

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 17, 2021

City Engineer Retires

After 22 years of employment with Cottage Grove, Ron Bradsby the City Engineer is retiring on December 23rd. On December 22nd there will be a retirement party at the City Shop located at 425 N. 14th Street. The party will start at noon and go to 1:30 pm with lunch being served shortly after 12:00 pm. Please join us in saying thank you to Ron for all his service to the City of Cottage Grove.

Ron has over 38 years of public service. He started his career working in the natural resource field for the US Forest Service and later for the Oregon Department of Forestry utilizing his Forest Engineering Degree. In 1987 he made a career change accepting a job for the City of Hood River in their Engineering Department utilizing his Civil Engineering Degree. In 1999 he accepted a job offer from Cottage Grove in the Public Works Engineering Department.

As the City Engineer, Ron has reviewed most all the planning and building applications, prepared the Public Works Department budgets, designed infrastructure improvements, performed inspections, oversaw capital improvement projects, answered daily questions from the public and City staff, and many more daily tasks. The latest project Ron completed was the Safe Routes to School project ensuring Lincoln Middle School students could safely walk to School. It also included upgrading the Fillmore Storm Drainage system increasing capacity of the drainage system that included a bio swale to filter the storm water.

Ron has been an incredible asset to the City and will be greatly missed. Thank you Ron for all you have done for Cottage Grove the last 22 years.

Library Staff and Hours

The Cottage Grove Public Library would like to welcome new staff members Ann Radossevich, Brandie Etzkorn, Jane Basaldua, and Manny Guendulay.

The library will be closed during the last two weeks of December for a fresh coat of paint and staff training to prepare for a return to full hours.

We will have a pop-up library with selected books and games in the Shepherd Room of the Gibbs building on Monday the 20th and Tuesday the 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come meet our new staff, stock up on new books, and sign up for a library card.

We will be open again on January 3rd with the following hours:

Monday 11:00 am-7:00 pm
Tuesday 11:00 am-7:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

If you would like to schedule for curbside pickup, please call (541) 942-3828 or email holds@cottagegrove.org.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Heavy rains this past Sunday and Monday moved grease and disposable wipes down the sewer collection lines to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The grease and disposable wipes plugged the headworks screens reducing the ability to screen the sewage before entering the Orbital. Below is a picture of the plugged headworks.



Please don't flush wipes in the toilet or wash grease down the drains. The products damage the sewer pipes and cause plugs in the treatment plant. If the treatment plant is unable to correctly treat the sewage to the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) specifications, the City could receive a fine for violating our approved Discharge Permit with DEQ.

A huge thank you goes out to all the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for unplugging the headworks and keeping the plant operating.

Weekly Update #62 Southmayd Home Build Project (by Jason Bush)

I had to run up to Junction City and pick up the one pocket door frame that came in on another truck, and had the opportunity to Meet Lee Brohel, Owner of Discount Windows & Doors. What a great guy and a successful business they have built. And they did build it – all on their own.



The sheetrock has been hung by the chimney with care, and all throughout the new house the walls remain bare; no tape, no texture, but soon enough, the Hartness boys will be there!

Rod and his crew at High Cascade Painting & Construction have decided to focus on the interior painting so that the gutters can be installed, thus

keeping rain from splashing up onto the siding. He indicated that they could tentatively paint the week after the new year. Todd at Bonn Roof Care said his guys can most likely have the gutters and downspouts on sometime after Christmas, but before the new year.

Nolan Booher is spreading the 70 plus yards of sand and gravel today, and called me to discuss the elevation of the garage slab and overhead doors, and how everything will be compatible with the outside porches and ADA access. Nolan is also going to measure out the overhead door elevations as they close down on the eventual slab and cut of the overhead door side trim that was ran wild.

Mike Markham, owner of Mike Markham Concrete, and Louie Buendia, owner of Premier Concrete, LLC, have both returned my calls and are scheduled to meet me at the SHB on Monday at 11am to see if and how much they may be able to help. They specialize in concrete flatwork, of course, and it would be nice to get the front porch and garage slab done so that we can get the dog bath installed. The back porches are not so pressing at this particular time.

Serena Locke, Building Permit Technician for Jackson County, Oregon asked in a recent International Code Council zoom meeting whether or not we we're going to have another work party at the SHB project site. We feel good knowing that so many folks like Serena are still following our journey. I don't think we will have any during these winter months; however, I do want to plan something for this spring, but it may be a combination of clean-up, beautification, and forensically disassembling the old house. We would welcome anyone who would like to help in any aspect of completing this project.

As I told the lawyer representing the contractor who helped unknowingly start this amazing life changing project during my deposition last week, we are going to take it down board by board and piece by piece. We have no choice as Lane County mandates it. Rick Dancer has tentatively agreed to provide the media resources in the event we want to make a series of training videos.

Additionally, would like to involve the Creswell and Cottage Grove High School Vocational Program students and the Chemeketa Community College students enrolled in the Building Inspection Technology Program. Moreover, I have just left a message for Randall Tile, Apprenticeship Director for Mid-Oregon IEC & Apprenticeship Training Services. I am unsure of exactly what this program is all about yet, as I obtained the contact information from a friend of a friend.



Lastly, I have Misty, Jayson, Jaydon, and Mikiah working on paint colors, floor coverings, light fixtures, ceiling fans, and all the other finishing touches that need to be contemplated. They are coordinating a good deal of this time-consuming work with the fine folks that continue to

provide help, services, and materials to are project, and we thank them and everyone noted above dearly!

Nolan just informed me that we need two more loads of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus and that should do it! Brian Way said he could haul them first thing on Monday, so that is great news.

Quote of the Week

“Stay young at heart, kind in spirit and enjoy retirement living.”

~Danielle Duckery~