

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 10, 2021

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 2415 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Even with the final days of summer quickly approaching this yard has still maintained a variety of colorful flowers and vegetation. Only two more weeks remain of the 2021 Yard of the Week program. If there is a yard that has not been recognized – time is running short – get the nomination in to the Chamber or the City Manager’s office.

### **Cottage Village Open House Video**

On June 29, 2021 the Cottage Village Coalition and SquareOne Village hosted an open house at the Cottage Village project on Madison Avenue to celebrate the completion of the last four tiny homes. A video of the Open House ceremony has been posted on the SquareOne Villages website at: <https://www.squareonevillages.org/single-post/cottage-village-final-open-house-footage>. If you missed the ceremony or just wish to see it again, check out the video.

### **Beeper**

The City Manager will be on KNND’s Beeper show on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

### **Water Main Line Break**

Wednesday morning a contractor working on relocating a Natural Gas Line along Hwy 99 North hit eight inch City water mainline causing a major water leak. City Utility staff was able to make a quick repair that limited the disruption of water service to the neighboring properties to less than two hours.



### **Chelsie Haynes**

The Public Works & Development Department would like to introduce and welcome Chelsie Haynes to the Department. Chelsie is the new Compliance Officer/Permit Specialist and her first day was Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. She has experience in the technology, banking and title insurance industries. She has a connection to the City as both her father and father-in-law have retired from the City with long careers in both Police Service and Water Treatment. We are excited to have her join our team and look forward to working with her.

### **I-5 Interchange Landscape Improvements Project**

This week, hundreds of Goldsturm Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia fulgida sullivantii*) have been planted with many other flowering and shrub varieties arriving soon, and the irrigation system has also been started up. The project is in its final stages and is expected to be completed by late October or early November. While the Contractor has experienced delays in materials and labor shortages this summer, Milroy Golf Systems has continued to work diligently toward completion.



To recap the project's intent, the new irrigation system will discharge recycled wastewater to the I-5 interchange grassy and vegetated areas, keeping them green throughout the summer. However, by eliminating wastewater discharges to the river during the warmer months of the year, the City will continue to adhere to its regulatory responsibilities as well as proactively protect the environment.

### **Redwood Tree Stumps Grinding**

This week City Utility staff teamed up with Travis Howell from Bobby Howell Logging to grind and remove the large Redwood stumps at G Street and Chestnut Ave. Utility staff removed the concrete sidewalk and street curb and Travis used a track mounted grinder to remove the stumps. Staff hauled off approximately 50 cubic yards of wood chips from the stumps. The next steps will be to repair and/or replace the storm drain, sewer, and water lines. The last step will be to pour a new curb and gutter followed by repaving the damaged street and planting new street trees. The work is planned to be complete within the next two to three months.



### **Benny Hubble Park Vandalism**

On Wednesday an individual took a power saw and cut notches in a Douglas Fir Tree at Benny Hubble Park near Woodson Bridge. The City Police were able to arrest the individual and lodge them in the City Jail. The damage to the tree is extensive and it will be removed today by a local contractor. It is very important when witnessing individuals damaging Public and private property to call the Cottage Grove Police Department at (541) 942-9145 to report the incident. This will help in holding individuals accountable for the damage if they are caught, and it alerts City staff to respond and make repairs.



### **Weekly Update #47 Southmayd Home Build Project** *(By Jason Bush)*

September already and it's cool in the early mornings. I think my original goal of getting the Southmayd family into their new home by late September will continue to be pushed back as we progress into the fall. The important part is that we will have it dried-in and weatherized. Our siding package was supposed to be here on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, but now is looking like it will be in around the second week in September. Travis Prine of Northwest Siding Contractors of Eugene has us on their schedule for the 21<sup>st</sup>. It should take a week to 10 days to complete the siding.

I met Dale Wagoner, Owner & CEO of Insul8 at the SHB site on Wednesday, and he has graciously agreed to supply whatever Donnie at Knez is not able to provide as far as the walls and vault insulation goes, so I think we have the insulation issues solved. I will continue to work on the sheetrock, and a few siding installation accessories that are needed. Thank you, Dale and Donnie.

Eric Bordeaux, Project Manager for Twin Rivers Plumbing, did indeed get us the 200 feet of 3" PVC pipe for the underground rain drains, complete with a box of fittings. I plan on installing the system next week after work.

Priority One Heating and Air Conditioning, has finished up the rough-in mechanical this week, so I will be ensuring we have our framing and rough mechanical inspections called in as well as the LPG gas line and pressure test. We can then cut Dale loose on the insulation. We have passed our rough plumbing electrical, and NFPA 13D automatic fire suppression system.

Chris Smith, Project Manager for Dorman Construction, has continued to work behind the scenes for us. He has Glenn Hastings, of Hastings Wood Design on board and he specializes in cabinets. Glenn came out yesterday and spent an hour with Jayson, Misty and I, asking lots of questions on how Misty would like her cabinets set-up and designed. It was very gratifying to see the excitement in Misty's eye's as she realized and envisioned her new kitchen! Glenn has also reached out to one of his contacts who does counters, and the rumor has it that he may be able to provide the counters for us. More on this next week when I learn more.

Brian Way, Owner of Way to go Construction just called me and they will be delivering some soil fill today, starting where he left his last load on the North side, and then doubling them up along the West side to contain the ¾" minus I have been hauling. To date I have hauled 23 loads and Alek & Zac have hauled another 4 loads for a total of 135 yards, thanks to Nathan Marple.



I will be meeting Jim Beck, Owner of the Stove Doctor, at the SHB site at 10 this morning. The Southmayds have an existing wood stove they would like re-installed in the new home, and Jim has agreed to perform this work for us. We thank Jim for all his hard work, as he has done work at my house as well and always does it right the first time.

Roofline delivered our roofing materials on Wednesday. Lincoln Rogers, Logistics Specialist II & Crane Operator, carefully lifted our roofing materials up to where helpers DJ and Ray laid it all out on the ridges for McKenzie Roofing to start the installation soon. We thank Roofline very much for donating the biggest part of our roofing materials, as well as Steve, Owner of McKenzie Roofing for his installation help & organizing the roofing material donations for us.



DJ is on the left coordinating the truck location set-up with Ray another veteran we want to thank for his service to this amazing country too.



Left to right, me, Lincoln, Ray, and DJ. Thanks again Roofline.

### **Weekly Update #48 Southmayd Home Build Project (By Jason Bush)**

I received a call from the Rainer Division of United States Gypsum (USG). They would like to donate the sheetrock goods. They will email me confirmation to include the size of the five units as well as the weight, so when “*I arrange the trucking required to pick it up*” ..... That poses a small dilemma, but I have had been in worse predicaments. So, I stopped by to see Donnie Reed again, Manager of the Springfield Knez plant. He indicated he gets trucks in all the time from them up at the Rainer USG plant so thinks he can arrange the trucking down to here, even if he has to take some of his order off. Thanks Donnie!



McKenzie Roofing sent one of their Top Dogs, Alvaro, out to the SHB Project this past Saturday, all by his lonesome, who took out a large swath of naked roof. It is a very nice-looking roof, and the Southmayds love it, and were extremely impressed at his workmanship.

Andy Halvorson, Owner of Halvorson Contracting, volunteered to set our underground rain drain pipes that Twin Rivers Plumbing donated and delivered. Him and one of his lead workers whipped it out in about three hours, so a big thanks to Andy and Jasem. Their fine work on the front porch can be seen below.



Back covered patio that is being built up to meet ADA Standards.

In the background, you can see some of the 100 yards of soil that Brian Way, of Way to go Construction, has been delivering. Thanks to Brian and his truck drivers.

Our siding contractor had a conflict in scheduling, so will be starting our siding on October 5<sup>th</sup>, which will give me a little more time to secure all the remaining materials such as the Master Seal Caulking. It's estimated we will need 65 tubes at roughly \$10 a tube, so that got me on the phone to their Territorial Manager, Tyler Haswell, who assured me that he will run the request up the flag pole. Thanks to Tyler for anything he may be able to arrange for us.



Priority One Heating & Air Conditioning, Brothers Plumbing, Superior Electric, Harvey & Price, and Pacific Northwest Air, has all completed their rough-in work. We will be requesting the last inspections for framing, gas test, and the rough mechanical on Monday, so should be in the clear for Dale Wagoner, Owner & CEO of Insul 8 to get started on the walls & vault insulation. Dale met me on the job Monday to investigate what they will need to complete everything but the final

blow-in. We thank Dale very much for taking care of this aspect of our project. The last thing that needs addressed prior to sheetrock, is the chimney for the woodstove. Jim Beck, Owner of the Stove Doctor, has us covered on that. The roofers will be back on the job Saturday finishing up.

Lastly, this week I would like to share that Ron & Mavis Bradsby, have again made a donation to our project in the amount of \$5,000. This adds to the \$30,000 they donated in the beginning. Again, as I've said before, if it wasn't for Ron and his lovely wife, the sawmills, and the MEP contractors, we may have not had the confidence and depth to pull the trigger on the foundation. Ron and Mavis are a huge part of the success of this operation, and we thank them so very much for being on our team and providing so much support!

We may not be on schedule, but that's no problem because we have never really had a schedule other than getting them into the new home prior to this winter. With the rain drains in, piles of fill to be placed and compacted, and presumably placing the garage slab & porch slabs soon, it should leave us in a satisfactory position as we head into Fall.

"Every conversation is a pathway to a new relationship." Rob Fazio, On Point Advising. Rob lost his father during the 9/11 attacks while saving others from the terrorist attacks. We want to take a moment to thank all our first responders and military heroes—both active and retired.

The above quote, I felt, is very applicable, and has provided guidance on our Journey of constructing the SHB Project.

#### *Quote of the Week*

*"Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11."*

*~Barack Obama~*