

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 24, 2020

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1141 North 16th Street. Thank you for all the great nominations, as we approach the hot days of Summer please be on the lookout for those yards that deserve recognition.

League Coronavirus Relief Fund Conference Call

The City Manager attended the virtual Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Brown Bag lunch held by the League of Oregon Cities. The call went over questions regarding eligible reimbursements and how to request reimbursements from the CRF. League Staff also provided an update on the changes and some of the negotiations that are ongoing to increase the resources or the eligible expenditures. Of the funds \$53.6 million is set aside for local governments Cottage Grove has been initially allocated \$328,944.98 available for eligible reimbursements. In the first reimbursement So far we have received \$30,871.00 for expenses that the City incurred related to COVID-19 response from the CARES Act through the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

COVID-19 Requirement Changes

On Wednesday, July 22, Governor Kate Brown announced new statewide requirements that become effective today:

- Face coverings are required for ages 5 and up. Children who are three and four years old are recommended, but not required, to wear a mask, face shield or face covering as long as they're able to remove it themselves.
- Restaurants and bars must close at 10 p.m. statewide.
- Face coverings are required when exercising indoors, plus outdoors when you can't physically distance.
- The maximum indoor capacity limit is capped at 100 for all venues, such as larger restaurants, bars, community centers, churches or other houses of worship, movie theaters and gyms.

Governor Brown also announced that her team, in coordination with the Oregon Health Authority, is looking into further restrictions on tourists coming from states that are currently considered hotspots, and is evaluating the counties on the state's watch list. She said announcements could be out early next week.

While we realize these changes are difficult, it takes the entire community and state working together to make a difference and stop the spread of COVID-19. We can all help by practicing the 4 “W”s. It’s up to all of us to do our part. Help protect yourself and others:

1. **W**ear a face covering – indoors and out, it’s a statewide requirement.
2. **W**atch your distance – stay 6 feet apart from those outside your household.
3. **W**ash your hands – often with soap and water for 20 seconds throughout the day.
4. **W**ait it out – stay home if you are sick.

Bohemia Mining Days

Last weekend would have been Bohemia Mining Days 2020. In place of the full BMD festival representatives spent the weekend in Coiner Park reminding everyone that BMD will be back next year. To support BMD, everyone was encouraged to give BMD a buck. As a result of the donations from community members BMD raised \$1,667.44. Thank you to everyone that supported BMD.

Free Masks for Small Businesses

Please remind any small business owner that the City has free disposal face masks/coverings that are available for small businesses (50 or fewer employees). The masks can be picked up at City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to noon, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The masks were provided by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and are for small businesses to share with their staff.

Just for Fun

We received the attached photo from a friend who spotted the street corner sign in a neighborhood in the Midwest. It made them think of us in Cottage Grove. The picture is from the intersection of S. Cottage Grove Avenue and E. Oregon Street in Urbana, Illinois.



South Lane School District Update

Over 70 SLSD staff members have been planning how to provide a rigorous, high-quality education to students while protecting students and staff from the spread of COVID-19. Using the guidance from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) the School District staff have been creating plans for the 2020-21 School Year.

The School District is aware that things can still change as the coronavirus continues to spread. However, they wish to provide information that families need order to make decisions about their children’s education, child care and parent work calendars. Early next week, district decisions and important dates will be released for how and when schools will reopen in the fall. Following the release of information, the District plans to hold multiple sessions for hearing feedback and answering any questions.

All updates, information and feedback sessions will be posted to the School District website and social media platforms:

Webpage: www.slane.k12.or.us

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/southlaneSD/>

Instagram: @southlane_sd

Twitter: @southlane_sd

Historic Renovation Grants Available

The Cottage Grove Historic Landmarks Commission is accepting Historic Renovation Grant applications for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Applications are due to the Public Works & Development Department by August 31, 2020.

This program is designed to assist Historic Downtown business & property owners with needed historic renovations. All projects must be located within the National Register Historic District, and must be for exterior work. Past projects funded through this program include the restoration of neon signs, repainting historic murals, window repairs, brick & mortar repair, stucco repair, restoration studies, and new awnings.

A total of \$10,000 in City funds will be distributed between successful applicants. Typical grant awards are for between \$500 and \$3500. Each applicant must match this award at a 1:1 ratio. Projects must be complete by June, 2021.

This is the eighth year of this grant program. Prior recipients have included the Cottage Grove Hotel (new awning), Burkholder Woods (corbel repair), Mortier Building (Coca Cola mural, masonry repair), 802 E. Main Street (new stucco, roof repair), the Bookmine (awning and siding repair), and the First National Bank (masonry cleaning, windows repair).

For more information on the Historic Renovation Grant Program, please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3340. Applications and grant program guidelines are available at www.cottagegrove.org or from the Public Works & Development Department, City Hall, 400 E. Main Street.

Quote of the Week

“Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day.”

~Recoveryexperts.com~