MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 7, 2020

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

**Free Masks for Small Businesses**
The City of Cottage Grove still has masks available for local small businesses to share with staff and employees. The masks are free and were provided by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to assist small businesses in providing masks to their staff. Any small business (50 employees or less) that would like masks can pick them up at City Hall from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

**Yard of the Week**
This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1419 Clark Avenue. The yard contains mature landscaping and beautiful flowers.

**Cottage Grove Library**
The Library has been open for residents to use the computers in the mornings since July 1st. During July about 13 individuals took advantage of the computer time. At 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 am Monday through Friday the library opens for up to five people to enter the library and use the computers for 30 minutes.

In addition to the computer time, we are happy to announce that Curbside Library Service will begin next Monday, August 10th. Library patrons may call, email or request material from the Library from the online card catalogue at: www.cottagegrove.org/library. The requested items will be gathered and prepared for pickup. When ready, library staff will contact the phone number on the account and schedule a date and time for pickup of the materials.

Please visit the Library’s webpage or see the flyer attached to the Friday Update for more information.

**Remodeling in Community Center**
Remodeling in the Community Center has begun. The walls that are being removed have been marked and demolition will begin next week. The remodeling will create a space for the
Genealogical Library where the therapy pool was. The Senior Center will also be remodeled to make the space more useable and to accommodate the Genealogical Library and Senior and Disability Services. Senior and Disability Services will be moving into the Reception Hall temporarily while the back room is converted into their new space.

Transit Development Plan Survey
The City of Cottage Grove is working on a Transit Development Plan for the future of public transportation in the Cottage Grove area. This includes defining the role of public transportation in the community, identifying public transportation needs, and guiding public transportation growth. Input from the community members like you is a very important part of this process so we can better understand the needs and opportunities to make public transportation work for you.

Please tell us what you think about public transportation by taking this short survey at [https://surveymonkey.com/r/CottageGroveAreaTDP](https://surveymonkey.com/r/CottageGroveAreaTDP). Entries will be put into a raffle for local gift certificates.

For more information and ways to get involved, visit [https://lcog.org/CottageGroveAreaTDP](https://lcog.org/CottageGroveAreaTDP)

July 2020 Building Inspection Services Report
For the month of July the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 43 permits, one for a new single family dwelling, and performed 201 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 12 permits were issued and 53 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 33 permits were issued, one for a new single family dwelling and 50 inspections were performed. In Cobourg 9 permits were issued and 22 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 21 plan sets in July and an additional 9 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

City Hall Parking Lot Repair
Late this spring repairs to the storm drainage system for the City Hall parking lot were made leaving gravel patches in the parking lot. This week staff removed approximately 35% of the existing pavement that was failing in the parking lot and Western Asphalt installed new pavement. The repair project was paid by the Storm Drainage Reserve Fund.

Quote of the Week

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

~Benjamin Franklin~