

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jan Wellman, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 2, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 963 “U” Street. This is a very well appointed yard in a nice secluded neighborhood. The yard is meticulously maintained and is filled with many yard sculptures and ornamental plants and flowers. The yard of the week program will conclude at the end of September. Congratulations to all our winners during the summer of 2016.

Youth Advisory Council 2016 Recruitment

One of the signs that it is Fall is the annual recruitment for the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Applications are available for the 2016-17 Youth Advisory Council. Any youth from 8th grade through High School age are invited to participate.

The YAC was created in 2004 by the City of Cottage Grove to provide an opportunity for the youth of the community to participate and voice their concerns regarding local issues and challenges. The City looks to the Youth Advisory Council as the primary communication link between local government and youth on a variety of subjects and opportunities. In addition members of the YAC serve as a Youth Representative at City Council meetings. The Youth Representative gets to participate as a member of the City Council to discuss and vote on City issues. The YAC meets regularly to discuss community issues and develop ideas for projects or activities to benefit youth, carry out the projects and activities, and visit with other community leaders.

Applications for the YAC are available online and at City Hall. The application deadline is Monday, October 3rd.

Communications Specialist Ken Erbes Retires

The Police Department bid a fond farewell to Communications Specialist Ken Erbes at a retirement luncheon on Tuesday, August 30th. Fellow department retirees, city personnel and police department co-workers celebrated Ken's nearly 26 year career at the department. Ken was honored with a plaque from the City as well as a shadow box which encased one of his first uniform shirts complete with dispatcher badge. Thank you for your service to the community, Ken!



Testing for Communications Specialist/Dispatcher

On Monday, August 29th, the police department conducted testing for Communications Specialist/Dispatcher. 12 candidates took the National Dispatcher's Selection Test. The candidates with the highest scores will be invited to an Oral Board interview on Sept. 15th. This is a full-time position to replace retiring Communications Specialist Ken Erbes who retired August 31st.

Street Sweeper Piles Hauled to Short Mountain Landfill

This week, Public Works hauled 48 ten-yard dump truck loads of street sweeper leavings to Short Mountain Landfill for disposal. Because street sweeper leavings contain plastics, oils, fuels, antifreeze, and other materials that can only be disposed of at Short Mountain, there is no other disposal option. We temporarily stockpile the material near the wastewater plant and it is then hauled to Short Mountain on an annual basis. In this case, the 48 loads that were hauled this week represent about two-year's accumulation of material. The cost to dispose of this material was \$20,842.27; which does not include fuel and labor. Lane County Solid Waste Management charges \$76.77 per ton to dispose of material at the Short Mountain Landfill.

Economic & Business Improvement Districts Extension Notices Mailed

The public hearing notice for extension of the Economic Improvement District (EID) and the Business Improvement District (BID) has been mailed. Council will hold the first of two public hearings at its regular meeting on October 10, 2016 to consider a five (5) year extension of the EID & BID. The districts were formed in 2001 and extended for three years in 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. The districts are assessment districts in which property and business owners choose to be assessed an annual fee that will be used for promoting and improving the proposed district.

If you are NOT in favor of the EID and/or BID, State statute requires that you remonstrate in writing. Written objections can be delivered at the public hearing, or mailed/delivered to Community Development Department, 400 E. Main St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

The remonstrance (written objection) shall provide the following information to insure accurate recording: 1) date, 2) name of the property owner (if objecting to the EID) or name of business owner (if objecting to the BID), 3) tax lot number of the subject property, 4) address of the subject property, 5) that you are objecting to the formation of the appropriate district, and 6) signature of the property and/or business owner.

For information regarding the *public hearing or remonstrance process* please call the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340.

For information regarding the EID, BID, and/or their activities please call Jim Gilroy at (541) 334-5810 or email: jgilroy@bannerbank.com.

Nation Preparedness Month: Week 2 - Preparing Through Service

September is National Preparedness Month with a theme of "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today". For week two the effort is to "Prepare Through Service". Hurricane Katrina, the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, and the recent flooding in Louisiana and Texas caused many Americans to wonder how they can help prepare their communities. Through Citizen Corps, individuals can learn about opportunities to get involved and help build capacity for first responders. With proper training and education, civilian volunteers expand the resources available to states and local communities. Many partner

organizations offer public education, outreach and training for free. Participate or organize a 'Map My Neighborhood' effort in your neighborhood. In a disaster, your neighbors are your closest source of help. Other groups or agencies that provide training include American Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, Lane County Search & Rescue, Civil Air Patrol, and South Lane Amateur Radio Association.

Once you've prepared yourself and your family, become a leader in preparedness. Teach others to be prepared and serve as an advocate for safety and emergency preparedness within your community. Become a member of the Lane County Preparedness Coalition.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Hope everyone has a fun and safe weekend.

Quote of the Week

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

~Francis of Assisi~