

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 13, 2021

### **Yard of the Week**

Proving that you don't need a huge lawn to have an attractive lawn, this week's winner, at 1028 E. Van Buren Avenue, boasts a carefully maintained tree and a delightful row of flowers in a riot of colors. Congratulations to all the winners so far, and there are still a few weeks left, so keep those nominations coming.

### **July 2021 Building Inspection Services Report**

For the month of July the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 44 permits, 1 for a new single family home and performed 121 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 24 permits were issued, 2 for a single family home, and 101 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 8 permits were issued, and 51 inspections were performed. In Cobourg 3 permits were issued and 34 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 23 plan sets in July and 23 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

### **Veterans Park Observation Deck Closure**

The observation deck along the Coast Fork River at Veterans Park will be closed until repairs can be made to the deck surface. Staff has installed fencing to protect park users from tripping or suffering injury due to rotten and or warped deck boards. Staff is working on acquiring permits and ordering material to repair the deck. Once repairs are completed the deck will be reopened for use.

### **Weekly Update #44 Southmayd Home Build Project** *(By Jason Bush)*

I had an unsolicited email from Rob Thomas, of Starfire Lumber Company on Monday wanting to donate some cash to the SHB project. A very pleasant surprise as we are in short supply of actual cash for our project, which has complicated things a little. Not only are many products several weeks or months out, but some are just not available. Starfire has already donated many thousands of dollars in lumber for our project, and we thank them so much for their continuous support. I'm hoping some of the other saw mills I have contacted since getting the home framed up will be in a position to help out with cash donations. I do know that it is more difficult to ask for money.... Previously, I have been successful trying to secure material's ahead of time, but it is getting more difficult to continue on in this fashion, and still be in a position to get them in the new house prior to winter.

Nolan Booher has said he will bring his dump trailer out to the site and leave it for us, so we can start cleaning up and separating out the recyclable wood and other construction debris from the garbage. He indicated that he would take it from there. Nolan has been a big help and relief and we thank him very much.

Target was a sponsor of an International Code Council's Annual Business Meeting several years ago, so I called their headquarters to see if they were interested in becoming a sponsor for SHB. They instructed me that each individual store is usually in a position to help out on the local levels, so I stopped in at the Target store on West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and spoke with Enriquetta, the store Manager. She was very helpful, excited, and inspiring as to their intention to help us out. She gave me her business card as well as the Human Resource Manager, Olivia, and requested I write out a request and send it in to them. I will be stopping in to discuss what they may be able to do for us early next week.

I have product donation request in to Owen's Corning for wall and vaulted ceiling insulation, and USG Gypsum plant in Rainer, Oregon, but have not heard back from them yet. Peter, Sales Manager at Emerald Door & Glass has confirmed that they are building us the last four exterior doors which include the therapy room, bathroom, and two for the garage. A big thanks to Peter and Emerald Door & Glass.



My son, and the Harvey & Price crew will be finishing up the NFPA 13D fire suppression system on Sunday, and I think, Paul and Ole with Priority One Heating & Cooling finished up most the HVAC system this week. They will set the FAU and AC unit down the road.



To clarify, the New Breed Dog Washing Tub was built & donated by Scott Smith, here at his shop on Highway 99 South. Scott's father, Tom started the business in the 70's if I remember correctly. They construct many different products for hundreds of companies.

Below is the dog bath they just built, water tested, and painted up for Jayson.



Alek's Gabrio, owner of River's Edge Engineering, and his brother-in-law Zack Schmidt, hauled four loads of mixed sand and gravel to the SHB site on Monday for us using his five-yard dump truck. Originally Nathan Marple, was intending to give us gravel at a reduced rate, but is going to



try and give it all to us free if we truck it ourselves. So, between me learning how to drive Wade Stevens, owner of WA Stevens Construction's new five-yard dump truck, and Alek's helping out periodically, I think



we will get the exterior porches and garage brought up to grade and prepared for concrete. Nolan Booher then came out and placed the rock where needed. Next we will need probably 20-30 loads of soil spread out along the west side to help contain the rock. We have several big apartment housing developments going in here in Cottage Grove and Creswell, so have been discussing the soil options with them. If anyone is able to pick up and deliver any rock, please give me a call.

In general, things are moving along fairly well. The push now is to try and get the insulation going even if we end up having to pay for it. We will be calling Lane County in to inspect our rough framing, plumbing, electrical, and fire suppression system's sometime next week—when I learn how to do it myself. I have a call in to Josh Lowes to see if they can provide any relief on the insulation, and am still waiting to hear back from USG regarding the sheetrock. They have confirmed they would like to help, but the manager was out on vacation and I'm not sure if they will be able to donate it all, or a portion. Thanks to everyone.

### *Quote of the Week*

*"Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments."*

*~Rose Kennedy~*