

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: April 16, 2021

Local Small Business City Utility Assistance Grants

The City of Cottage Grove, partnering with Community LendingWorks has opened the Small Business City Utility Assistance Grants. The grants are available to assist small businesses within Cottage Grove that were ordered closed or restricted by State order or were impacted by COVID-19. Businesses that were closed by order between March 1, 2020 and present are eligible for up to \$1,000 in reimbursement of City utility bills paid while closed. Businesses restricted or impacted will be eligible for up to \$400 reimbursement of City utility bills paid between March 1, 2020 and present. For more information or application materials please visit: <https://communitylendingworks.org/emergency-grants-cottage-grove/>.

Newest Police Officer

The Police Department's newest officer begins on Friday, April 16th. Gabriela Iboa Pierce has been with the department three years as a Communications Specialist. Congratulations to Gabby! She will be attending the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Academy starting in late May.

Police Officer interviews will be conducted April 21 through April 23. Additionally the department is recruiting for Volunteer Reserve Police Officers.

USAF Band of the Golden West

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West has contacted the City and rescheduled their performance that was originally scheduled for June 7, 2020 and cancelled because of the pandemic. They will be visiting Cottage Grove on Wednesday, August 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Bohemia Park. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce of letting this event serve as the final Concert in the Park event for 2021. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting event.

Wastewater Rate Information

Attached to the Friday Update is information that has been gathered to help provide the City Council with the facts about the Five-year Financial Plan and Wastewater Rates for the upcoming year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact City Staff.

Sam Haynes Retirement

On Thursday the Public Works & Development staff hosted a barbecue at the Row River Water Treatment Plant to say thank you to Sam Haynes for his 21 years of service to the City. The City Manager presented Sam with a commemorative plaque and a gift card recognizing his service.

Sam spent his time working as a Water Treatment Plant Operator in the Water Production Division. He witnessed many changes over the years. At the beginning of his career, he operated the treatment plant at Layng Creek working long days and many times through his weekend. In 2008 the City transitioned from the Layng Creek treatment plant to a new 4 million gallons per day treatment plant at the East Regional Park along Row River Road.

Most recently Sam assisted in overseeing a 2 MGD upgrade to the Row River Water Treatment Plant expanding the treatment capacity to meet City water production for the next 20 years. Sam has been instrumental in the treatment of water for the last 21 years in making sure the citizens of Cottage Grove had safe water to drink. Sam will definitely be missed and we wish him the best as he transitions to the next phase in his life.

High Fire Danger

The Portland National Weather Service has sent out an alert of high fire danger for today and Saturday. Lane County and the Oregon Department of Forestry have sent out red flag warnings and banned any outdoor burning until the fire danger is reduced. The lack of rain and high winds have caused unseasonably dry conditions that are conducive for fire ignition in grass, bush, and wooded areas. Please be very careful and mindful of the extreme dry conditions.

Weekly Updates #26 Southmayd Family *(by Jason Bush)*

I was able to contact Weyerhaeuser Truss Joist and Simpson Strong-Tie in order to have a slight adjustment to our TJI shop plans. They were designed to sit on top of the foundation, but our team decided it would be better to hang them off the foundation. So, Weyerhaeuser has redesigned and is ready to send to Parr next week, and David Gilroy of Simpson is working on 56 TJI hangars to support the new floor design.

Shad and L & L Foundations has completed the foundation set up, which looks very good, as do all his setups! We have a footing and foundation inspection scheduled through Lane County today. It is an early afternoon inspection that I am trying to be there for. I have the compaction report, prepared by Geomax that states our engineered fill is ready to build on for the County inspector; plans are on the job-site, and the site is posted with our permit.

Please try and remember to bring your company yard signs out to the site in order to continue to grow our forest of volunteers and sponsors.

I was finally able to get to speak with Scott of Bucks Sanitary Services, who had a toilet delivered yesterday, so that our crews will have a place to “freshen up” a bit and continue to look good on our construction site. I want to thank Scott and his team for expediting this very important job-site logistic.

We are also excited to bring Andrew Dubbs, Owner of Pacific Northwest Air, who has been diligently checking in with me to see where he could help. After verifying with Brothers Plumbing and Blue Star Gas, we determined, that we had not discussed the installation of our LPG gas system under the house to each appliance. A separate license is required for Liquid Propane Gas, which Andrew has, so we now have that covered and planned out. Brothers could have done it, but again, I'm trying to spread things out so nobody is over extended. Thank you Andrew!

Yours in Building Safety, "and" Guarding Our Veterans - Jason Bush, CBO

Quote of the Week

"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."

~ Hans Christian Andersen ~