

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 29, 2020

Cottage Grove Municipal Court Operations

Effective June 1st some in-person court appearances will resume. To comply with social distancing requirements only four defendants will be allowed in the courtroom at any one time. No family or support people, other than legal counsel, will be permitted in the courtroom.

Likewise, there is currently no seating in the lobby area of City Hall, and anyone waiting will be required to remain outside the main doors of City Hall. The main courtroom doors will remain fully open while court is in session.

All people inside the courtroom will be required to wear masks. The Court will have a small supply of disposable masks for defendants who do not have their own. Other Court staff and Counsel will be expected to be self-sufficient in that regard. Prior to June 1st Judge Fisher will be promulgating an order establishing the modified rules for court, and it will include the mask requirement.

Remote court appearance will continue to be an option available. Beginning with court on June 4th, the court will be available for both in person and remote appearances, but the court will be requiring advance notice of which will be used.

Court will also begin scheduling bench trials, including traffic on June 1st. There will be modifications on where people sit and how testimony is presented with option for remote or in person hearings.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is 1625 Curry Avenue. This beautiful yard highlights three spectacular Rhododendrons that are still in bloom. Thank you for the amazing nominations this week.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday in a virtual meeting.

Class of 2020 Graduation Banners

Congratulations to the Cottage Grove Class of 2020 graduates. The City of Cottage Grove, South Lane School District and Main Street Cottage Grove want to recognize all of our graduates with student banners, which are hung in Bohemia Park. The banners will be available for students to

pick up in front of City Hall on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Thank you to our partners and Dirt Cheap Copies for helping with this project. For questions contact Molly, Main Street Coordinator on Facebook or by calling at (541) 767-4129.

Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project is Underway

Wildish Construction began working on the project Tuesday, May 26th. Work started on the water quality swale for storm water and brushing out for the first leg of new 27” storm drainage line.



Next week, pipe and manholes will start arriving at the Wildish’s staging area at 4th & Taylor for the storm drainage line. Also, Wildish will be potholing various utilities along South 4th Street and Taylor Avenue.

Northwest Natural Gas will be working on Fillmore Avenue area to relocate their facilities so they will not be in conflict with the improvements the City is installing.

North Regional Park Survey

What would you do to make North Regional Park better? The City of Cottage Grove recently began a project to answer that question. The park will undergo the same type of update process which resulted in the improvement of Row River Park (formerly East Regional Park). The first stage of the project involves a community survey, which is where you come in. The short survey is designed for everyone in the community, regardless of whether you have been to North Regional Park or not. In either case, we would love to know what you think. Additionally, there will be a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Bi-Mart for those who complete the survey. Just make sure to enter your email address at the end of the survey. Click here to take the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRP_Survey If you have any questions about the survey, contact John Larson-Friend – Cottage Grove Planning Intern at jfriend@uoregon.edu.

City Welcome Sign

City Maintenance Staff completed the reconstruction of the Welcome to Cottage Grove Sign located south of town along Hwy 99 by the Skate Park. About 5 years ago the sign was vandalized breaking the concrete block columns supporting the sign and roof. Jeffrey Faville Masonry rebuilt the block planter and columns and City staff built a new roof and repainted and rehung the sign. Thank you to all that helped restore the welcome sign for visitors.

Quote of the Week

“Sometimes creativity just means the daily work of helping others to see a problem in a different way.”

~Joseph Badaracco~