

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 29, 2021

### **Warming Shelters**

Because of the continued challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic Beds for Freezing Nights will not be activating this season. The Warming Shelters are preparing to be ready for activation in November. This season we are planning to adjust the temperature for activation from the current 29 degrees. We are seeking volunteers to help with the 2021-22 season. The warming shelter season will begin after November 9<sup>th</sup> and run through the end of March. Anyone interested in volunteering or for more information contact the Community Center (541)942-1185 or Community Sharing (541)942-2176.

The Warming Shelters are operated through a partnership with the City of Cottage Grove and Community Sharing to provide shelter for homeless in our community on nights when the temperature drops to a specific temperature. The Warming Shelters are made up of 17 shelters or cabins, each with a heater and lights that can house up to 2 individuals. Upon activation guests arrive in the evening and stay until the morning the next day. The facility also provides an opportunity to provide other services such as food and clothing. The report for the 2020-21 Warming Shelter season was presented at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting and [can be found here](#).

### **London Road Safety Corridor – Halloween Safety**

This Halloween, drivers should remember: If You Feel Different, You Drive Different.

On London Road south of Cottage Grove, where more people have been killed or seriously injured than most other roads in Oregon, drivers are asked to be especially aware of the risks of driving under the influence. London Road was recently designated as Lane County's first safety corridor.

If you plan to drive, refrain from drugs, whether legally or illegally obtained. Designate a sober driver in advance. Someone who is affected by drugs shouldn't be making decisions about driving; that's why planning ahead is key.

“Between 2014 and 2018, three people were killed and three seriously injured in crashes on London Road. All involved drugs, alcohol or both,” said Lane County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Tom Speldrich. “People should always drive sober, of course, but holiday weekends can be especially difficult times to remember the importance of safety and having a plan – so we're here to remind everyone.”

### **Coast Fork Master Plan**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a public meeting Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Shepherd Room of the Cottage Grove Community Center as part of the Coast Fork Master Plan with an integrated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment for the Coast Fork Basin in the Willamette Valley.

The Coast Fork Master Plan will conceptually establish and guide the orderly development, administration, maintenance, preservation, enhancement, and management of all natural, cultural, and recreational resources at Cottage Grove and Dorena Lakes.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants to hear your ideas about the future of these two resource areas. What do you do when you visit these places? What areas should be improved? What would you like the areas to look like over the next 20 years? More information about the Coast Fork Basin Master Plan can be found at: <http://www.coastforkplan.com/>.

### **Lane County Bicycle Master Plan**

Lane County will be holding a virtual Open House for the Lane County Bicycle Master Plan on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Earlier this year, Lane County began the planning process for its first-ever Bicycle Master Plan to help make bicycling a viable regional transportation option throughout Lane County. The proposed Bicycle Master Plan focuses on Lane County's rural roads and its paved paths outside of the Eugene-Springfield urban area. As an amendment to the Lane County Transportation System Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan will ultimately go before the Board of County Commissioners for adoption. The Bicycle Master Plan includes recommendations to improve the:

- SAFETY AND COMFORT for people who bike and all roadway users.
- CONNECTIVITY of regional bicycling between rural communities and the urban area.
- EQUITY of access to convenient, safe, and affordable means of transportation.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT opportunities for bicycle tourism-related businesses.
- PUBLIC HEALTH benefits from expanded active transportation.

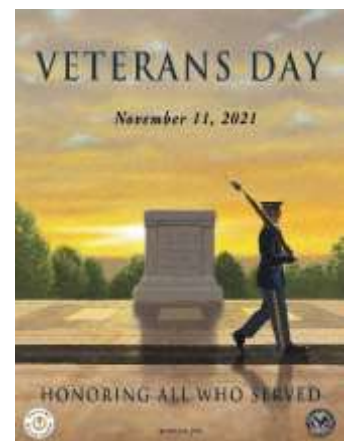
Please visit [www.lanecountybmp.com](http://www.lanecountybmp.com) to learn more about the planning process and to get the link to the virtual Open House.

### **Veterans Day**

On Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11:00 am the Cottage Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 and American Legion Post 32 will be hosting a Veterans Days Ceremony in the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E. Washington. The event will be set up to support distancing and masks will be required. Come join this great opportunity to honor our veterans.

### **Halloween Hootinanny**

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Halloween Hootinanny in Bohemia Park today. The weather cooperated and there was a huge turnout. The City Staff pumpkin contest was a hit and it was nice to have it back. The winners of the staff pumpkin contest will be announced on Monday.



