

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 29, 2019

### **Population Estimate**

Portland State University has released the preliminary 2019 population estimates for cities and counties in Oregon. The preliminary 2019 population estimate for Cottage Grove is 10,140. The population estimate will be certified after the review period on December 16, 2019. The estimate is a 1.3% increase over last year's certified estimate of 10,005.

### **Cutting the Ribbon Into the Next 100 Years**

Don't let all the excitement and food from Thanksgiving make you forget about the J. Polk Currin Swinging Bridge Ribbon Cutting at **10:00 am on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**. You won't get to see another ribbon cutting for the J. Polk Currin Swinging Bridge in at least 100 years, so don't miss this one.

### **Youth Advisory Council and Santa**

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council, in order to put in some extra points with Santa, will be decorating City Hall on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in preparation for Santa's visit on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are looking forward to spending a peaceful evening on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in City Hall sitting by the Christmas Tree after beginning the day with breakfast at the Fire Hall at 7:00 am and the Tree Lighting at 5:00 pm. Be sure to stop by and visit them after the tree lighting and get a picture with Santa. They will be leaving City Hall at 8:00 pm to return to their home up North.

### **Residential Holiday Light Contest**

The Mayor and City Council are sponsoring the Residential Holiday Lighting contest in Cottage Grove. Everyone is invited to submit nominations of those homes that are helping make the season bright in Cottage Grove. Nominations can be submitted to City Hall by phoning (541) 942-5501, by email at: [citymanager@cottagegrove.org](mailto:citymanager@cottagegrove.org) or on the City's web page [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org), just follow the link on the Mayor and City Council page. The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Judging will occur December 16<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00 pm and the winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes will include: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100 City utility bill credit; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75 City Utility bill credit and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50 City Utility bill credit. All residents within the Cottage Grove City Limits are eligible to participate. City Councilors and employees are not eligible to participate. Only

decorations and lights visible from the street will be judged. Displays will be judged on neatness, theme, creativity and overall appearance.

### **Main Street Turkey Drop Thank You**

Thank you to those who made it out to the Small Business Saturday Turkey Drop event this past Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to Melany Klemmer and Amanda Ferguson at the City of Cottage Grove for the turkey donations, Grocery Outlet for providing fixings for the turkey dinners, and Michael Caven at Sanity Chocolate for our third place prize of a chocolate turkey. Winners from the drawing were Laura Hughart and Luke Monahan who received turkey dinners, and Joe Bottorff who received the chocolate turkey. Don't forget to support your small businesses.

### **Planning Commission & Historic Landmark Commission Vacancies**

The City of Cottage Grove Planning Commission has two vacancies on this volunteer body. The Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. The Planning Commission meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings.

The City of Cottage Historic Landmark Commission has one vacancy on this volunteer body. The Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. The Historic Landmark Commission meets once a month on an as needed basis in the evening. Applicants must have a **demonstrated positive interest, knowledge, or competence in historic preservation.**

The deadline for receiving applications is **December 13<sup>th</sup> by Noon.** For further information please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3340.

Applications for all positions are on-line at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org) or can be picked up in the City Manager's Office at 400 Main Street. Applications will be received through Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. It is anticipated that a sub-committee of the City Council will review the applications and conduct interviews and make recommendation for appointments to the City Council. For more information, contact the City Planner, Amanda Ferguson.

### **Effluent Reuse Project Update**

Tuesday the City Engineer opened bids for the construction of a 12 million gallon treated effluent storage pond and pump station for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's effluent water reuse project. West Yost and Associates designed the project and estimated it would cost \$3.4 million to construct. Seven companies submitted bids ranging in price from \$1.3 to \$2.8 million. The City Engineer is reviewing the bids and will be making an award recommendation to City Council for their consideration on December 9, 2019. The project will start late next spring or early summer 2020.

### **Fire Hydrant Flushing is Done**

Monday the final 40 fire hydrants were flushed completing the City wide water distribution system flush. The flushing used 7.437 million gallons of treated drinking water during the process. The Utility Crew spent 12 days flushing the system and over 400 City fire hydrants were flushed. Ten of the fire hydrants were tagged for maintenance needs such as hard to open or failed to shut off. This is an additional benefit of flushing as it ensures all the fire hydrants are in good shape and operational. Staff will be performing City wide flushing of the water distribution

system annually. In the future the flushing will take place late summer to avoid conflicts with the Leaf Pickup Program.

### **Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption**

Monday the City Council received a report from the City Planner regarding the Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) and how the exemption could help developers build housing projects in the City. This is one of the programs under State law available to encourage housing construction or reconstruction. The Residential Code Audit Committee reviewed the MUPTE and is recommending adoption to the City Council. On December 9<sup>th</sup> the City Council will be holding a public hearing in order to determine whether multiple-unit housing meets all the qualifications of ORS 307.600-637(4) which would not otherwise be built in the designated area or preserved without the benefits provided by the MUPTE. This hearing is required by State Statute.

### **Middlefield Golf Course**

The final shipment of used electric carts were delivered to Middlefield Golf Course this week. The City purchased 40 used 2016 electric Club Cars that were formerly owned by a golf course in Sunriver, Oregon. The new carts are now available to rent at the golf course. Rumor has it the new carts are faster than the older gas powered carts and very enjoyable to drive. The new carts will also help the Pro Shop Manager meet the demand for use as everyone on the course will have access to rent a cart for their golfing needs.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have.”*

*~Catherine Pulsifer~*