

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 3, 2021

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the week is located at 2251 West Harrison Avenue. The summer season is winding down and so is the 2021 Yard of the Week season. Only three weeks left to recognize those who have put in extra work in beautifying the community.

### **Suicide Prevention Month**

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The [Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County](#) invites everyone in Lane County to join their efforts and assist in reminding people that they are not alone, the community cares for them, and there are people they can reach out to when they need help. They will be holding Signs of Hope rallies around the county on September 9<sup>th</sup> to share that message. Community members can join the efforts by:

- Getting comfortable asking, “Are you okay” and listening to the answer by checking out the [Seize the Awkward Campaign](#). The [Seize the Awkward Campaign](#) (<https://seizetheawkward.org/>) website is loaded with great resources to help prevent suicide and strengthen mental wellbeing.
- Joining the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County to get involved in local efforts to prevent suicide and promote mental wellbeing in your community. Check out their website.
- Participating in training hosted by the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County, such as Question Persuade Refer (QPR).
- Participating in the rallies on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about these events by going to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lane County’s [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

### **Lane County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

Lane County Public Health will be holding a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in Cottage Grove at Harrison School, 1000 Taylor Avenue on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. They will have the Pfizer 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses and the Johnson & Johnson single dose available.

### **Last Day for Summer Hires**

Today is the last day of work for the Public Works & Development Summer Hire Crew. This year the City hired 6 Cottage Grove youth all under the age of 18. Two of the youth, Halle and Gage, spent the summer working with the Maintenance Crew in City parks and assisting with construction projects on City facilities. The other 4 youth, Brennen, Brody, Parker, and Jayden

worked with the Utility Crew crack sealing streets, power washing curbs, painting crosswalks, and cutting vegetation in City alleys. Two additional summer hires, Megan and Tylan, were provided to the City by the Coast Fork Watershed Council. They spent the summer with the Maintenance Crew providing park maintenance. The summer hires did an excellent job and provided a much needed boost of labor to the Department accomplishing work that wouldn't have gotten done without them. Hopefully they had a good experience and will consider applying again next summer.

### **Fire District Training on Main Street**

Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings South Lane County Fire and Rescue will be conducting training exercises on Main Street using their ladder truck and other equipment. During the training, traffic will be restricted in different blocks of Main Street as they practice setting up and taking down their emergency equipment. This training is vital for the firefighters to sharpen their skills in using the equipment in downtown Cottage Grove.

### **League of Oregon Cities Conference Cancelled**

The League of Oregon Cities announced today that the LOC Annual Conference scheduled for October 21-23 has been cancelled. The complete announcement and additional information is available on the League's website at: <https://www.orcities.org/education/conferences/893/2021-conference-statement>.

### **Leaf Pickup**

It seems like summer just started but it is nearing an end and before you know it the trees will be dropping their leaves. Last year the leaves dropped really early and this year it appears they may drop early again so we have scheduled an earlier round of leaf pickup during the last week in October. This year's leaf pickup rounds will be: October 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>; November 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> and the final round December 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit the Leaf Pickup Program on the City's webpage.

### **Labor Day**

City offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 for Labor Day.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"I like the night. Without the dark, we'd never see the stars."*  
*~ Stephenie Meyer ~*