

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 11, 2021

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 2325 South 8th Street. This beautiful yard demonstrates that even a small yard can contain a wealth color while also keeping maintenance efforts to a minimum.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, June 14, 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Budget Hearing

The City of Cottage Grove will be holding Public Hearings on the 2021-22 Budget and the use of State Shared Revenues in the Budget on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in providing testimony can attend the meeting at the City Hall or access the virtual meeting through the meeting information on the City's webpage.

Highway 99 Pedestrian Crossing Temporary Improvements

For the last several years the Mayor and City staff have been urging the Oregon Department of Transportation to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing at Greer and Highway 99. The City installed pedestrian crossing flags without ODOT's permission to attempt to increase pedestrian visibility and safety at the crossing as we continued to push for permanent improvements. We have been successful at getting permanent improvements to the crossing scheduled as a part of the Highway 99 Urban Upgrades 2022 project.

In the meantime, we have expressed a desire to see temporary modifications to the crossing to improve the safety. After numerous discussions and proposals by the City, ODOT agreed to allow the City to install our own temporary improvements to the crossing. On May 28, 2021, the City of Cottage and its subcontractor installed modern, brighter pedestrian warning signs and solar-powered LED flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing and in advance of the crossing. The installed equipment is what ODOT would allow us to install. We also reinstalled the pedestrian crossing flags on the new sign posts.

The temporary signage and lights will be removed by the City and be available for use at other locations in the City when ODOT installs the permanent improvement during 2022. The permanent ODOT improvements are planned to include new pedestrian crossing buttons, signals, signage and a concrete pedestrian refuge island, similar to the signaled crossing on Row River Road.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this safety project happen, especially Mayor Gowing. A special thanks goes out to Greg Griswell and the Public Works crew for setting up traffic control, operating heavy equipment, and setting of the poles.

Mayor's Bike Ride

On Saturday, June 19th at 10:00 am in Row River Trailhead Park the Mayor will be meeting up with any interested members of the community for the Mayor's Bike Ride. The bike ride will start in Trailhead Park (north side of Main Street at 10th and Main) with riders going three miles to the Mosby Creek Trailhead. There will be refreshments at Mosby Creek Trailhead. Riders then can return to town or continue on the trail.

Everyone is invited to join the Mayor for the great opportunity to enjoy the Row River Trail.

If I Were Mayor Contest

Three of the youth from Cottage Grove that entered the Oregon Mayors Association's "If I Were Mayor" contest were recognized in the statewide competition. Kourtney Owens received the 2nd Place award in the high school age category for her digital media entry. The 2nd Place award came with a \$300 prize from the Oregon Mayors Association. MJ Raade and Violet Brockelman received honorable mention awards for their respective entries in the digital media and poster contests. Congratulations to our youth from Cottage Grove in the contest.

Congratulations Eric Mongan

Today is the last day as a full time employee for Assistant Planner Eric Mongan. He will be starting next Monday as a Senior Planner for Douglas County. Eric has been with Cottage Grove three years starting as a Planning Technician and working his way up to Assistant Planner. Eric processed planning applications, provided Development Code Enforcement, supported the Building, Engineering, and Utility Divisions, and many other tasks in the Public Works & Development Department. He will continue assisting in a limited part time capacity one day a week until his former position is filled. Eric was a very valuable member in the Planning Division and will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his new position and thank him for everything he has accomplished the past three years.

Weekly Updates #34 Southmayd Family

The existing house has again settled with additional floor movement, more cracks in the sheetrock, and the issue of the window that fractured from undue stress, our Engineer providing evaluations of the existing house, Robert Johnson, felt it prudent to shore up the main room below the failing, non-engineered, homemade vaulted roof framing. It appears the failing vault has added weight to the gable end wall supporting the vaulted area.

Dan Wilson of Dan Wilson Construction & Excavation thinks he can get in there and dig the trenches for our power and LPG lines. Superior Electric and Blue Star Gas can then get the lines in the trench and we can call for inspections.

I had an eye appointment in Portland and stumbled upon George Morlan Plumbing Supply and Oregon Rifle Works both in Tigard, so I took the opportunity to let them know of our project. Hopefully they get back to me if there happens to be something they can do to help.

