

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 16, 2016

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 2251 West Harrison Avenue. Only two more weeks of the 2016 Yard of the Week season to celebrate those residents that help make the Cottage Grove a beautiful place to live. All of this year's Yard of the Week winners can be seen on the City's webpage. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and the Cottage Grove Sentinel for participating in the program.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council is seeking interested youth to join the YAC for the 2016-17 school year. Youth that are Middle and High School age are eligible to participate. Applications are available on the City's webpage and at City Hall. Applications need to be submitted on or before Monday, October 3, 2016. All applicants should plan to attend the October 3rd YAC meeting in City Hall at 6:15 pm.

Swinging Bridge Closure

The historic swinging pedestrian bridge that connects Madison Avenue to North River Road has been closed. The routine bridge inspection conducted by OBEC Engineers has recommended that the City close the bridge immediately to all users. They found extensive decay in the vertical towers and some decay of the horizontal braces at each tower. They stated:

“This area of decay in the vertical towers is the area that supports the main suspension cables. The extensive decay is compromising the support for these cables which poses a serious risk that could result in catastrophic failure. After discussing the results of our inspection, we have concluded that the bridge's capacity is in serious jeopardy. Due to the extensive decay in the main structural member, the bridge cannot safely support pedestrian traffic and there is potential risk of catastrophic failure without warning.”

The engineers will be performing additional work to assist in determining the appropriate repair method.

The bridge has been ordered closed and any unauthorized use of the bridge will be subject to prosecution. If anyone is seen on the bridge, please notify the police department immediately.

Cottage Grove Businesses Meet and Greet

Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm KNND and the Cottage Grove Sentinel are sponsoring the Cottage Grove Meet and Greet in the Armory. Everyone is invited to stop by this showcase of local businesses. There will be entertainment, food and drawings.

Cycle the Lakes

The Cottage Grove Rotary Club will be holding their annual Cycle the Lakes event at Bohemia Park on Saturday. Cyclists from around the country will be in Cottage Grove to enjoy the beautiful scenery on their bicycles as they make their way around our two lakes. Please exercise caution as you are out and about on Saturday morning.

Candidate Forums

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Mayoral Candidates Forum in City Hall on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm and a Councilor Candidates Forum the following Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 pm also in City Hall. The forums will be co-moderated by Cameron Reiten from KNND and Jon Stinnet from the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Additional supporting sponsors for the forums are the Cottage Grove 912 Project and the Blackberry Pie Society.

Metals Recycled

This week, the Public Works Department transported 1,834 pounds of assorted metals to Pacific Recycling in Eugene for disposal which netted the City \$2,620.62. The primary metals of value were red and yellow brass and copper wire/solids. The Public Works Department routinely collects various types of recyclables and transports them to the appropriate recycling centers for disposal. Once each year, the City submits a report to DEQ detailing the total volume of materials that are recycled.

Equipment Replacement

Public Works is moving ahead with the purchase of two pieces of replacement equipment which will be used to support utility operations. The first piece of equipment is a 2017 Ford F-450 Tipper Truck with a 2-yard dump body. This equipment will replace a 1985 Ford F-350 Tipper Truck, also with a 2-yard dump body. The second piece of equipment is a 2017 Freightliner Dump Truck with a Columbia 12-yard dump body and automatic tarp system. This equipment will replace a 1979 Ford Dump Truck with a 10-yard dump body. Both pieces of new equipment will be acquired through the Oregon State Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Tipper Truck will be available sometime in November and the Dump Truck will be available sometime in February of next year. The old, outdated equipment will be sold at public auction. The cost of this replacement equipment was included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City budget.

National Preparedness Month – Week 4 – Lead-Up to National PrepareAthon Day

September is National Preparedness Month with a theme of “Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today”. Week four will Lead-up to National PrepareAthon Day, September 30. America's PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. Join others around the country to practice your preparedness! **DO YOU...**

- **KNOW YOUR HAZARDS:** Learn about your hazards and how to prepare.
- **TAKE ACTION:** Have you prepared a family communications plan?
- **SPREAD THE WORD ON PREPAREDNESS. DO YOUKEEP UP WITH THE NEWS OF PREPAREDNESS:** Read stories about individuals, communities, and organizations across the country that are participating in America’s PrepareAthon!
- **KNOW WHERE THERE ARE RESOURCES?** Do you download resources to help you prepare and promote your preparedness?

