

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 1, 2021

RAIN

The City Manager and Matt Parsons, President of the Community Development Corporation, met with representatives from all the rural Lane County communities that are participating in Oregon RAIN (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network) to discuss the process and prepare to interview candidates for the Venture Catalyst Position for the communities.

Destruction Day

On Monday, October 11, 2021 City Hall offices will be closed to the public from 8:00 am to noon. City staff will be cleaning storage areas of files or materials that need to be destroyed. Over the last few months staff has been organizing and sorting items that are no longer required to be kept. The materials collected for destruction are past the required retention schedules established by the State. Removing the items that are past the retention requirements helps provide space for new records.

Warming Shelters

The Beds for Freezing Nights board met this week and decided to not open the Beds for Freezing Nights again this year and asked that the warming shelters be used. Community Sharing and City staff are preparing to open the warming shelter facility. To open volunteers are needed to assist with the operation of the warming shelters. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Community Sharing or the Community Center (Teresa or Jessica). We hope to be ready to open the warming shelter on nights that meet the temperature requirements after November 1st if we have the needed staff and volunteers.

Model Railroad Show

The Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club is coming back to the Cottage Grove Armory October 22nd – 24th. This is a great opportunity to see some amazing model railroad layouts in the largest model railroad show in Lane County. They did not come last year because of the pandemic and we are excited to welcome them back for their show this year.

Leaf Pickup

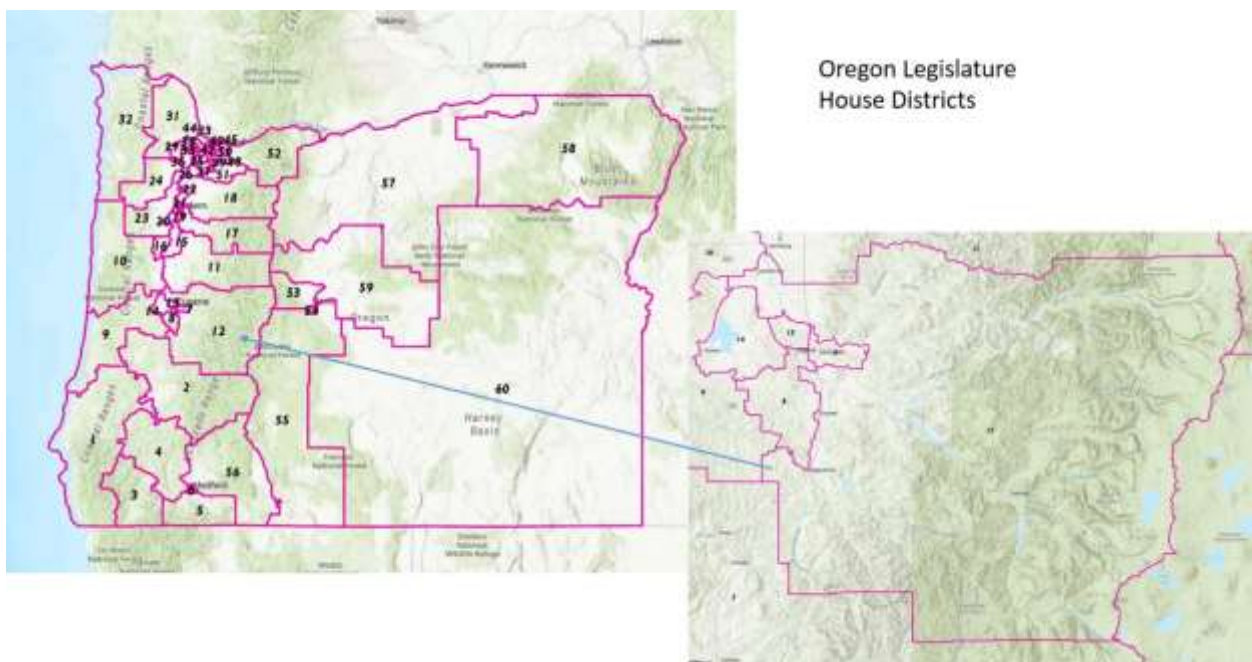
The mornings are getting a little chilly and leaves are starting to fall from the trees. With the arrival of fall we start planning for the annual leaf pickup program. This year we have moved the first leaf pickup into October since a lot of leaves dropped early last year. The leaf pickup dates are October 25th -29th; November 15th – 19th and December 13th -17th. The leaf pickups are held to remove leaves so they don't clog storm drains and remain on the roads and sidewalks.

Everyone is invited to also collect leaves from their properties and place them out for collection. The leaves are used throughout the City in landscaping and are available for citizens. For more information about the program visit the [City's leaf pickup webpage](#).

Legislative Districts

The legislature approved and the Governor signed the redistricting plan for the state. The redistricting plan changes the Oregon Legislative House and Senate districts for Cottage Grove. We will now be in Senate District 6 represented by Senator Lee Beyer and House District 12 represented by Representative John Lively. Senate District 6 is a very large district that will include, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Junction City, Sweet Home, Lebanon, Scio, Jefferson, Oakridge, Mckenzie Bridge and other communities. See the maps below. The full text of the redistricting plan and interactive maps can be found at:

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting>. We remain in Congressional District 4, represented by Representative Peter DeFazio.



