

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 19, 2021

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, February 22, 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

If I Were Mayor Contest

The Cottage Grove City Council has agreed to participate in the Oregon Mayors Association's If I Were Mayor . . . contest this year by sponsoring a local contest in Cottage Grove. The contest is open to youth within the South Lane School District boundaries. The contest contains three contests: a poster contest for youth of ages that would be in 4th and 5th grades; an essay contest for youth of ages that would be in 6th – 8th grades and a digital media presentation for youth of ages that would be in 9th – 12th grades. Entries must be submitted to the City Manager's office by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 16, 2021. More information and entry forms are available at: www.cottagegroveor.gov/citycouncil/page/if-i-were-mayor-contest-2021 or in the City Manager's office.

If I Were Mayor Workshop

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council is participating in promoting the If I Were Mayor contest and will be holding a virtual workshop on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm. The Mayor is scheduled to be attending the workshop. The YAC hopes the workshop will provide an opportunity for youth to visit with the Mayor and also share ideas for entries. The meeting link for the workshop is posted on the Youth Advisory Council's and on the If I Were Mayor contest page listed above.

London Road Safety Corridor Approved

On February 18, 2021, the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Safety Corridor Advisory Group approved Lane County's application to designate the first seven miles of London Road, between Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Reservoir, as a safety corridor in which traffic fines double. Safety corridors have been available for Oregon's state highways for many years and have proven effective at reducing crashes. In response to the growing number of fatal and severe-injury crashes on county rural roads, the legislature (House Bill 3213) directed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to create a county safety corridor program.

Lane County's application was sponsored by the Lane County Fatal Crash Investigation Team (FCIT), as another safety initiative in working towards zero deaths on Lane County's transportation system. At their February 24, 2021 meeting, the FCIT will begin to develop an implementation and management plan for the corridor which will include adding roadway signage about the corridor designation and doubling of traffic fines and developing a public education campaign. The FCIT will provide more information to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at the March 16, 2021 BCC meeting.

Special thanks, on behalf of the FCIT Chair Dingle, to South Lane Fire and Rescue Chief Wooten, Lane County Commissioner Buch, Lane County District Attorney Perlow, Cottage Grove Manager Meyers, Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee, Oregon State Police, and ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator Charlson for supporting the application.

For more information about the London Road Safety Corridor, contact: Becky Taylor, Lane County Senior Transportation Planner at: Becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov

Ward 1 City Council Vacancy

The City of Cottage Grove is seeking interested applicants who reside within the City limits to fill a vacancy on the City Council for Councilor Ward 1. Applicants must be a registered voter, reside within the City for at least one year before appointment and reside in Ward 1. The term for this position runs from the date of appointment until the next general election in November, 2022. Applications are available at City Hall from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday, or online at www.cottagegrove.org The deadline to apply is Friday, February 26, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Pre-Register for COVID Vaccine

If you need help in pre registering for the COVID vaccine, the Community Service Department can help you. Please call (541) 942-1185 if you need assistance.

Historic Renovation Grants Awarded

The Cottage Grove Historic Landmarks Commission is pleased to announce the award of three Historic Renovation Grants. This program is designed to assist Historic Downtown business & property owners with needed historic renovations. The successful applicants for 2020-21 fiscal year include: Craig Companio, 522 E. Main Street, for a masonry study for the old Club building; Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, for a new entrance door into their offices in the Holloman Ford Building at 836 E. Main Street; and Cottage Grove Historical Society, for the restoration of the Buster Keaton Mural on the side of the building at 819 E. Main Street.

A total of \$10,000 in City funds will be distributed between these three projects. Each project must meet a 1:1 match requirement to receive Renovation Grant funds. Projects must be complete by June, 2021.

This is the eighth year of this grant program. Prior recipients have included the Cottage Grove Hotel (new awning), Burkholder Woods (corbel repair), Mortier building (Coca Cola mural, masonry repair), 802 E. Main Street (new stucco, roof repair), the Bookmine (awning and siding repair), IOOF (neon sign repair), and the First National Bank (masonry cleaning, windows repair).

