

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: July 30, 2021

Library Reopening

The library is reopening and will have temporary hours of 1pm to 5pm Monday through Friday. At this time, the library will not be resuming programming until we are able to return to regular



hours. While the building has been closed, library staff have worked hard to update collections and create more functional seating areas for patrons.

Welcome back and come check out your library!

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week Prize patrol selected the yard at 154 Village Drive. Only 8 more weeks left of the 2021 Yard of the Week season to submit nominations of yards that deserve to be recognized.

Watershed Council Tour

On Wednesday this week members of the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Board of Directors took a tour of the wastewater treatment plant and the new Fillmore Bioswale project. Groups or individuals that are interested in tours should contact the City Manager's office.

City Utility Tour Program

The first tour group completed their second tour this week that looked at the wastewater and stormwater collection systems and equipment. Next week they will take their third and final tour that will include the water treatment plant. The second tour group with City Councilors Ervin,

Stinnett and Roberts will begin on August 12th. The tours have been well received and full of information.

Eugene Symphony

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Eugene Symphony visit a success. It was a beautiful evening filled with amazing performances by the musicians and the guest soloist Evynne Hollens. Thank you to everyone that attended.

US Air Force – Band of the Golden West Concert

We are excited to now be making the final preparations for the US Air Force – Band of the Golden West concert that will be on Wednesday, August 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Bohemia Park. This concert will be the final concert in the Chamber of Commerce Concert in the Park series. Be sure to put this on your calendars and plan to attend the spectacular event. Check out the other remaining great concerts that include Calvary Creek, Annie Mae Rhodes Band and Dusty Herd. Visit the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce website at: cgchamber.com for more information.

National League of Cities and League of Oregon Cities Conferences

City Council members are reminded to email the City Recorder, Trudy Borrevik if you wish attend the League of Oregon Cities Conference October 21-23 or the National League of Cities Conference in November. Trudy will be registering attendees Monday morning first thing so please email her before Monday morning.

Home Repair Funds Available through Rural Rehab Program

St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County has limited funds available to repair homes in Cottage Grove. Owners/buyers of home and land may qualify for a 3% interest rate (APR 1.149%), no-monthly-payment loan. Income limits are determined by household size. For more information, contact Andy Clay at (541) 743-7128.

Current Senior Planner Position Filled

Eric Mongan has accepted the Senior Current Planner position in the Planning Division and started working this past Monday. Eric will be responsible for processing all the planning applications for new construction, rezones, and comprehensive plan amendments. He will also oversee and support the Planning Commission, Urban Forestry Committee, and Nuisance Code Enforcement. He will supervise the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Administrative Assistant. The Public Works & Development Department welcomes Eric back and looks forward to working with him in his new role.

Utility Division Update

Tuesday afternoon Sierra Santa Fe Corporation completed the chip sealing of North Gateway. Lane County repainted the street striping and the City Utility Crews will be repainting the crosswalks and directional arrows in the near future.

Tuesday evening Lane County started repainting all the street striping throughout the City. They expected to complete the project early Wednesday morning. Unfortunately their paint truck broke down early in the evening. They came back Wednesday evening and completed restriping the City streets.

The removal of the two Redwood trees at "G" Street and Chestnut Avenue is scheduled to be completed on August 5, 2021. The contractor performing the removal is bringing in a crane on August 5th to lower down the logs as they are cut from the main tree stems. City staff will be hauling the logs to Starfire Lumber Company where they will be milled into lumber. Once the lumber is dried it will be used in City projects such as, park benches, gazebos, garden beds, etc.

Maintenance Division Update

Maintenance Staff will be installing the third Streatery at 6th and Main Street early next week for Bartolotti's. This is the final Streatery to be constructed with the grant funding the City received from Travel Oregon.

