

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 28, 2021

### **Yard of the Week**

The 24<sup>th</sup> season of Yard of the Week continues with an adorable yard at 340 South 2<sup>nd</sup> receiving the coveted prize of Yard of the Week. The small yard is packed with an amazing variety of flowers and shrubs. Stop by and see the yard or visit the City's webpage at: [www.cottagegroveor.gov/](http://www.cottagegroveor.gov/) to view pictures of the winning yards from this season (and previous seasons). We have received a number of fantastic nominations that remain in contention for the prize. Keep submitting the great nominations for those wonderful yards in the community.

### **Memorial Day Ceremony**

The second (and hopefully last) virtual Cottage Grove Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. The virtual Memorial Day Ceremony can be viewed live on the City of Cottage Grove YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/citymanagerCG>. The ceremony is brought to you by the American Legion Post 32, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473, and the City of Cottage Grove.

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in honor and remembrance of those that we have lost that served our country.

### **Neighborhood Meeting**

On Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm, the Public Works & Development Director, Faye Stewart, will be hosting a neighborhood meeting at Chestnut and G Street. The meeting is being called to discuss the 2 very large redwood trees growing in the park strip at that location. The trees have outgrown the park strip, have damaged the sidewalk, street, sewer line, storm drain, and the home owner's basement, and have become entwined with the overhead powerlines. Please join Faye to discuss the potential removal of the trees and any thoughts you may have regarding the trees.

### **Youth Advisory Council Graduates**

Congratulations to our two graduating Seniors on the Youth Advisory Council, Kourtney Owens and MJ Raade. We are happy to announce that, because of donations in memory of former City Councilor Pat Patterson, both received a \$500 Pat Patterson Youth Advisory Council Scholarship. Congratulations to Kourtney and MJ. They both have provided amazing leadership to the YAC over the years and will be missed.

## **2020 Water Quality Report**

The 2020 Drinking Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is available on the City's website at [www.cottagegroveor.gov/ccr](http://www.cottagegroveor.gov/ccr). The report provides details about the quality of our drinking water and the water services that are provided every day. Test sample results, water projects completed, and 2021 projects are highlighted in the report. The report is available online in English and Spanish. Paper copies of the report can be obtained by contacting the Public Works & Development Department at (541)942-3349.

## **National Bicycle Month**

May is just about over and with it National Bicycle month will draw to a close... but not in Cottage Grove. Bicycles should really start rolling in June. Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Bicycle Day. Everyone is encouraged to take a ride and get some pedaling in before the big events in June.

Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the Oregon Gran Fondo returns to Cottage Grove. Over 270 cyclists have registered so far for this premier event. Riders on the Adventure Route will start at 7:00 am, and the riders for the Gran and Medio routes will have a wave start at 8:30 am, leaving from South 6<sup>th</sup> Street and turning west on Main Street. Main Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to River road will be closed for the start only on Saturday morning. South 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and Washington and Washington between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets will be closed all day for the start and to support the returning riders.

If riding 130, 117 or 71 miles is not your desire, try out the Mayor's Bike Ride on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Join Mayor Jeff Gowing for a family-friendly ride on the Row River Trail from downtown Cottage Grove to the Mosby Creek Trail head (3 mile one way ride). At Mosby Creek, riders can then choose to return back to town or continue on the trail. The Mayor will leave from Trailhead Park (10<sup>th</sup> and Main) at 10:00 am. If the fun ride with the Mayor isn't enticement enough, there will be treats at the Mosby Creek Trailhead.

## **Farmers Market – New Day – Same Great Market**

Be sure to stop at the Farmers Market – now on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Main and Washington in downtown Cottage Grove. Be sure to come down on June 5<sup>th</sup> to cheer on the finishers of the Gran Fondo and visit the market.

## **Police Department News**

Police Officer Gabby Iboa Pierce will start her 16 weeks of police training at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion, she will receive her basic certification as a Police Officer. Good luck at Cop Camp, Gabby.

Our newest police officer, Derek Carlton will start his new career on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to adding him to our patrol team.

