

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 4, 2021

Yard of the Week

This week's Yard of the Week can be seen at 1174 St. James Court. A thoughtful and scrupulously maintained variety of manicured shrubs, colorful flowers, and beautifully proportioned trees clinched the award this week. You can go see the yard for yourself or head to the City's webpage (www.cottagegroveor.gov) to view pictures of not only this yard, but winning yards from previous weeks. There are still a lot of nominations in contention for the prize, and as the weather changes and different plants bloom, we'll be seeing more. If you see a lawn that deserves to be recognized, please nominate it.

May 2021 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of May the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 49 permits, 1 for a new single family home, and performed 168 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 22 permits were issued, 1 for a single family home, and 47 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 20 permits were issued, and 43 inspections were performed. In Coburg 6 permits were issued, one for a new single family home, and 38 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 21 plan sets in May and 26 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

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 two very large Redwood trees growing in the park street at that location. The trees have outgrown the park strip and have damaged the sidewalk, street, sewer line, storm drain, and the homeowner's basement. Please join Faye to discuss the potential removal of the trees and any thoughts you may have regarding the trees.

Job Openings

The City of Cottage Grove currently has open positions for a Part-time Pro Shop Assistant at Middlefield Golf Course and 6 Seasonal Maintenance Workers, which are open until filled. There are also positions open for an Administrative Aide in the Public Works & Development Department, an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Middlefield Golf Course and a Planning Intern. For all of these, the deadline to apply is Friday, June 11th at 5:00 pm. Check out the City's website, www.cottagegroveor.gov for information on all of these positions.

Weekly Updates #33 Southmayd Family (by Jason Bush)

Coast Fork Construction are on site laying out wall lines, pre-cutting wall framing components into installation packages, and all the other organization that goes into the framing of a new home. The Truss Company is in the process of diligently trying to fit the assembly of our roof trusses into their plant schedule. Boyd and I also went through the window schedule and got those ordered as both Window World and the Truss Company, are out 4-6 weeks. It will take Boyd's crew about the same time to get it framed up and ready for the roof and windows, so that should work out good.



News Anchor Kendall Bartley Interviewing Building Official Jason Bush on Project Site

I just received a call from the job-site and we need an additional 35 pieces of 2x6 16 foot long immediately.... I called Square Deal, and they have none at all, as it's on back order. So I called Robb Thomas at Starfire Lumber Company here in Cottage Grove and explained my dilemma. He went out into the yard, pulled some strings, rounded up a lumber stretcher, and found us 32 pieces of 2x6 16' and 18' long which cleaned him out. He is putting it together as I write this. Thanks again so much to Robb and Starfire Lumber Company

The really big news is the KMTR-NBC News, channel 16 job-site interview of myself and the Southmayd Family. News Anchor Kendall Bartley, along with her cameraman & photographer, Eamon Driscoll spent well over an hour interviewing us and touring the site, both the new construction, as well as a brief tour of the existing.

Just prior to KMTR arriving, we received an unexpected visitor from Rife's Home Furniture owner, Kevin Rife. He was actually accompanying KMTR Station Manager, Kathie Dougherty in order to present the Southmayd family with a donation check for \$500.00! What an unexpected surprise the whole day turned out to be. A huge thanks to Kevin and Tammy Rife and the whole KMTR family, including a special thank-you to our mysterious "she" from last week's weekly update, Amy Saling, Senior Account Executive for KMTR.

Kathie indicated they should be airing the interview on Wednesday, June 9th or possibly the following Wednesday, but did indicate that she would let me know ahead of time so that I can add it to the weekly update. I will also be seeing if we can get an electronic copy for our website.



When I showed up Wednesday for the KMTR interview, Jayson was a little worried because a portion of their front window suddenly broke that morning and from what I can tell it appears to be a stress fracture.



Recently shattered front window.

There is no sign of anything but a horizontal bulge going across the entire window. On the opposite and parallel wall where a mini-split unit is hung, it is quite obvious that the unit is pulling away from the wall. I do not think this home will withstand another hard winter, and it will be somewhat exciting to monitor it this coming winter, once we get the family into a safe and secure home this fall.

Quote of the Week

“Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it’s inspiring.”

~Sady Ali Khan~