need to be a neighbor, any yard that you feel deserves recognition, submit a nomination.

The General

Thank you to everyone that made the showing of "The General" a success. The newly commissioned score for the movie was a hit. We have heard nothing but positive comments about the activities, music, photo exhibits and movie. Thank you to everyone who attended the train show, the exhibits and the evening in the park.

Final Opportunity To Comment On 2016 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

The comment period for the update of the City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan ends on Monday, August 22nd. Comments need to be made to in writing City Planner Amanda Ferguson or via email: planner@cottagegrove.org. This will complete a 30 day public comment period. Following review of any comments and needed revisions, the plan will then be submitted to DLCD and FEMA Region 10 for approval prior to being presented to Council for approval. If you need further information please contact the Community Development staff. The plan can be found on the Emergency Management page of the City website: <http://cottagegrove.org/cd/page/emergency-management>.

Planning/Code Enforcement Technician Position Filled

Shauna Neigh has been appointed to the part-time position of Planning/Code Enforcement Technician in the Community Development Department effective August 17th. Shauna will be

assisting the department with various enforcement issues, especially the zombie houses. This position was created by City Council in the new budget. Shauna will continue in her part-time independent contractor position paid for by EBID as the Main Street Coordinator. She will continue to work out of City hall on the Main Street Program.

September National Preparedness Month (NPM)

September is the first month of fall, when kids head back to school and it's the traditional month to focus on preparedness. This year's theme, "**Don't Wait, Communicate**" focuses on family, community and individual preparedness. This is an ongoing opportunity to help you and your families learn more about emergencies and how to be prepared whenever or wherever they strike. It serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and where we visit. There will be a continuing emphasis on preparedness for youth, older adults, and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Each week of National Preparedness Month will have a designated theme which will start September 2nd.



Thank You to Emergency Preparedness Fair Participants



A big thank you to the participants who made the 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair a success, especially given the heat of the day. Thank you to Peace Health, Child Safety Organization, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Lane County Search & Rescue, Lane County Public Health, EPUD, Pacific Power, CG Sentinel, Eugene Springfield Hazmat Team, U.S. Geological Survey, Oregon Department of Forestry, Civil Air Patrol, South Lane Amateur Radio Association, Cottage Grove Police Department, South Lane County Fire & Rescue District, US Forest Service, Life Flight, EcoTech, City of Cottage Grove Emergency Management, and Deployed Logix. A special shout out to Deployed Logix for the cooling tent. Around 250 people took advantage of the exhibits and exploring the various equipment. Big Stuff BBQ provided a sandwich plate for those that had their passport stamped at all of the exhibits. A good time was held for all.

The winner of the 72 Hour Disaster Supplies Kit was Rendon Reynolds. Rendon is pictured receiving his kit from Planning Intern Glenn Rust with his mother Rani and his sister Rian. Congratulations Rendon.

All-City Safety Committee

This week, the All-City Safety Committee met to review and discuss accident/incident reports, plan upcoming training sessions, and perform quarterly facility inspections of all City facilities. The All-City Safety Committee is made up of representatives from the public works, finance, administration, library, and police departments. Safety inspections were performed at City

Hall/Police Department, City Shop, Middlefield Golf Course pro and maintenance shops, Community Center/Library, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Row River Water Treatment Plant. Facilities are inspected on a quarterly basis for employee safety issues, which are identified and corrected.

“Signs, signs, everywhere a sign.....

The summer season seems to bring with it a plethora of yard sale, garage sale, for sale, lost pet, event, and celebration signs of various sizes and shapes. Most of these signs seem to end-up on telephone poles, street light poles, junction boxes, traffic regulatory signs, other public and private buildings and structures, and in the public right-of-way. On any given weekend, signs can be found all over town. City Staff constantly remove real estate signs and garage/yard sale signs that are in the public right-of-way. The City’s volunteer graffiti removal team is expanding their scope of services to include the removal of signs attached to utility poles, buildings, structures, and regulatory signs. Many of the signs are left over from events that have long passed. Removing these signs is a time consuming job that takes staff and volunteers away from more productive endeavors. Citizens are reminded that signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way or on utility poles, regulatory signs, public buildings and structures, or utility junction boxes. If you did place signs, please remove them once your advertised event is over.....**blocking the scenery, breaking my mind”**.

Library Family Fun Picnic

The Cottage Grove Public Library held its first ever "Family Fun Picnic" last Friday for children ages 3 to 6 years and their parents. The group rode a school bus to Dorena Lake and enjoyed a fun-filled picnic under the shade of the trees at Baker Bay Park. They began the day with morning circle and yoga led by Gloria Campuzano, followed by a morning workout with Erin Lauraine from ATA Martial Arts. The group was joined by special guests from the U.S. Forest Service, Krista Farris, Cottage Grove Ranger District Botanist, and a truly special guest appearance was made when Smokey the Bear met the group in the forest by the lake. The kids learned all about Forest Ecology from Krista and Smokey, and enjoyed the afternoon dancing in sprinklers under the warm Oregon sun.

Quote of the Week

“To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don’t need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself.”

~Thich Nhat Hanh~