Public Hearing Notices for 2021 EID/BID Renewal:

Last Friday, Public Works & Development staff mailed out public hearing notices regarding the 2021 EID/BID Renewal Public Hearing scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Staff compiled a list of 181 addresses between Tiers 1 & 2 with the assistance of Lane County GIS Services. The notices went to property owners and/or business operators depending on whether the property is owned by the business owner or if the business operator is a tenant. Residences within the Tier 1 & 2 overlay are exempt from the EID/BID overlay and therefore do not receive notices. The notice of the public hearing was advertised in The Sentinel on September 23, 2021 and will be advertised again on October 14, 2021. The mailing of the hearing notices and advertisements are a requirement of ORS 223.117.

Police Department Personnel

The Police Department has hired two new full-time Police Dispatchers. Tisha Fetter, formerly a part-time Community Service Officer, started on September 11, 2021 and Aaron Ashenfelter will start with the department on October 5, 2021. Congratulations to Tisha and Aaron.

The department continues to recruit for one additional full-time position in Dispatch. In addition, the department has an open recruitment for full-time entry level or lateral police officers. Both recruitments are through the National Testing Network.

Weekly Update #50 & #51 Southmayd Home Build Project *(By Jason Bush)*

It was decided to skip last week's update, as there was not a lot to report. The ICC Annual Business Meeting went good. I did much of the typical networking with my son & the guys from Region II, which is inclusive of Montana & Wyoming. Jack Applegate came very close to becoming an at-large, ICC Board-of-Directors. He was nominated by his peers, but lost the race due to an unexpected nomination & vote from the floor. I did have an opportunity to speak on Jack's behalf, but it just wasn't quite enough. We are pushing Jack to hit it hard again next year.

I guess the "cats out of the bag" now, thanks in part to Rob Holloway of the Holloway & London's "Wake Up Call on KPNW, 1120 AM each morning. He coincidentally called me the morning after my acceptance speech and drug it out of me on air from Pittsburgh. So, for those who have not heard, I was awarded the "Raising the Profile Award" by my ICC peers at our Annual Business Meeting in Pittsburgh, and earlier this year, the Oregon Building Official's Association presented me with the OBOA Community Advocate Award. I certainly never expected anything of this nature and I am very grateful and humbled to be the recipient of them for my work on the SHB project. I would like to reiterate my thankfulness to my superiors and the City of Cottage Grove for their tremendous level of support. They have allowed me the freedom of tackling both my building official duties and the SHB project as one large assignment. Most days start at 5:30 or 6:00 am and go until 6:00 or 7:00 pm at night. This has been a life changing experience with many cherished memories. I also want to thank Jayson & his family for finally making the tough decision to call me in search of some help. And, certainly we want to thank all of the wonderful folks and companies that have helped me help this family, as it darn sure would not have been possible without you folks. I thank you so much.

The SHB project is still in the rough inspection(s) phase of construction. I anticipated the Lane County Inspector's arrival at the site yesterday morning for a rough mechanical & framing inspection, and pulled in right behind Mike Jensen, who performed the inspections. I have a few minor corrections he would like pictures of that I will be doing this afternoon.

Wade Stevens and I hauled a couple more loads of rock to the site, in anticipation of Nolan Booher getting back in to build up the exterior porches and garage. The site was a little soft due to the recent rains. Nolan was able to spread the 100 yards of soil last week in order to contain the rock as we compact it. He is also trying to get our water line trench dug, so that we can get it inspected and back-filled. Les Biggerstaff, Superintendent for Meili Construction, who is building the Harrison Street Apartments here in Cottage Grove, has a large pile of soil so we plan on hauling some of it to the SHB site next week when it's a little drier out.

Emerald Door & Glass has built four exterior, half-lite doors for us and had them delivered on Tuesday and Lee, one of the Owners of Discount Windows & Doors is putting together our interior doors, pocket doors, and a couple of sliding barn doors for us over the next couple weeks. We thank both Lee and Peter Graham of Emerald Door & Glass for their help & support.

I was able to finally get the last of the flashing & caulking materials needed for the siding contractor. I just signed a contract with NW Siding Contractors of Eugene to complete the siding installation. They are slated to begin on Monday, October 11th.

The push is to get the insulation installed so that we can find somebody to install the sheetrock that was donated by the United States Gypsum Company out of Rainier, Oregon. Then, we need to locate some tapers and finishers. The other big push, of course, is to get the site prepared for the concrete porches and garage slab, so that we won't be tracking mud all over. It might be a good idea to have some wood chips delivered to help keep the job-site somewhat clean from the mud.

The picture to the right shows the compacted $\frac{3}{4}$ " minus rock and soil that is imported to contain it order to build up the back porch area to meet ADA Wheelchair Standards. The far area will eventually support a therapy & exercising spa.



Some of the back porch $\frac{3}{4}$ " minus can be seen coming in the garage man-door.

The water line coming out from the garage can be seen,

which will run about 75 feet up by my truck and just around the corner to the eventual well-house.



Quote of the Week

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

~Albert Einstein~