## **Free Rides Between Eugene and Roseburg – Everyone Eligible to Ride**

Umpqua Public Transportation District (UPTD) has started a new bus route called the Lane-Douglas Connector (LDC). This new service offers safe, reliable, accessible transportation to veterans and the general public in rural communities for better access to healthcare services and

shopping opportunities. Lane-Douglas Connector operates from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays with scheduled stops at the V.A. Hospital in Roseburg, Ray's Food in Drain, Walmart and PeaceHealth Medical Center in Cottage Grove, and the V.A. Clinic in Eugene (LTD bus stop nearby). The stop in Drain serves as a connection point for passengers of the North Douglas Betterment shuttle. The route is operated by South Lane Wheels as a pilot project funded by the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation grant. For service information and timetable go to: [www.southlanetransit.com](http://www.southlanetransit.com), or to schedule a ride, call UPTD dispatch toll-free at (888) 232-8121.

### **Weekly Updates #32 Southmayd Family** *(by Jason Bush)*

Coast Fork Construction, "Straight Outta Cottage Grove," will be on site today gluing and nailing down the Weyerhaeuser's 7/8" Edge Gold sub-flooring. Parr Lumber will also be there first thing this morning dropping off most of the remaining framing lumber. Boyd and his crew will be back on the site next Wednesday to start the framing of the house.

Now that there will soon be a lot to look at, I want to extend an open invitation to anyone who would enjoy going out to the site and taking a look around. Simply give me a call and I will arrange it. This includes "anyone" who is interested and following our story, especially those not directly involved, and are simply interested in home construction and building code application.

Misty & Mikiah, Jayson's wife & daughter, designed a business card that identifies our project, specifies our website, and provides my contact information. I have been handing them out right and left to folks who show signs of interest as I interact with them in my day-to-day activities. In fact, I went on an inspection on Holly Street earlier this week, and as I briefly related the Southmayd story, "she" became very interested and indicated she works closely with some folks in the media and will pass this over to them...? Little did I know... Thus, I'm fairly certain that "Kendall," unofficially introduced below, is a direct result of the "she" that lives on Holly Street.

So, I again called on "She" first this morning, and.. I just now spoke to "she," and her name is Amy Saling, Senior Account Executive for KMTR, our local NBC News affiliate! Amy is very excited about our project, has requested to be added to our weekly update, and will continue to help us with this very important project. A huge thank you to Amy!

Intuition can sometimes lead us to amazing places, because as I was finishing my inspection of Amy's new HVAC system, I was let out the back door with the understanding that if I did not come back up to the front door, all was good with the inspection... And it was. Her installation was done well, I thought, as I headed for my truck. Then my gut spoke up and said, "you better see if she is interested in our Southmayd Home Rebuild?" "Naw, I said to myself, I'll discuss it at



*Boyd Rinck, owner of Coast Fork Construction giving some last minute instruction to his crew.*



*Coast Fork Construction laying down sub-flooring*

my next inspection"... Then I questioned myself and decided to give her one of our project cards anyway, and, well, now we all know the rest of this ironic story within our story!

Kendall will be meeting the Southmayd family and myself next Wednesday to interview us and take some pictures of our project. A very big thank you to Amy, Kendall, and KMTR!

In discussing the windows with Mark Bumgarner, Vice-President; Franchise Relations and Engagement; Window World, Inc., he indicated that they have a Public Relations division that he would like to connect us with to see about some additional exposure towards our project. He was also able to throw in a beautiful front entrance door, (\$2,500) and rear sliding glass door. Mark is out of their Main Office in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and he has put me in contact with John Rouse, President of Window World of Portland. John and I had a great conversation as well, and he will be putting our products together for shipment to the site once we get the order fine-tuned. There are several other folks from Window World that have been introduced to me, however, we have yet to discuss particulars. What a wonderful group of people at Window World that are on board to help.

Steve Schluckebier, Owner of McKenzie Roofing, was able to secure most, if not all, of the roofing materials, which are estimated at about \$8,000. There may be some incidentals, but we have both Parr Lumber and Square Deal Lumber helping out with incidentals at their costs, so that is also tremendous help. Nice work Steve! I will be sure to thank and acknowledge the roofing supply companies, when I find out exactly who they are.

Again, I have added a few folks, blind copied, as always, based on assumptions, and please, if you find yourself on the list and would prefer to be removed, contact me ASAP; no worries. We are up to over 160 folks receiving the weekly update now, not counting the folks who read it on the City of Cottage Grove's website or Operation Second Chance's website.

Thanks again to everyone, Jason Bush, CBO

*Quote of the Week*

*"Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride."*

*John F. Kennedy*



*Parr Lumber Company delivering job-site materials*