Staff has been working to prepare the Community Center and Library for opening next Monday August 2nd. This will be the first time the facility has been open for regular use by the public. Visitors will hopefully notice the new carpeting, interior paint, and signage that has been installed over the last 16 months. South Valley Athletics has moved into the office the Cottage Grove Chamber once occupied before moving downtown. The Genealogical Society Library has moved into a renovated space where the therapy pool was located. Finally, National Construction resealed and repainted the parking lot this past weekend. Over the next 3 months staff will be remodeling the northwest portion of the Community Center (former location of the Genealogical Society Library) to accommodate Senior & Disability Services and Café 60. This will complete the scheduled renovations of the building.

CGPD on the Radio

Chief Shepherd and Captain Gagner were on KNND's Beeper program on Friday morning. Topics discussed included promotion of Dawn Loshbaugh to be the newly created Communications Supervisor position.

The department has opened the application process to hire two Communication Specialists. Currently, we have over 20 applicants. The application window remains open until it's determined there are enough applicants to start the hiring process.

There are two police officer applicants who are starting background for at least one police officer position. Officer Gabriel Iboa Pierce is completing her 9th of 16 weeks at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, Oregon.

Weekly Update #42 Southmayd Home Build Project (By Jason Bush)

Dan Heidt, of Home Insulation Company informed me that they were able to get the under-floor insulation installed, and took the time to do a take-off of the remaining insulation needed for the walls and vaults. That was timely and big help to me as I had just completed a donation form to Owens Corning and needed that information. It's a required inspection, but we can do it anytime.

Michael Hurst, of Blue Star Gas sent a crew of three men out to deliver our LPG tank, and I still had the power trench open, so we had to get creative and boom it over the neighbor's fence, but we got it installed, and the LPG line set to the home. Andrew Dubbs, of Pacific Northwest Air indicated this week that he will drop in and run the lines to the three LPG appliances.



Travis Prine, of Northwest Siding called me up and indicated he would do a take off of all the exterior materials needed to provide a complete weatherized exterior, and said his good friend has a siding company and thinks they may be able to get their crews to volunteer their time, which could be a huge savings. I checked in with James at Square Deal and he indicated that James Hardie, like a lot of manufacturers, is having a hard time

keeping up with orders. Our package should be in by August 27th, which gives me time to secure the additional materials per Travis.



Superior Electric and Brothers Plumbing crews continue to knock out the plumbing and electrical work.

We have to fill in the stem wall at the man-door and bring in gravel to about 4" below the house floor level to meet ADA Standards.

Jason E. Bush, my son, who is a Project Engineer in Harvey & Prices' Fire Detection & Suppression Division is mobilizing

his volunteer crew on Saturday to install a complete National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13 D fire suppression system. This system should go a long way in easing worries of fire, as the Southmayds barely escaped a home fire 19 years ago. I plan on being out there this weekend to ride roughshod on my grandsons who will be "Helping" me help their dad. I'm thinking that Mark Milligan will be mobilizing his crew sometime next week, so will be calling in some rough inspections through the County soon.

Misty, and my son set up another Go Fund Me account as I am thinking of doing some updates, hopefully on the Holloway and London's "Wake Up Call," the Building Safety Journal, and if it works out, KMTR. When KMTR came out the first time we had yet to frame up any walls. Damien Sherwood, of the Cottage Grove Sentinel came out Last Monday and spent some time with the Southmayds and me as we gave him an update, and he was able to hold the story back until the new Go Fund Me got established. If you go to the main Go Fund Me platform, it should be easy to find the Southmayd Home Build.



Wayne (left), Ethan, Jerryd, and Kyle.

Nolan Booher, owner of Bridgewater Contracting, LLC met me at the Southmayds home first thing this morning and is back-filling our power trench and LPG line to the house, which will allow us more maneuverability at the site. Hopefully, when we secure some soil and gravel for the west and south sides of the house, we can then follow up with the rough grading so that we can start preparing the sidewalk and slab in the garage.



Dustin (left), Gage, and Regg.

I want to thank everyone again for their amazing work on this project. It has indeed been a most pleasurable life changing endeavor, and it simply would not have happened without the support of the communities, companies, and individuals that have so readily joined our cause. Thank you all!

Quote of the Week

“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

~Carl Bard~