We again had a mix up in the amount of exterior 2 x 6 studs previously ordered, and were short about 80 studs. A panicked call to Doug Henton of Goshen Forest Products quickly solved our problem and Boyd sent one of his guys to the mill and had the lumber within a couple hours. I can't thank Doug and Goshen Forest Products enough. The mills have been a huge part of our success. This project most likely would not have started this soon if we had to buy much of the lumber, as it would have cleaned out our funding.

Jack Applegate and Michele Linbarger of Northwest Code Professionals have both been busy soliciting help from various professional Organizations. In fact, one of Jacks great ideas was contacting the sponsors of the Building Safety Journal's "Building Safety Month." Each week of the month of June they announce a different theme for the week and there are some big-time sponsors involved in support of the ICC's efforts. Michele has been busy enlisting members of the Chemeketa Community Colleges (CCC) "Building Inspection Technology Program" and the Oregon Permit Technician's Association (OPTA) members for a "work day" at the Southmayd project site. Things like weed eating, mowing, building a fence that was recently destroyed, and organizing various piles of firewood from the falling trees. It has been tentatively planned for July 10th. More to follow on this little foray.

Another group of extremely important people to involve in this educational training opportunity, in my opinion, is our young men & women currently enrolled in our educational system. There is a huge shortage of building inspection personnel nationwide and it is expected to get worse fast with another huge number of building inspection staff retiring soon. So, I thought it a grand idea to contact the Cottage Grove and Creswell High Schools Vocational Program Directors to see if there is interest in helping to forensically deconstruct the old house next spring. Hopefully this will broaden the outlook and visions of some of our vibrant young people, still evaluating career options.

Our roof trusses are scheduled for delivery on June 24, a Thursday, so that should be an exciting day. Coast Fork Constructions job-site crew is doing an exceptionally good job on their framing practices. The four of them work impressively well together, and are completing the interior walls and some post and beam placements in preparing for the truss delivery this week.

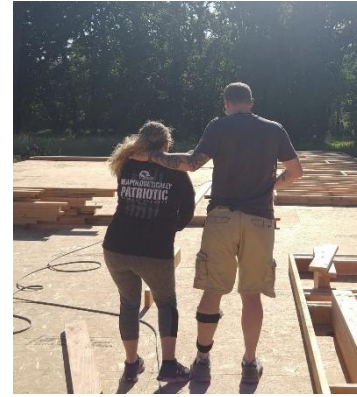
(Photo right) Picture of the failing homemade vaulted roof framing associated with the recent window fracture. If you look closely, you can see here the elephant left the room and sat on the roof between the skylights.



(Photo left) The framing crew from left to right is Cory, Shane, Chad, and Braedon, the fastest nail gunner in the Grove.



(Photo right) This picture is one of my favorites as I unexpectedly came upon Misty and Jayson looking over their new home floor plan. They want everyone to know how thankful they are. How they have finally allowed some excitement to seep through this terrible situation that will end up enduring almost three years of their life.



(Photo left) This picture is of Robert Johnson, of Johnson Broderick Engineers, who has been instrumental in evaluating the existing nightmare for the insurance company and the pending litigation. He is in the process of evaluating the cause and effect of the broken window.

Lastly, I will be revisiting the materials status for completing this phase and the next phase of this project to include but certainly not limited to the following:

- James Hardie Lap Siding;
- Sticky Flashing & Tyvek Building Wrap;
- Typical Window & Door Flashing;
- Exterior Trim; and,
- Roofing Materials.

I do need to get some exterior porch and patio footings set up for pour in the next week so that the Coast Fork Boys can complete the support needed for the roof trusses coming on the 24th.

Thanks to everyone, and please do not hesitate to contact me separately, Jason Bush, CBO (541) 952-1456.

90 by 30 South Lane Regional Leadership Team Coordinator

The 90 by 30 South Lane Regional Leadership Team is looking for a coordinator. The person in this position will work approximately 10 hours per week to support the efforts of 90by30 strategy implementation in Cottage Grove, Creswell, and surrounding areas. Please see the attached flyer for more information about the position. The review of resumes will begin on June 7th.

Quote of the Week

“We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth, peace, security, liberty, our family, our friends, our home.”

~Calvin Coolidge~