

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Clyne, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 13, 2023

Business Plan Challenge

Entrepreneurs and Business Owners are invited to attend the Kickoff Party for the 2024 Business Plan Challenge. Come learn about the program, meet the judges, and get the details. Cash prizes, free classes and more. The Kickoff Party will be held at Coast Fork Brewing located at 106 South 6th Street on November 2, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. For more information contact Georgia Haskell, CEO - Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce at (541) 942-2411 or email at ceo@cgchamber.com.

Leaf Pick-Up Begins Monday October 23rd

Tree leaves have started to fall and the first round of leaf pick-up will begin next week October 23, 2023. City staff will begin Monday morning picking up leaves that are placed along City streets in approved parking areas. [Visit https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/leaf-pickup-program](https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/leaf-pickup-program) for additional information on where to place leaf piles. Only leaves will be picked up, no branches, grass clippings or yard debris. Please do not bag your leaves. If property owners do not have approved locations to place the leaves they can be hauled to the Row River Water Treatment Plant at 3300 Row River Road and placed at the leaf drop off site. Additional drop off locations are along River Road in the parking pullouts. Two additional rounds of leaf pick-up will take place the weeks of November 13th and December 4th. If you have any questions please call the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3340. Please take advantage of this service as it helps keep our storm drainage system clean and operating properly.

Public Works Projects Update

The Eastside Reservoir project is paving the new access road today. If all goes well the paving will be complete by the end of today. The contractor, Pacific Excavation plans to complete the project by the end of October weather permitting. They will rock the drainage systems next week, seed the road banks the following week and cut slopes the last week in October.

National Excavation will be paving the South River Road Dog Park parking lot early next week. Once completed and the parking lot is approved for use the park will open. Over the next couple months, City staff will be installing signage, grading the parking lot planters and planting trees. At Monday night's City Council meeting the Council formally named the park the "South River Road Dog Park".

R&G Excavating is completing the final punch list items for the Water Reclamation Facility #1 Clarifier rebuild project. The clarifier is operational and will be brought into use next week. The last item to complete the project is installing new lighting. The lighting is on back order and not expected to be delivered for 8 weeks.

The City Utility crew repaired a 6" water main break this past week at 2nd and Adams late Wednesday. The crew was able to make the repair and restore water service by 5:00 pm. The crew also repaired a sewer line on N. 8th Street, removed 3 dead hazard trees around town and installed new school zone signs on S. 10th Street for ACE at the former Harrison Elementary School building.

City Maintenance staff are installing a newly acquired rolling filing cabinet system from Bushnell University in the basement of City Hall. The system will be capable of storing all the City's files with additional space for future file retention. The unit takes 1/3 of the space the former shelving units freeing up 2/3 of the storage room for other uses.

Next week the Maintenance staff will be removing the streeteries at Jack Sprats and the Axe and Fiddle and placing them in storage for the winter.

Quote of the Week:

“When everything looks like a magical oil painting, you know you are in autumn.”

~Mehmet Murat Ildan