

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 24, 2021

Yard of the Week

The final Yard of the Week for the 2021 season is located at 2235 Ibsen Avenue. The final yard is a great example of the 2021 winners.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Yard of the Week during the 2021 season and thank you to everyone that nominated their neighbors or friends. All the 2021 winners can be seen on the City's webpage. A big thank you to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cottage Grove Sentinel for their support of the Yard of the Week program.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, September 27th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

RAIN Kickoff

On Wednesday, over 38 people from around Cottage Grove attended the virtual RAIN Rural Entrepreneurial Development kickoff event. It would have been nice to have been able to meet in person – but that will occur in the future. Attendees were able to learn more about the program and hear what has happened through the program in other communities. The program is being funded through a partnership with the City and the Community Development Corporation and grant funding from the Woodward Foundation.

RAIN will be hiring a local champion of the work called an Entrepreneur-in-Community (EIC) who will work closely with the Lane County Venture Catalyst to support events and business engagement. The role is a contract position for \$1000/mo and you must be a local business owner or have experience with business to apply. [Read more and apply here.](#)

If you are interested in improving your online business game, you may want to apply for the 10-week online RAINmaker Sales and Marketing Accelerator. [Read more and apply here.](#)

Assistance on MUPTE

The City Manager and Senior Planner Eric Mongan visited with representatives from the City of Florence to provide information about the Cottage Grove MUPTE (Multiple-Unit Property Tax Exemption) program. Florence is facing the same challenges with housing development and has not seen any multi-unit housing developed in many years and they are exploring options to improve the availability of housing within their community.

Bushnell Invitational Hosted at Middlefield Golf Course

The Bushnell Invitational on September 17th was the fifth meet hosted at Middlefield Golf Course in the last three years. Four teams participated, including Bushnell University, Corban University, Multnomah University, and Umpqua Community College. There were 25 men and 23 women in the two races last Friday. Bushnell University won the women's race, and Corban University won the men's race.



The event went smoothly and the Course was re-opened for general play by 1:00 pm. The City congratulates all of the participants for the successful meet and look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

Photo/Video Credit – Bushnell University

Congratulations Jason Bush

On Wednesday, at their annual meeting held in Pittsburg, PA this year, the International Code Council presented

The Raising the Profile

Award to Jason Bush, Cottage Grove's Building Official. The

Award recognizes an individual or organization for acts or contributions that raise the public awareness of accomplishments by code personnel that improve public safety in the built environment. Jason was nominated for the excellent work he has done establishing and operating Cottage Grove's Building Program that provides



building inspection services in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Veneta, and Coburg. The nomination also included the incredible work he has done on the Southmayd Home Replacement Project.

The International Code Council is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

The Oregon Building Official Association also recognized Jason last month at their annual conference. They presented him with the OBOA Community Advocate Award. This award was given by his peers in the State in recognition of his exceptional care for his community and his extraordinary professional efforts for the Southmayd Family.

Weekly Update #49 Southmayd Home Build Project (By Jason Bush)

We received confirmation that the USG (United States Gypsum) Plant in Rainer, Oregon is donating all the sheetrock, which includes 5 units, 226 pieces, and weighs about 14,000 pounds. I spoke with Dan Murphy, Outside Sales Representative for USG, who is taking the shipping dilemma out of my hands and will be working with Donnie Reed, Warehouse Manager for Knez Building Products on Franklin Boulevard. Donnie indicated he had it on his shelves and will deliver when we need it. Knez is also still trying to help out Dale Wagoner, Owner of Insul8 with some of the wall insulation. As indicated in last week's update, Insul 8 is donating and installing the walls, vaulted ceiling, and attic knee walls insulation. A big thank you to Insul 8, USG, and Knez for all their enthusiastic help with this amazing project.

Nathan Marple delivered about 100 yards of good-looking fill dirt on Wednesday that he has been hauling from the Creswell airport job. Nolan Booher said he can now continue on with the filling and compacting of the $\frac{3}{4}$ minus gravel at the back covered porch area. The soil was needed to help contain the gravel. I think we have hauled in approximately 220 yards of soil and about 145 yards of sand & gravel. We thank Nathan again for all his help with the SHB project.



You can see the foundation wells I bought at Jerry's to block out the foundation vents from the concrete slabs once we get it up to the correct elevation. Seven vent wells \$194.53.



I received a return phone call from Paul Burrell, President & COO of the Overhead Door Company of Eugene. Paul set up an appointment to measure the garage doors and meet the Southmayds on Thursday, and we spent about an hour discussing the project and the sad state of our country. Paul informed the Southmayds that he intends to donate the two overhead doors, complete with openers. We

want Paul to know how much we appreciated his donation and that we really enjoyed his visit.

If anyone would like to visit the project site or meet the family, please know that I would be happy to meet them out there, introduce the Southmayd family, and take them on a tour of the project site. The existing house is quite interesting and unbelievable to investigate as well.

As you can see in the picture of Paul Burrell, Doc, and I, that I generally do NOT do selfies.



I need to check with Priority One Heating & Air Conditioning as well as Pacific Northwest Air to make sure we get the framing, rough mechanical, and gas pressure test inspections called in, so that I can get the news to Dale at Insul 8, so that he can plan out the insulation install. We will then be ready for sheetrock. We still need to get the sheetrock mud, tape, corners, screws, and texture materials. I have a guy who may be able to install the sheetrock, but need to confirm it prior to announcing it to everyone but him.

My son, Jason Everett Bush, and I are leaving Saturday morning for Pittsburgh Pennsylvania to attend the International Code Council's Annual Business Meeting. Jason Everett was awarded a

scholarship to attend the ABM from ICC's Military Families Program, and will be "shadowing" ICC's Region II President, Russell Murphy of Montana. Jason will be attending all their Board Meetings, networking with the region II members, observing how they plan out their functions & duties, and having some nice lunches and dinners during his time with Russell. Jack Applegate, President and CEO of Northwest Code Professionals is there already as he is running for the ICC Board-of Directors position this year, so he is currently being grilled by his peers in lots of meetings and interviews. We will be returning on Wednesday, the 22nd. We will be voting for Jack.

I stopped by Copy Rite Printing store on Mohawk Boulevard Thursday to see if they may help with some printing of copies of the Building Safety Journal article, the article written by Gini Davis of the Creswell Chronicle back when the Southmayds were waiting for their house to be complete in 2019, a couple weekly updates, the original letter I wrote to gain the media's attention, and the letter written on behalf of Grunt Style. Adam printed us 300 copies of the documents, for a total of 5100 copies. It would have normally been a good deal at \$510.00; however, the mysterious lady in the office charged me \$51.00, without the owner having to be contacted. All of us working on the Southmayd Home Build thanks them very much, as I plan on doing some serious fund raising in Pittsburg. Might have enough cash reserve soon to just go ahead and order up the work or materials regardless of the costs, which would greatly expedite our non-scheduled homes completion. Like Paul Told us yesterday, he will order our overhead doors this week, but don't think they will be in until January, so it would sure simplify things.

Blue Star Gas got our LPG line hooked up to the inside LPG piping system.



Quote of the Week

"You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."

~Dr. Seuss~