

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 14, 2021

### **Yard of the Week**

This week's Yard of the Week winner is located at 1045 Ash Avenue. This creative yard is a great mix of plants and rock work that create a very attractive xeriscape with greenery. Thank you for the nominations. The 24<sup>th</sup> season of the Yard of the Week has gotten off to a great start.

### **Have You Voted?**

The ballots for the May 18, 2021 Election are due by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have not submitted your ballot yet it is too late to mail it, but you can drop it in the conveniently located ballot drop box in front of the Community Center at 700 E. Gibbs. Be sure to drop your ballot off before 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Week of Changes - Vaccinations – 65% - CDC Mask and Distancing**

This week has been a great example of how things can change daily. On Tuesday, Governor Brown established a vaccination threshold of 65% for counties to move to the Low Risk level and a statewide threshold of 70% vaccinations to remove the risk level matrix. On Thursday, the Center for Disease Control issued new guidance lifting the mask and distancing requirements for fully vaccinated individuals. Governor Brown issued a statement yesterday, "Starting today, Oregon will be following this guidance, which only applies to fully-vaccinated individuals. That means Oregonians who are fully-vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or social distance in most public spaces." For the Governor's full statement visit her website at: <https://coronavirus.oregon.gov>.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will be updating its guidance to provide employers with greater flexibility to cut back on masking and physical distancing requirements for fully-vaccinated employees. However, it is not required that all businesses adopt new masking and physical distancing policies. Please be aware that for now the changes are not yet in effect for local businesses; however, that will be changing soon.

### **Library in the Park**

On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> the Cottage Grove Library will be holding Library in the Park at the Bohemia Park Pavilion from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Additionally there will be a special guest at the Library in the Park, come say farewell to long time library employee Colleen Shaw.

### **Colleen Shaw Retires**

After 27 years with the City and the Library Colleen Shaw will be retiring. Come join us to thank her for her years of service at the Library and wish her well in her retirement at the Library in the Park in Bohemia Park. Congratulations Colleen and thank you for your many years of service.

### **Mayor's Bike Ride**

Mark your calendars and get your bicycles tuned up and ready for the Mayor's Bike Ride on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 10:00 am. Join Mayor Jeff Gowing for a bicycle ride on the Row River Trail from Trailhead Park at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main out to the Mosby Creek Trailhead. At the Mosby Creek Trailhead riders can return to the City or continue on the trail. There will be treats at Mosby Creek Trailhead.

### **Final City Wide Limbs and Branches Pickup**

The final round of the City wide limb and tree branch pickup starts May 17<sup>th</sup> and goes through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please have your limbs and branches in the City street where City staff can pick them up by the end of day May 16<sup>th</sup>. Branches and limbs are to be placed in on-street parking spaces along City streets.

Please pile the branches and limbs so they don't block bike or traffic lanes and no closer than 30 feet of an intersection. For additional information please go to the City website at [www.cottagegroveor.gov](http://www.cottagegroveor.gov) for additional information or call (541) 767-4100 for questions.

### **8th Street and Taylor Avenue Crosswalk Repair**

Thursday the City Utility Crew saw cut and removed pavement around the two crosswalks on the northside of Taylor Avenue at 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Today Wildish Construction Company will be repaving the areas where the pavement was removed completing the two northside crosswalks. The southwest crosswalk at the intersection will be removed and new concrete installed. Branch Engineering is paying for the cost to complete the intersection repairs due to a design error in calculating finished grade heights. The final crosswalk will be completed in the next few weeks.

### **Middlefield Golf Course Parking Lot**

This week National Construction was able to seal and restripe the Middlefield Golf Course parking lot. Resealing the parking lot was long past due and will extend the life of the pavement. National Construction will also be sealing the cart paths around the Club House. Additional golf cart path maintenance will take place throughout this summer.

### **Water Supply & Drought Webinar**

The Portland National Weather Service held a water supply and drought webinar for the State of Oregon this week. They reported that the months of March and April were record dryness and they are projecting May to be dry too. For Lane County they are projecting this summer to be a severe to extreme drought. They have projected local stream flows to be 25 to 50% lower than normal flows.

If the National Weather Service is correct this will be a very dry and warm summer that will increase the risk of fires. Please take the time now to mow tall grass and reduce dry and dead

woody material on your property. Last year fire danger started earlier than normal and the use of mowers and power equipment was prohibited. This year is aligning to be the same if not worse. Here is the YouTube link to the recorded webinar, <https://youtu.be/FZq-WYdGKYk>.

### **Weekly Updates #29 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)**

We have passed all our under-floor inspections, so it looks like Boyd and his crew will be decking next Tuesday or Wednesday. Dan Heidt, owner of Home Insulation has donated the underfloor insulation and will hopefully be able to install it just before decking it, but indicated they can crawl it as well. A big thanks to Dan and his wife Tammy. Marshalls has agreed to hold enough re-grind bags of insulation to cover the attic area, so we are down to only needing the wall insulation. There are a few redhead bolts that need retrofitting due to plate breaks. I'm hoping we can start the framing late next week.

I also learned that Andrew Lourake with Operation Second Chance has obtained all the windows for our project through a place called Window World, which is somewhere back east. I have not received their contact information from Andrew yet, but a big thanks to them. I now need to inform Lee with Discount Windows that we will only need the doors, so that should help out a lot.

Jason E. Bush with Harvey & Price was able to pick up the approved plans for the fire suppression system, so that it will be ready to install when we get to the framing stage. It will be critical to coordinate the installation in conjunction with the HVAC grilles, recessed lights, and other ceiling penetrations and surface mounted accessories so that the reflected ceiling is aesthetically pleasing.

I met Pat Slapper, Tyvek Specialist, after lunch on Thursday. Pat works for Orepac who is a licensed Tyvek dealer, and they are able to give us a 50% discount on our building wrap. Pat also gave me a box of the poly cap staples that are required, along with a hand-held staple gun for ease of installation. I will coordinate the purchase and delivery through Parr Lumber in Springfield.

I have calls and emails into three different roofing supply companies, but have not heard back yet, and am also working on the siding and trim, wall insulation, and will be finalizing the doors and windows between Window World and Discount Windows. Thanks everyone.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."*

*~Napoleon Hill~*