

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 20, 2021

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1348 Cottonwood Place. This yard is a great example of what can be done to create a beautiful and functional yard out of a sloped space. Only 5 more weeks left in the 2021 Yard of the Week season, so be sure to get nominations for those yards you see that deserve recognition.

DeFazio Visits

Congressman Peter DeFazio visited Cottage Grove on Thursday, August 19th to tour the future home of the Federally Qualified Health Clinic in the Lane Community College building in Cottage Grove. The Mayor and City Manager joined many other community and County leaders to welcome him and thank him for his efforts to secure funding for the project. For more information about the project visit the Lane County Public Health Clinic website at: https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/health_and_human_services/helping_the_whole_family_stay_healthy/new_clinic_site_in_cottage_grove.

Rock, Roll and Rumble

This weekend the streets in downtown Cottage Grove will come alive with the sights and sounds of years gone by with the annual Rock, Roll and Rumble Car Show and Cruise. The car show runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm with the cruise running from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Main Street and the side streets will be closed for the car show and cruise. When the cruise starts traffic will also be restricted on South River Road. Come downtown and enjoy the event.

Enjoy the Events, Be Safe

This weekend we will have the Rock, Roll and Rumble and Western Oregon Exposition happening in Cottage Grove. With the resurgence in full swing you can safely enjoy the activities in the community by following these simple guidelines:

- Maintain your distance. Keep a distance from others outside and inside.
- Wear a mask. Masks are currently required when indoors. Outdoors are not required, but recommended in situations when you are unable to properly distance.
- Don't touch your face or shake hands.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Please consider getting vaccinated. Currently 51.6% of the residents within the 97424 zip code are vaccinated. Over 96% of the COVID-19 patients in the hospital in Lane County hospitals are unvaccinated. The hospitals are nearly full and if the cases continue to increase the hospitals will be overloaded and will not be able to handle other emergency medical needs.

Stay safe, but get out and enjoy the weather and some of the events in our community.

Updated Library Hours

To help keep residents and visitors safe during the surge in COVID-19 cases, the Cottage Grove Public Library's operating hours are changing starting Monday, August 23rd through October 31st. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, the library will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and on Wednesday and Friday, the library will be open from 10:00 am to Noon. If you need to visit at a time outside of these hours, please call (541) 942-3828 or email holds@cottagegrove.org to make an appointment. Library services still include curbside pickup from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and homebound delivery by appointment. Masks and social distancing are required in all City buildings, including the Library and Community Center.

Row River Water Treatment Plant Receives Award

On August 5, 2021 at the Northwest Membrane Operators Association Annual Meeting the Row River Water Treatment Plant was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Membrane Large Plant Award. The award is in recognition of outstanding plant operations, maintenance, and exemplary membrane treatment plant performance. Congratulations to Ryan Kimball, Plant Superintendent, and the plant operators. Great job.



Gravel Road Dust Abatement Applied

On Tuesday the City contracted with Pratum Coop out of Harrisburg to apply dust abatement to five gravel streets in Cottage Grove. The dust abatement is a Lignin product that is a byproduct from the processing of trees, plants, and vegetables. It is environmentally friendly and washes off using common soap and water. The City is testing the product to see how it performs on the City's gravel streets.

Free Showers Every Wednesday

The City of Cottage Grove and Community Sharing are working in partnership to offer free showers at Community Sharing, 1440 Birch Avenue, Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you're interested in learning more about the Mobile Shower program or (541) 942-1185 ext 2. Carry It Forward is currently doing outreach in South Lane County and will be at the mobile shower site on August 25th to help those in need of services.

Weekly Update #45 Southmayd Home Build Project *(By Jason Bush)*

I received a very touching phone call Friday evening from Steve Milosevich, Owner of ANCO Fastener Sales. Steve donated about \$1500 in nails back in April as documented in weekly update #25. We had a very special conversation, and Steve is wanting to help some more. He indicated he would give us the sheetrock screws and siding nails, and any other nails needed for the project, then sent us a \$350 check. Many thanks to "Brother" Steve.

Saturday and Sunday I took a dump truck driving lesson from Wade Stevens, Owner of WA Stevens Construction, and delivered 6-loads of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus crushed rock. I will be getting more after work a couple days this week as well and more on the upcoming weekend.



Then on Monday I had an unexpected flying lesson from Mike Babcock, who is just finishing up an airplane hangar here in Cottage Grove. We thought it would be a good idea to get an aerial photo of our SHB project, but then decided he would tour me over Autzen Stadium, the new Hayward Field, cruised over my house, then up the Marcola Valley to Brownsville, where Mike grew up. We buzzed a couple of his high-school buddy's farms, landing in a couple of their fields without stopping, then ended up out in Jasper on our way to the Creswell airport to pick something up before heading back to Cottage Grove's airport. What an amazing couple of hours in a little two-seater bush plane. I sat right behind Mike and had the rudder pedals at either side of him and the stick right in my lap. Thank you, Mike.

The sand, rock, and gravel is being obtained at Marple Excavating as pictured below. Nathan has been very helpful with our project and has even allowed us to obtain product on Sunday when he is normally closed. Nathan has been extremely generous with his products and is saving us a lot of money. If paying for it and the trucking, we would be spending approximately \$8,000, so it is a big step forward in getting the SHB project complete and on schedule. A big thanks to Nathan.



Rob Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer, of Starfire Lumber Company did indeed send the SHB project a check as indicated in last weeks' update in the amount of \$5,000. I would like them and everyone else that has graciously donated to the SHB, that we will use the funds in the most responsible and economically feasible way as possible. We thank the Starfire Team so much.

Lastly, this week, Jack Applegate and I met the Southmayds Attorney as well as the rouge contractor responsible for this fiasco's, legal representation at the site to evaluate the existing conditions of the non-permitted and non-licensed work. Each side also had their engineers present for a full investigation. We spent about two hours going through the house pointing out issues after issue and answering questions as prompted. I know several of the fine companies that have been engaged with the SHB project received subpoenas from the attorney representing the contractor seeking all documents they may have generated in the process of helping us. I discussed this with Jayson & Misty's attorney, Andrew, and he assured me that it is a simple fact finding process in order to paint an accurate picture of what has transpired over the course of the last, almost three

years. In the event anyone would like to speak with our attorney, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will make arrangements to put you in touch with him

Please continue to discuss this amazing project with friends and family and feel free to share it with anyone you see fit. Remember that all cash donations receive a fully tax-deductible receipt that helps ward off the Regulators and Revenuers when they come-a-collecting.

Many thanks to all of you that continue to support this project, and follow the weekly updates. The entire Southmayd family and I cannot thank everyone enough.

“God Family Country Veterans & “Deeds Not Words”

Quote of the Week

“A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.”

~ Steve Maraboli~