Water is an Essential Element to Survival

Water has been a topic of discussion recently and is an important element of disaster kits – personal, home and at the workplace. Water is an essential element to survival and a necessary item in an emergency supplies kit. Following a disaster, clean drinking water may not be available. Your regular water source could be cut-off or compromised through contamination. Prepare yourself by building a supply of water that will meet your family’s needs during an emergency.

How much water do I need? You should store at least one gallon of water per person per day for three days. A normally active person needs about three quarters of a gallon of fluid daily, from water and other beverages. However, individual needs vary, depending on age, health, physical condition, activity, diet and climate. To determine your water needs, take the following into account:

- Children, nursing mothers and sick people may need more water.
- A medical emergency might require additional water.
- If you live in a warm weather climate more water may be necessary. In very hot temperatures, water needs can double.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person.

How should I store water? It is recommended you purchase commercially bottled water, in order to prepare the safest and most reliable emergency water supply. Keep bottled water in its original container and do not open until you need to use it. Observe the expiration or “use by” date. Store in cool, dark place.

Preparing your own containers! It is recommended you purchase food grade water storage containers from surplus or camping supplies stores to use for water storage. Before filling with water, thoroughly clean the containers with dishwashing soap and water and rinse completely so there is no residual soap. If you chose to use your own storage containers, choose two-liter plastic soft drink bottles – **not** plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them. Milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth when water is stored in them. Cardboard containers also leak easily and are not designed for long-term storage of liquids. Also, do not use glass containers, because they can break and are heavy.

Follow these steps for storing water in plastic soda bottles: 1. Thoroughly clean the bottles with dishwashing soap and water, and rinse completely so there is no residual soap. 2. Sanitize the bottles by adding a solution of 1 teaspoon of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water. Mix the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. 3. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water. 4. Fill the bottle to the top with regular tap water. If the tap water has been commercially treated from a water utility with chlorine, you do not need to add anything else to the water to keep it clean. If the water you are using comes from a well or water source that is not treated with chlorine, add two drops of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to the water. Let the water stand for 30 minutes before capping. A slight chlorine odor should be noticeable in the water, if not, add another dose of bleach and allow the water to stand another 15 minutes. Tightly close the container using the original cap. Be careful not to contaminate the cap by touching the inside of it with your finger. Place a date on the outside of the container so you can know when you filled it. **Store in cool, dark place.** Water can also be treated with water purification tablets that can be purchased at most sporting goods stores.

Water that has not been commercially bottled should be replaced every **six (6)** months.

Thanks Taylor Sayles for a Great Summer

The last of Community Development's summer interns, Taylor Sayles, is returning to her studies in Ashland where she attends Southern Oregon University. Taylor is majoring in business with a minor in music and is hoping to complete her four year degree in three years. Taylor worked on various projects for the City this summer including tall grass and fire enforcement, emergency preparedness fair, riparian newsletter, and the Armory funding project to name a few. This is the second year that Taylor has worked for Community Development and we look forward to her return during Christmas break and next summer. Have a great time at school.

Taylor Avenue Pump Station Construction Begins

H & J Construction will begin laying a new water line on Monday, September 19th, along Taylor Avenue between Gateway Blvd and South 10th Street as part of the Taylor Avenue Pump Station Project. The project consists of:

- Constructing a new water distribution pump station near the school district property off Taylor Avenue
- Decommissioning two old pump stations
- Providing back up power generators at the new pump station, Holly pump station and Knox Hill Reservoir
- Installation of new water mains and services on Hillside Drive, Park Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Cambria Avenue

The public can expect flaggers and possible delays in the area. The project will take 6 months to complete.

Library Book Club for "Tweens"

"Behind the Pages", the Cottage Grove Public Library Book Club for "Tweens" is happening this Saturday, September 17th, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Library. This month we will be discussing *Woof* by Spencer Quinn. "Behind the Pages" is a book club for 6th to 8th graders and the

meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Bring a friend and come join in the fun of our book club, even if you have not read the book.

Happy Birthday Roald Dahl

Today at the Cottage Grove Public Library we celebrated what would be the 100th Birthday of amazing author Roald Dahl. Local business "Country Donuts" provided scrumptious fresh donuts for the celebration of the author who brought us such amazing favorites such as *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Mathilda*, and many, many more. Thank You Roald Dahl for sharing your amazing creative magic with the world.

Quote of the Week

“One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.”

~Author Unknown~