

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: December 11, 2020

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND’s Beeper Show on Monday, December 14, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

J. Polk Currin Swinging Bridge Award

The J. Polk Currin Swinging Bridge received another award this last week. The Swinging Bridge received an Award of Merit for Small projects under \$10 million from the Engineering News Record – Northwest. The Engineering News Record (ENR) is an industry publication and annually recognizes major projects. The Northwest region includes Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Community Sharing Warming Center

Community Sharing is recruiting employees to serve as Activation Site Staff to help coordinate and operate the Warming Shelters. The employees and other volunteers would staff the warming center on nights when the temperatures reach 29 degrees. For more information and to apply visit the Community Sharing web page at: communitysharing.org and follow the link to careers.

Final 2020 City Wide Leaf Pickup

On Monday, December 14, 2020, the City Utility Crew will start the final round of leaf pickup in the City. Please have your leaves out by the end of day December 13th. The leaf pickup is for leaves only. No grass clippings, shrub pruning, blackberry vines, branches or other debris. Leaves are to be placed on the street surface near the gutter on streets that have onsite parking and away from parked cars. Please don't pile leaves on storm drainage catch basins. The City uses a large leaf vacuum pulled by a truck that needs room to vacuum the leaves up.

If you live along a street that doesn't have onsite parking or a private street you can haul the leaves to a drop site located at 3300 Row River Road near the entrance to the Row River Water Treatment Plant. Please don't place leaves in designated bike lanes or on sidewalks. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3349.

Urban Forestry Committee Vacancies

The City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee currently has two vacancies. Committee positions are appointed by the City Council. The Urban Forestry Committee was created on December 12, 1994 by the City Council for the purpose of assisting in developing an urban

forestry plan for the City of Cottage Grove. The committee makes recommendations to City Council and Staff regarding urban forestry and seeks grants to improve the quality of our urban forests. The committee meets once a month as needed.

Applications for the Urban Forestry Committee will be accepted through January 7, 2021. Please visit the City's website at www.cottagegrove.org or call the Public Works & Development office at (541) 942-3340 for an application or other details.

Notary Services at City Hall

Notarizations have increased significantly at City Hall due to COVID-19. The City has three employees who are Notary Publics and normally notarize documents for regular City business. However due to COVID-19 businesses in Cottage Grove who normally notarize for the public are closed and unable to provide those services. In 2019, the City employees did 180 notarizations compared to 385 to date this year. The City doesn't charge for notarizing documents for the public, however the notaries do not notarize anything that does not contain the notary block, Last Will and Testaments or anything that requires a witness. The City will continue to notarize documents for the public while the other businesses in town are unable to provide the services. Currently City Hall is closed, however you can call (541) 942-5501 and make an appointment to have notarial service done.

Weekly Update # 9 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)

I received a response from David Gilroy, Territorial Manager for Simpson Strong-Tie. They are able to provide all the hold downs, anchor bolts, hangars, and miscellaneous hardware. They will ship it to the Springfield Parr Lumber store, as Jeff Melton, Manager of the store, has agreed to be our shipping/receiving agent. So when Truss Joist sends out our floor joist lumber package, it will go to Parr Lumber, and they will store it until we need it, and then deliver it to our job-site. That is a big logistical hurdle! The Truss Company has given us a discount to date, but in discussing it further with Steve, the Manager, he indicated that if I could get the lumber from somebody else, have it shipped to their plant, they could most likely fabricate them for little or nothing.

Ken with McKenzie Excavating & Paving has completed the septic system design and has forwarded a materials list, which I have sent on to George at H D Fowler for review. He is under the impression at this time that they will be able to supply the materials for free. If not, I will check with Orenco and other suppliers. Getting this system in is a high priority. Once in and approved, I can concentrate on the foundation set up and pour.

Currently we are still finalizing the revision of the plans and scaling back some of the extras that I feel are not critical at this point. The Southmayds and myself are meeting the designers one more time on Monday.

Rumor has it that Dan Quatier, CEO of Interior-Tech, who is involved with the ICC Region II Military Families Program of ICC, is in the process of allotting us \$15,000 to help bridge the gap in hard money and the donations for materials and labor. Wow, what a nice gift! More positive news has come out of the International Code Council's Public Relations Department (ICC). They publish the "Building Safety Journal" and Jack Applegate, CEO of Northwest Code

Professionals has put me in touch with them. It is a possibility that our story may be featured in their magazine! Also, Mike Bagley and Mike Bair of Weyerhaeuser's Trust Joist Division indicated that they would like to publish the recent email I sent out to well over 220 building inspection staff and other industry professional. It would be published in their internal company newspaper, "Roots" that has thousands of readers from all over the world

I contacted KPNW's "Wake Up Call" again to entertain the thoughts of going on the air for a status update.... I had to leave a message.

Lastly, we are still working on the aforementioned FSA, (Fiscal Support Agreement) which could basically partner us up on somebody else's 501 C 3. In this case, were in discussions with Forward Assist, a non-profit located out of Wilsonville that takes disabled veterans on hunting and fishing trips.

Looking Glass Temporarily Closed

Looking Glass is temporary closed and the Community Center will assist in distributing food and basic needs to youth during the temporary closure. Youth needing assistance please call (541) 942-1185 to set up a time to pick up supplies. For youth in crisis, call or text Looking Glass Crisis at (541) 689-3111 -24/7. For other needs please email Kirstin.london@lookingglass.us

Quote of the Week:

"Enjoy the little things in life for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things."

~Kurt Vonnegut~