

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 30, 2021

2021-22 Budget Committee Meeting May 6, 2021

The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 400 E. Main Street. At that meeting the City Manager will present the 2021-22 Proposed Budget for the Committee's consideration. A Public Hearing will be held on the uses of State Revenue Sharing monies and public comment will be taken along with requests for appropriations. A second Budget Committee meeting has been slated for the following Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm if needed. The Budget Committee Meeting Agenda and the Budget document is now available at City Hall and on the City's web page www.cottagegroveor.gov/meetings. For more information on how to attend virtually or in person with limited space in the Council Chambers, and/or how to submit comments electronically or in person, please refer to the Budget Committee Agenda for details.

Cottage Grove Area Transit Development Plan

The City of Cottage Grove is developing a Transit Development Plan to help guide the future of public transportation in and around Cottage Grove, including the City of Creswell.

The City of Cottage Grove is now looking for community input on the draft Plan and invites your review and feedback. The draft Plan can be accessed on the [project's website](#) and will be open until Monday, May 10th, 2021. The Cottage Grove City Council is set to review and make a motion on the final draft Plan in June 2021.

Public transportation is any transportation that is available to the public, including the bus, Dial-A-Ride, Mobility on Demand (MOD), bike share, and more. The Plan will define the role of public transportation in the Cottage Grove area, identify public transportation needs based upon community and stakeholder feedback, and guide public transportation's response to area needs. For more information, please contact Syd Shoaf from the Lane Council of Governments (SSHOAF@lcog.org) or Amanda Ferguson from the City of Cottage Grove (planner@cottagegrove.org). Project website: <https://www.lcog.org/CottageGroveAreaTDP>

First Round of Limb Pickup

The first round of the City wide limb and tree branch pickup starts May 3rd and goes through May 7th. Please have your limbs and branches in the City street where City staff can pick them up. Branches and limbs are to be placed in on-street parking spaces along City streets.

Please pile the branches and limbs so they don't block bike or traffic lanes and no closer than 30 feet of an intersection. Please have your branches and limbs out by the end of day May 2nd. For additional information please go to the City website at www.cottagegroveor.gov or call (541) 767-4100 for questions. The second and final round of limb pickup will be May 17th through May 21st.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund

On Monday May 3, 2021, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be accepting grant applications from restaurants suffering revenue loss due to COVID-19. SBA has \$29 billion in grant funds to boost the restaurant industry. These funds were allocated in the \$1.9 trillion pandemic aid package Congress recently passed. According to the National Restaurant Association, there are more than 110,000 bars and restaurants closed at least temporarily during the pandemic that could potentially qualify for this funding. More information can be found at www.sba.gov/restaurants or <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund>.

Library Services Available During Extreme Risk

[Lane County will be entering Extreme Risk starting today, April 30th.](#)

How will this affect Cottage Grove Library services?

- Curbside Pickup and Homebound Services will still continue
- Library in the Park is postponed until the risk level lowers
- Public computers are not available
 - Curbside pickup for small print jobs is available
- The Gibbs building is not open to the public
- All library materials that are returned will be quarantined for seven days before checking them in
 - No late fines will be charged while library services are limited

If you have any questions, feel free to email the library at holds@cottagegrove.org or by calling (541) 942-3828. To request items for curbside pickup or homebound delivery, please email holds@cottagegrove.org.

Spring Parks Clean Up Event

Get out and enjoy the beautiful weather while also helping your community. May 8th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, in partnership with the City of Cottage Grove, is hosting a Spring Parks Clean Up Event at all of the parks throughout Cottage Grove. CFWWC will provide garbage bags, gloves, and take care of disposing of the garbage. To ensure we work at all the parks and are able to properly social distance, please register for the event by emailing Amanda Gilbert, CFWWC Executive Director, at coordinator@coastfork.org or by calling (541) 767-9717. Additional details can be found at www.coastfork.org or on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/coastfork.

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics on Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Bohemia Park. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Teresa at (541) 942-1185 ext. 2 or email communitycoordinator@cottagegrove.org

Weekly Updates #28 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)

We were able to get the new septic tank and drain field installed, hooked up temporarily to the old house, and inspected by Lane County. The old tank was pumped and decommissioned, so no more leaky sewage, and for the first permit ever issued on the subject property, we can now say “approved and finalized.”

Boyd and his crew were able to get the under-floor framed up and it looks like we will be starting on the under-floor plumbing and LPG installations. There is not much under-floor mechanical or electrical.

I think most of the main sub-contractors will be meeting once again today at 2 to 2:30 to go over final thoughts on some of the equipment placement associated with the NFPA 13 fire suppression system, water heater, room heater, and FAU and A/C.

Nicolette Hydes, Area Sales Manager of Oregon for James Hardie products put us in touch with Danny Moe, Regional Account Manager for James Hardie. I was able to get him a take-off on the siding, and he graciously offered to see about the trim package as well. Thank you Nicolette and Danny!

I will be working on the roofing package and insulation next, in conjunction with the doors & windows that Lee with Discount Windows is currently putting together for us. Mike Babcock, who just built an airplane hangar here in Cottage Grove, had 3 extra bags of R-21 wall insulation that he dropped into the back of my truck on Wednesday as a donation to the Southmayd’s home. Thank you, Mike. It will cover almost 270 square feet of wall.

The foundation bill came in quite a bit higher than I had hoped for, and with other incidentals starting to add up, I’m growing concerned with our financial situation, so please do not hesitate to share our story with everyone you know, and do not hesitate to give my contact information out, or post the weekly updates to your social media accounts if you’re comfortable with that. Folks can also post the website: www.operationsecondchance.org At the top of the opening page is an “initiatives” drop-down tab; go to Southmayd Home Build.

Awards for Disaster Resilience Plan for Heritage Resources Project

The student group responsible for the drafting and organization of the Disaster Resilience Plan for Heritage Resources in Cottage Grove, which was recently adopted by Cottage Grove City Council, has received two state-wide awards recognizing the importance of their work.

Oregon Heritage asked the City of Cottage Grove and our heritage partners to participate in the Heritage Resilience Plan for Heritage Resources Project in January 2020. They brought students from the University of Oregon's Institute for Planning Policy and Research (IPRE) to the project, to help us work collaboratively with our partners to develop a city-wide plan to ensure the resilience (and survival) of our heritage resources in the event of a disaster. Each heritage

partner, including the Cottage Grove Museum, Cottage Grove Historical Society, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, Bohemia Mining Museum, and Downtown Cottage Grove, also got their own mini-plan at the end of the project. Lessons learned from the planning project were turned into a state-wide template by the IPRE students.

On Thursday, April 29, 2021, the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association awarded the IPRE planning team with their 2021 Student Achievement Award. On the same day, IPRE was awarded an Oregon Heritage Award by the Oregon Heritage Commission, for this project and their other heritage based work, including RARE program support and historic theatre preservation.

Congratulations to Leah Rausch, Aimee Okotie-Oyekan, Stephanie Tabibian, Melissa Graciosa, and Emily Connor, our student team, and Professor Robert Parker, for their wonderful, inspiring work on this project.

To read our AWARD-WINNING Disaster Resilience Plan for Heritage Resources in Cottage Grove, visit: <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/cd/page/historic-preservation>

Quote of the Week

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

~ Jimmy Dean~