

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 19, 2021

### **Preliminary Population Estimate**

Portland State University has released the July 1, 2021 preliminary population estimates for cities and counties in Oregon. The Cottage Grove preliminary estimate is 10,792. After the review period the preliminary estimates will be certified on December 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the Population Estimates visit the Portland State website at:

<https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/population-estimate-reports>.

### **Cottage Grove Featured**

Cottage Grove and our beautiful covered bridges were featured in the Travel and Outdoors section of the Oregonian on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The article can be found at:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/travel/2021/11/quaint-covered-bridges-are-a-big-tourism-draw-in-cottage-grove.html>. Be sure to check out the article and get ready for more visitors to our community to see our local treasures.

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, November 22, 2021.

### **No Thanksgiving Day Bus Service**

There will be no Lane Transit District (LTD) bus service on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. LTD Administrative Offices and the Customer Service Center will also be closed in observance of the holiday.

LTD buses will operate on Friday, November 26, 2021, on Saturday bus schedules. The Customer Service Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The District's Administrative Offices will remain closed for the day.

More information about LTD holiday bus service visit <https://www.ltd.org/hours-holiday-service>.

South Lane Wheels will have no bus service on Thanksgiving Day, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thanksgiving Day**

Cottage Grove City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **Weekly Update #58 Southmayd Home Build Project** *(By Jason Bush)*

As mentioned in last week's update, my three sheetrock companies fell through for various reasons; however, I received a call from David Hartness, owner of Hartness Drywall, again, "straight outta Cottage Grove." He sounded excited about helping out on our project, knew about the other three companies and had mentioned to save some of the sheetrock work for him. When he called back, he assured me that they are committed to hanging, tapping, and texturing the whole job at no cost. He went on to say that he will work with Donnie at the local Knez warehouse, and that I need have no concerns once I give him the okay. A big thanks to Hartness Drywall.

We're still waiting on the LPG pipe to be relocated a few feet in the therapy room, and a little wall insulation to be installed. I know Dale, owner of Insul 8 has been extremely busy lately, as I see his crews all over the county. Once done I can get the insulation and gas test inspected by Lane County and be able to cut David's sheet rocking crew loose, hopefully making up a week or two.

I called Roberts Supply Company and started to discuss our SHB project with Keryl Halbert, Sales Manager, who surprisingly indicated she knew of our project as she had heard me on the Wake-Up Call with Rob Holloway a couple times. She was very helpful and discussed our needs with General Manager, Nick Smith, who immediately called me as he was heading up into the woods for a few hours. He indicated that if I needed the 120 feet of filter fabric sooner than later to simply go by and ask Keryl to have the yard crew cut it off the roll. We thank Keryl and Nick very much, as the expedited donation allowed Wade Stevens and I to get the south driveway compacted, the fabric laid down, and the first layer of quarry rock down Wednesday, helping prepare it for wet weather, as we need to get a concrete truck back there soon. Les with Meili has about six yards of quarry rock that is not needed, so is delivering it to the SHB site this morning.



Thursday this week, I will be a guest speaker for first and second year students of Chemeketa Community College's Building Inspection Technology program, via Zoom meeting, mostly in regards to the SHB project. I am honored to be able to speak with a group of inspiring future building inspectors, and I thank Michelle, Dan Glen, and Chemeketa Community College.

Oregon lost another excellent contractor to a neighboring state, which makes close to ten that I know of. Brandon Huffman Construction, who helped out on the SHB, has gotten moved, settled in, and has landed his first big housing project. We thank him for continuing to follow our project and checking in with me.

*Quote of the Week*

*“As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”*

*~John F. Kennedy~*