

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 30, 2021

### **Library Re-opening**

Cottage Grove Library Staff have been busily working on getting the library ready to re-open. On Monday, January 3, 2022 the Cottage Grove Library will re-open at 11:00 am. The new hours of the library will be:

Monday & Tuesday – 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Wednesday – Friday – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please stop by and check out the changes to the Library and meet the new staff. They have done a lot of work to get the library ready, so please stop by and say “hi” and thank them for all the work they have done. Please remember masks are required in all shared areas of City Buildings including the library.

### **City Recorder**

Today the City of Cottage Grove went back to only one City Recorder. Since December 1<sup>st</sup> we have had two City Recorders as Trudy was training Mindy for the new role. Today was Trudy’s last day as City Recorder. Thank you Trudy for your 12 years of service as City Recorder. On Monday, Mindy will be the solo City Recorder. Welcome Mindy, we look forward to many years of service.

### **New Year’s Day**

City of Cottage Grove offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 for the New Year’s Day Holiday. Happy New Year – hope 2022 will be a great year.

### **Finance Department Welcomes New Utility Billing Specialist**

Please join us in welcoming Jessica Recinos to the position of Utility Billing Specialist in the Finance Department. With Mindy Roberts appointment to the position of City Recorder, her position needed to be filled. The position was posted internally before seeking applications at large. Jessica had joined the City in November, 2019 working part-time as a Finance Clerk. She was previously employed in the banking field and has an accounting degree from Lane Community College. We are very excited to have her continue working for the City in her new role.

### **Community Center- Flu/Booster Shot Clinic**

McCoy's Pharmacy and the City of Cottage Grove will continue to host a walk-in COVID booster shot and Flu shot Clinic on Thursdays through January. Clinic hours are 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Shepherd Room at the Cottage Grove Community Center.

### **Weekly Update #63 Southmayd Home Build Project** *(By Jason Bush)*

First and foremost, the Southmayd family and I wish each & every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Freedom Drenched Happy New Year! Whether or not your one of the almost 300 folks receiving this directly, reading it on the City of Cottage Grove or Creswell's websites, or on our first big sponsors website, [www.operationsecondchances.org](http://www.operationsecondchances.org), we thank you all very kindly.

Nolan Booher got right in there on Friday and spread the last two loads of gravel that Brian Way hauled for us, so we're getting close to being in a position to compact and form up some of the flatwork. We will focus on the garage and front porch, and worry about the back later. This will direct the majority of rain to the north of the property, alleviating ponding water near the front porch.

I have rental heaters in the house drying things out. Hartness drywall indicated it will be textured and ready for the next step which should be prepping for the interior paint by this Friday.

Doug Moody, Residential Sales for Mid-Valley Glass & Millwork slipped me his contact information for the territorial manager of Metrie, Inc. Metrie, out of Canada, produces trim, molding, baseboard, and other millwork, to name just a few. Zack, Territorial Manager called Jason Smith, Millwork Sales Representative, of Gerretsen Building Supply out of Roseburg, Oregon and they sat down and came up with the discount.... I think, as this one happened behind the scenes so fast, I was not able to get all the pertinent information. Evidently, Gerretsen was on their list of suppliers, and they have always had a big hand in helping our Veterans. They were very proactive, and immediately jumped on board our cause. Jason Called me and indicated that they would supply & deliver the complete list of finger-jointed pine colonial trim, molding, and baseboard for the project for \$1,000, which is a discount of about \$3,500. So that batch of products will be delivered soon, and we thank Metrie, Zack, Jason, Doug, and Gerretsen Building Supply!

Bonn Roof Care (BRC) has the gutters on, and 90% of the downspouts installed which is a big deal with the amount of rain and now snow we are receiving. Maybe the Snowman is not aware of the global warming warning.... I also had an extremely promising and enlightening conversation with Todd Loydd, who owns BRC. There is even more possibility of taking this "Mission Critical" project up a couple more levels than we have reached thus far. Very exciting stuff that I need to follow up with prior to any disclosures.

"Mission Critical.....?"

Tiffany Orner, Executive Director of the Grunt Style Foundation called me either Monday or Tuesday morning with the very exciting news that they have been in discussions with Cindy McGrew, Founder of Operation Second Chance, and Tiffany was excited to let me know that

they sent Cindy a check for \$10,000 for the SHB Project. Thanks so Munch Tiffany & GRUNT STYLE.

As Jayson, Misty, and I were walking the new house admiring the Hartness boy's work last week, we kept hearing a meow.... The underfloor hatch was in place, but Jayson pulled it open and next thing we know, their black cat with green eyes jumped up into his arms. It had evidently been down there since we had the gas line relocated about a week prior, so I think "Fenton" was taken in for some left over Thanksgiving dinner.



Great room above, Jaydon's bedroom ceiling (symmetry of it) and the main bathroom.



Jeff, (R) Hermi (M) & Dru (L) from Bonn Roof Care, practicing safety.

The driveway, as can be seen to the right has been brought up to finished grade.



*Quote of the Week*

*“No one can ever take your memories from you – each day is a new beginning, make good memories every day.”*

*~Catherine Pulsifer~*