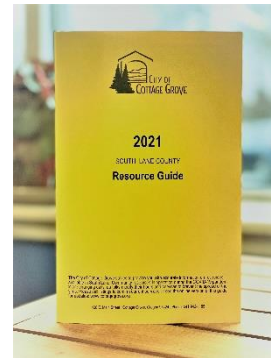
For more information on the Historic Renovation Grant Program, please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3340. Applications and grant program guidelines are available at www.cottagegrove.org or from the Public Works & Development Department, City Hall, 400 E. Main Street.

Police Department Training

On February 11th, representatives from the Lane County District Attorney's Office provided an online training to Police Officers on Measure 110 and how to proceed with drug cases under the new law.

2021 South Lane County Resource Guide Now Available

The 2021 South Lane County Resource Guide is now available. To get your copy of the Guide contact Teresa Cowan or Jessica Klarr at the Community Center, (541) 942-1185, to schedule an appointment to pick one up.



Weekly Updates # 18 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)

I think we're in a holding pattern for the most part as it pertains to the official announcement of the website that Operation Second Chance www.operationsecondchance.org has built for us. Our site, can eventually be either linked from theirs, or can be found independently at www.southmaydhomebuild.org. We are in the process of designing a business card type informational handout that worked well when we were still using the "Go Fund Me" account. This one may be closer to a 3"x5" folding information card, and will reflect OSC as well. These allow us to get the information to folks at a spur of the moment such as; I may share with the gas station attendant, the grocery store clerk, or I may send the traveling salesperson packing with one, after I stole his thunder.

Rick Dancer did another podcast for us this past Wednesday, sponsored by Priority One Heating & Cooling, during his typical 5:00 pm show; "Get Real with Rick Dancer," which of course featured one of our first sponsors, the proactive, Priority One Heating & Cooling! "Proactive," as they went to the trouble of reaching out to me to donate! The podcast can be found here: <https://fb.watch/3HPQlyWsPz/>. I think the City of Creswell has posted it on their webpage, and OSC will have them linked to their/our site as well. The next one we are excited about planning is for Parr Lumber located in Springfield, as they have been instrumental in the overall logistics of our donated supplies and materials. I want to apologize to them, as I think I missed that fact in the Get Real with Rick Dancer podcast Wednesday. I know there are others, which is why I need to....

Put together a more specific list of materials and donors already secured, VS what is still needed for phase II; Phase I as you may recall, is the new septic tank and drain field system. We are somewhat in a holding pattern in that regards as well, as we need some good weather to install it, and it is still undeterminable as to which phase will actually go first; One based on weather, and the other, a framing contractor big enough to take it from the foundation contractor, to a dried-in state. Once it is in a dried in state, I should be able to oversee the project once again.

Focusing on double checking our materials that have been donated and shipped to the Parr Lumber yard in Springfield, as well as what is not, is another priority right now. We have most all the materials and supplies needed by the foundation contractor. I am still waiting to hear back from Knife River on the flatwork concrete. We have all of the lumber products for the house to include all the roof truss materials as previously stated. The wall and roofing plywood have been secured from the Swanson Group and Eagle Plywood Specialties. A big thanks to them!

I just received word from the Cottage Grove/Creswell Cascade Home Center that they have the rebar chairs, 6 mil black poly moisture barrier, and a 50# box of 3" duplex nails. The remaining phase II materials needed or to be verified are;

- 1) Foundation vents;
- 2) Siding, building wrap, and sticky flashing;
- 3) Interior/exterior doors and windows; and,
- 4) Roof covering package.

I received word from one of the two larger construction companies, and they are simply swamped and have too many irons-in-fires at this time. I will await the second one, then may need to reach deeper into the construction community, **because at this time, a framing crew is our biggest obstacle to getting this project off the ground.** Moreover, this simply does not fall within my skill set, experience, or competency levels; and, As Josey Whales said in the "Outlaw Josey Whales" -- "A man's got to know his limitations."

Please get me invoices and logo's as soon as possible.....

Yours in Building Safety, "and" Guarding Our Veterans

Volunteers Needed Looking Glass

Looking for trustworthy community members who would be willing to provide youth a free ride to and sometimes from the closest emergency youth shelter in Eugene, outside of regular business hours. Interested? Reach out to Teresa at the Community Center (541) 942-1185 or Lucy at Looking Glass (541) 767-3823)

Quote of the Week:

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

~Thomas Jefferson~