

City increases fees for armory, community center

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The city of Cottage Grove has increased the fees associated with armory and community center, Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers announced during the Monday, July 10 city council meeting.

The comprehensive fee schedule for the city has been updated to reflect changes in fees that are three times higher than previous charges. To use the armory for a gathering prior to the change,

residents paid \$10 per hour or \$100 per day.

"This is still significantly cheaper than other places," Meyers told the council. "We have costs to keep up on and we are renovating that building."

Meyers also noted that the new armory prices fall more in line with the charges for the city's community center.

"We didn't want to be charging so much more for using the community center than the armory," Meyers said.

Councilor Mike Fleck noted that he wrestled with the decision to support the agenda item noting that non-profits and charity organizations routinely use the facilities and might not be able to afford the new fees. However, Meyers noted that the city often co-sponsored the events hosted by non-profits and charities.

Current fees for the armory will now be \$25 an hour for regularly scheduled meetings, civic groups, youth and senior organizations. A fee of \$30 will be charged to special events such as wed-

dings, a fee of \$40 for local commercial use and \$45 for local non-commercial users utilizing the drill hall.

The armory is scheduled to continue renovation this year with the stairs next on the list of repairs at a cost of approximately \$30,000 after lead tests revealed them as the likely culprit of dragging lead into the building.

For a complete list of the new comprehensive fee schedule, please contact city hall at (541) 942-5501.

Council debates presentation time limits

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"We won't name any councilors but there was a discussion on presentation lengths," Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers said in opening an agenda item during the July 10 city council meeting. His declaration was met with laughter and sideways glances to councilman Garland Burback.

Burback raised issue with presentation before the council during a previous meeting where he noted that speakers often continue with their presentations well beyond the span of his attention.

During Monday's meeting, Meyers gave the council several options, informing the board that it had the authority to tell speakers at any time to wrap-up their presentations.

He informed the board that the city could set a hard 15 minute time limit on speakers. The

suggestion drew support from every member of the board.

"I didn't realize the mayor had the authority to say anything," Burback said, noting a particular presentation that had spanned nearly 40 minutes.

"There will be times," Meyers warned, "That a presentation will go longer because of the nature of the presentation."

"Emphasize that we're dysfunctional in the way we like to get out of here," Burback said. "Some of the stuff is boring to me. I'd rather just get the packet and read it."

Meyers suggested that the board hold to a 15 minute time limit and request that speakers who feel they need more time, notify the board before hand during the agenda construction phase.

"It would be hard not to be rude when interrupting someone," councilor Mike Fleck said of the suggestion that mayor

Jeff Gowing simply halt presentations that ran longer than 15 minutes.

"I think if there's a time limit, it's easy to call a point of order," he said.

Councilors Jake Boone and Ken Roberts agreed with the 15 minute time limit and opted to inform presenters who needed more time to note so when submitting their agenda item.



News from outside the Grove

Lorane: If you missed the meeting at the Grange on Monday, we will be gathering everything together and loading the booth for the Lane County Fair on Friday, July 14 at 7 pm. The next day, Saturday we will set up and decorate the booth. Call Carol at 1-541-420-3661 or Lil 541-942-5701 for more information. Lane County Fair begins on Wednesday, July 19. It is also Lane County Grange Day with free cookies. Children 10 and under get in free with dressed veggies or fruits. They will be displayed in the Wheeler Pavilion where all the Grange booths are set up. Come enjoy all the Grange booths. Lorane Christian Church is going in with Crow Applegate Nazarene Church for Vacation Bible School this year, the week of July 16-20. It will be in Crow. Contact someone at the church for further information on times.

Creswell: The City of Creswell is seeking interested applicants to fill a part-time position of Airport Maintenance and Operations Technician. Completed applications must be received in the City Recorder's office at City Hall no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, July 21, 2017. Creswell is an EOE. Job Description: http://www.ci.creswell.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_recorder/page/4046/job_description.pdf Employment Application: http://www.ci.creswell.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_recorder/page/4046/employment_application.pdf. Or contact the Airport at 541-935-9197

Drain: Volunteers needed for the North Douglas County Fair. Earn 10 fair tickets for each hour you volunteer that are redeemable for fair rides and ice cream. For more information, contact the Drain Civic Center. The 24th annual citywide yard sale is August 12.

Roseburg: Residents have begun circulating a petition to recall councilor Ashley Hicks. The official statement for the Recall Petition claims Councilor Hick, "has failed to fulfill her obligations as a City Council Ward 4 Representative," "violated her Oath of Office," refuses "to work with all residents of Ward 4," and has created "a wedge between citizens and our government."

Brownsville: The city will remember the 1986 movie "Stand by Me" on July 23. Fans gather every year in this tiny town to walk the streets and see the sites of what, for one brief moment in time, was Castle Rock, Oregon. The original short story "The Body" by Stephen King on which the movie is based was set in New England. The producers and director Rob Reiner were

so charmed by the people and town of Brownsville that they changed the setting to Oregon, according to a press release on the event.

Stand By Me Day will kick off with a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 at "Irby's Billiards," otherwise known as the Brownsville Saloon. At 11:00 there will be a hosted opportunity for fans to share and reminisce about the movie and what it means to them at the "Fun Facts and Fan Forum" in the American Legion Hall on Main St. See Will Wheaton's video message and some fun fan videos as well as participate in a trivia contest. At 1:00 in Library Park the legendary band "Uncaged Locals" will be playing all the groovy tunes of the day. Enjoy Blueberry Pie and Tractor Churned Ice Cream in the park while enjoying the vintage cars at the Cruise In on Park Ave. Two cars from the Stand By Me Day Coming to Brownsville July 23, 2017 movie are planning to attend.

All day long there will be walking tours to the filming locations along with trivia tales and photo ops starting at In the Farm Kitchen store on Main St.

The Movie will be playing in the Linn County Historical Museum's Box Car Theater at 10:00, 12:00 and 2:00, be sure to get your tickets early as it is a 30 seat theater.

At 3:00 we will be judging the costume contest from the bandstand in Library Park so be sure you come in your best 50's duds!

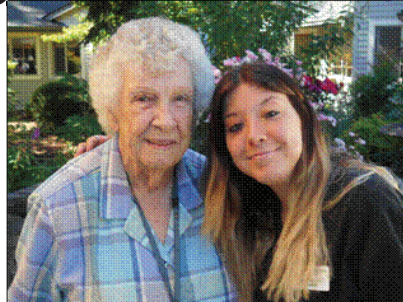
All day long local shops and restaurants will be open, so come join us and make a day of it, everything takes place in the heart of our little downtown. Lots more fun is in the works...follow along for updated info at the Linn County Historical Museum Facebook page or Stand By Me Day July 23 on Facebook.

This year's event is a fundraiser for the Linn County Museum Friends, the local group of dedicated and energetic volunteers which supports the operations and maintenance of the Museum and the Moyer House.

If you are a resident of Creswell, Drain, Elkton, Yoncalla or another community outside of Cottage Grove and you would like to have an event or issue covered by the staff at The Sentinel, please email cmay@cgsentinel.com or call (541) 942-3325.

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