

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 6, 2020

Veterans Day

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 and American Legion Post 32 will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 am. The Ceremony will be live streamed on the City of Cottage Grove's YouTube Channel and on South Lane Community Broadcasting channel 14.4. Please join the ceremony by viewing the YouTube or channel 14.4 broadcast. Thank you to South Lane Community Broadcasting for helping with the broadcast.

Beeper

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

Whitebird Flu Shot Clinic- Results

A joint effort with White Bird and Peacehealth made it possible for a free Flu Shot Clinic to be offered Friday, October 23rd at the Community Center/Library parking lot. The clinic was held from 3:00 to 7:00 pm to accommodate working families' schedules. The clinic was able to administer free vaccinations to 47 people.

Bloodworks Northwest Pop up Donor Center Elks Lodge

Cottage Grove Elks Lodge and Bloodworks Northwest are partnering to save lives in the local community by setting up a Pop-Up Donor Center at the lodge at, 755 N. River Road, November 9th and 10th. Donating blood is essential to sustaining community healthcare, especially during emergencies. A one-hour donation appointment is a safe action to support local hospitals and patients. Pop up Donor Centers are being conducted in accordance with social distancing and CDC COVID-19 safety guidelines. Donors are required to wear masks.

Those who donate blood in November will be entered into a drawing to win the Apple product of the week. Donations being made now through January will be entered in a drawing to win a Seaside Weekend Getaway, courtesy of the City of Seaside.

Appointments are required no walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are permitted on site. Sign up today at schedule.bloodworksnw.org or call 800-398-7888 to schedule an appointment.

Local Foods, Local Places Virtual Workshop

On November 5th & 6th, the City of Cottage Grove hosted a Local Foods Local Places (virtual) Workshop, with technical support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over 60 people participated in the workshop, representing local farmers, food producers, growers, tourism experts, non-profits, garden managers, county, state, and federal agencies, and others who are interested in helping Cottage Grove's local food-based economy and health thrive.

As part of the technical assistance process, the Local Foods, Local Places Community Workshop brought together Cottage Grove stakeholders to generate an action plan around the community's goals. Three follow-up calls will be held with members of the local steering committee and workshop participants to develop an action plan for our local food system. The plan will be complete by the end of 2020.

If you would like more information about the workshop or to get involved in local food system planning, please contact Amanda Ferguson, City Planner: at planner@cottagegrove.org.

Bushnell Open Hosted at Middlefield Golf Course

Bushnell University hosted the first cross country meet for the 20-21 season, in the entire State of Oregon, at Middlefield Golf Course today. Creating additional provisions for social distancing, the race was broken into South and North divisions with separate flights for each three-team group. The women competed on a 4000m course and the men competed on a 6000m course. Six universities participated, with approximately 94 runners, in four different races. The largest race had only 30 runners. It is anticipated that Bushnell University will also host their Bushnell Invitational at Middlefield Golf Course, January 29, 2021. We congratulate all participants for the successful meet today and look forward to their return in January.

October 2020 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of October the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 44 permits, one for a duplex, and performed 131 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 17 permits were issued, one for a new single family dwelling, and 71 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 33 permits were issued and 98 inspections were performed. In Cobourg 11 permits were issued and 25 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 28 plan sets in October and an additional 20 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Southmayd Home Weekly Update # 5

We are starting the foundation pad today. I am helping stake out the foundation footprint with Kevin Picknell, owner of R & H Contracting. He will then dig out five large oak tree stumps with a Cat 312 being delivered today at noon, thanks to Peterson Cat of Eugene. Then on Saturday Dave's Loam and Topsoil will be delivering two loads of gravel for the initial grading, which will be followed up on Monday with Wildish Contracting delivering approximately 65,000 tons of ¾ minus to bring the foundation pad up to proper level. Once the pad has been adequately compacted, Ric Christian, of Geomax has agreed to perform a proof-roll/compaction test.

I have received word that Lane County is finishing up the approvals for our plans and all that is left to complete is a construction excise tax form. The County allowed the Clair Company perform our plan review in order to help expedite the review, and eliminate the building plan review fees.

Shad Lowman, owner of L & L Foundations has tentatively agreed to set the foundation forms for us in the next week or so, and we are in the process of checking with Knife River for the actual concrete.

Lastly, I have simply been contacting various agencies for help and support. Some like Wounded Warriors and Operation Home front have so many requirements that we seem to fall through the cracks, and do not comply with their programs. I am also checking with Home Depot's Corporate Office as they have a military Grant Program.

Here Comes the Fuzz

The "fuzz" is getting fuzzier! Several of the male police officers are sporting beards and will wear them until the end of the year. To be given this opportunity, each participant needed to contribute to their favorite charity. The following are the participants and elected charity:

Brady Dunlap - Kid's First
Matthew Walker - Humane Society of Cottage Grove
Josh Dumas - Veterans Legacy
Scott Shepherd - Family Relief Nursery

City Offices Closed

Cottage Grove City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.

Quote of the Week:

"Light tomorrow with today!"
~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning ~