

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 17, 2021

Yard of the Week

This week's Yard of the Week, at 917 Blue Sky Drive, features a well-kept lawn and an attractive array of flowers and shrubs with a lovely spray of purple on the sidewalk side of the yard. There's only one week left for this year's Yard of the Week season, so if you've been putting off nominating a deserving lawn, put it off no longer.

Village Green Update

The City received information regarding the pending sale of the Village Green. Below are plans the new owners have for redeveloping the property. The proposed changes will require applications for permits, public hearings, Planning Commission and possible City Council approval before moving forward. The full information release including the current condition and challenges facing the Village Green are attached.

Potential New Mixed-Use Development

The Village Green Hotel and RV Park property is being sold to new owners interested in creating a vibrant, mixed-use development that supports tourism, small business growth, and housing. The current plan is to retain the RV Park offering an affordable housing option for residents. There are no immediate plans to close the RV Park. The Village Green Hotel main building, including the restaurant, may be retained if a new business owner is found that can economically operate a smaller scale hotel in a sustained manner. It is also possible that this portion of the site will be redeveloped for a new multi-story hotel with modern amenities. The Village Green buildings formerly used by the hotel that are in deteriorating or substandard conditions will be demolished. The majority of the Village Green buildings and garden area will be redeveloped into an attractive apartment complex providing new housing for the community. The new apartments will be 2 bedroom, 2 bath units with one dwelling for an on-site apartment manager and leasing office. Residents of the two-story apartment buildings will have convenient access to on-site parking and open space. Two new commercial lots will be created with frontage on Row River Road. These commercial lots will be attractively designed for small businesses serving the surrounding neighborhood and region. "We are excited about creating a vibrant, mixed-use development that supports the local economy and provides new housing," Colin Kelley, Timberview Construction.

RAIN Kickoff Event

Are you an entrepreneur or a would-be entrepreneur? Then you might be interested in a new program right here in Cottage Grove. RAIN (www.oregonrain.org) is a nonprofit organization that supports existing businesses and start-ups by providing contacts, know-how, physical assets, and even access to funds, all to help local businesses start, develop, and thrive.

The Cottage Grove RAIN Kickoff Event will take place at noon on Wednesday, September 22nd via Zoom, and you can register at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cottage-grove-rain-kickoff-event-tickets-170372578970>

Quote of the Week

“Decide today that you won’t give up your dreams and desires. Keep pressing forward, believing that you are anointed and empowered.”

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