### **Leaf Pickup Update**

This week Utility crews were able to complete the first round of leaf pickup. The crews will continue vacuuming leaves throughout the City this next week as the leaves are continuing to fall. The next round of leaf pickup is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Property owners are encouraged to continue placing their leaves out in approved areas along City owned streets. The leaf drop off site is open at 3300 Row River Road. Property owners that live on private streets and areas that don't have on street parking are asked to take their leaves to the drop off location. If needed, there is one last leaf pickup scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call the Public Works and Development office at (541) 942-3349.

### **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**

Residential property owners on low and medium density zoned residential land are allowed to build Accessory Dwelling Units. ADUs are a second dwelling unit created on a lot with a house, attached house, or manufactured home. The second unit is created auxiliary to, and has a total floor area smaller than the house, attached house, or manufactured home. Accessory dwelling units are not allowed on lots with a duplex or an attached duplex.

The Building Division has pre-approved ADU plans that property owners can use free of charge courtesy of the City of Eugene. If you are interested in building an ADU, please contact the Public Works & Development at (541) 942-3340. There have been three new ADUs built this past year in Cottage Grove. This is another way to add much needed housing in our community.

### **City Road Projects**

This year the City crack sealed and chip sealed North Gateway Boulevard from East Main Street to Harvey Road. The Utility crew worked two months sealing approximately 400,000 lineal feet of cracks in various City streets. Crack sealing keeps water from seeping through the road surface causing road base failures. Both crack sealing and chip sealing extend the life of the road surface and potentially reduce road repaving costs.

The Utility crew power washed and repainted street curbs downtown. They restriped crosswalks in several locations throughout the City and Lane County restriped all the street striping on City Streets. Multiple street signs were replaced and lighted blinking stop signs were installed at Madison Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Blinking amber lights were added to the crosswalk at Hwy 99 and Geer Avenue to improve awareness of the crossing.

The Utility Supervisor will be working with a paving contractor to perform spot repairs throughout the City as weather permits. The approved City budget has allocated \$100,000 to the repairs. City staff will cut and remove the failed asphalt and new asphalt will be installed.

Engineering staff will be working on plans for repaving North 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Ostrander Lane, Row River Road from Thornton Road East to the City limits at the Currin Connector, and East Whiteaker from Gateway Boulevard east to Thornton Lane. Once the engineered plans are complete the roads will be repaved as City funds allow.

### **Weekly Update #55 Southmayd Home Build Project** *(By Jason Bush)*

I heard back from Superior Electric and most of their guys were out hunting. Chris has a couple guys going by today to rewire the front door switches which should be the last of the electrical work.

On Wednesday Insul 8 had one guy going out to the Southmayds, after wrapping some ducts on another job, to start our wall insulation. I have not been out there in a couple days, so don't know how much he got done.

The siding crew has been out working on the house this week. They have the ceiling up on the rear porches, and a good portion of the siding in back. Luckily, the other half of our siding package came in to Square Deal and they delivered it the same day, so that kept the siders in materials just in time.

Brothers Plumbing installed our waterline on Tuesday, I think it was, and Nolan was right there to backfill and compact the gravel as he filled the trench the next day.... right after our Lane County Inspector, Mike Jensen gave us the verbal ok to cover. Nolan went on to regrade a portion of the driveway so that we can prepare the access for winter. We will need to get a concrete truck back there as far as possible when we get to the point of pouring the garage slab and other flatwork.

I have been looking up some leads for sheetrock installers. We have all the materials, so I'm hoping we can get some guys in there the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Stove Doctor will be installing the attic portion of the woodstove chimney the Saturday before, which should be the last thing needing done prior to sheetrock.

Lastly, I have a project in Cottage Grove that Shaun Hyland, President of Hyland Construction, is involved in, and we got to talking about the Southmayd Home Build, so I gave him some of the documents I have put together. He emailed me today and indicated that he has some quartz and granite leftover from previous jobs that we could possibly use, and he also mentioned that he may also be able to buy some other products that we may need in the future. He also stated that he would like to donate cash to our project. This is certainly some great news, because as most of you know, I have been very stingy with the little cash reserve we have built up, so this will go a long way in tying together the final finishes on the home. We thank Shaun so much for his help & support.



Inspector Mike looking over waterline and backfilled trench.



Seth (left) & Ford (right) installing back porch ceiling panels



Misty & Jason visiting with Keeper, Seth & Ford



Shaun & Makayla working on siding. Talked with Doc and he said most of the wall & vault Insulation is in and was excited how far the siders have come since I was last out there.



*Quote of the Week:*

*“There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch.”*

*~Robert Brault~*