

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 5, 2021

Beeper

The Public Works and Development Director, Faye Stewart, will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, November 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Halloween Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Halloween Hootinanny on Friday the 29th. It was a big hit and a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone that dusted off their pumpkin decorating skills after a year off and participated in the City Staff Pumpkin contest. The entries were amazing. The winners of the contest this year were:

Scariest:

- 1st Place - Community Development
- 2nd Place – Custodian

Best Department Theme:

- 1st Place – Police Department
- 2nd Place – City Manager's office
- 3rd Place – City Attorney's office

Funniest:

- 1st Place – Finance Department
- 2nd Place – Library / Community Center

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

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.

October 2021 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of October the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 56 permits, 2 for new single family homes, 1 duplex, and performed 85 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 9 permits were issued, 1 for a single family home, and 67 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 13 permits were issued, one for a new single family home, and 27 inspections were performed. In Coburg 10 permits were issued and 28 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 11 plan sets in October and 22 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

New Utility Maintenance Worker

Monday Carlos Valladolid started work as a Level I Maintenance Worker for Cottage Groves Utility Division. Carlos worked for the City of Eugene as a summer hire in the Parks and Maintenance Department. The Public Works & Development Department welcomes Carlos and is looking forward to having him on the Utility crew.

New City Planner

Monday Eric Mongan was promoted from Senior Current Planner to City Planner for the Planning Division of the Public Works & Development Department. Eric started his career as a Planning Tech 3 1/2 years ago.

No-Shave November for Police Department Personnel

Police Department personnel are participating in No-Shave November. All participants choose a charity to contribute to at the end of the month in order to participate. Male personnel will be growing beards while female personnel will participate by either adding a temporary "fun" hair color or go without shaving their legs. We will report back on which charities staff selected.

Police Department Jail Review

On October 28, 2021 a Consultant with CityCounty Insurance Services Risk Management, toured the Cottage Grove Municipal Jail with Captain Gagner. This was an evaluation of the facility and providing information and ways to support the jail operations while addressing any potential liability issues before they occur.

Quote of the Week:

“Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day.”

~Charles B. Rangel~