

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Clyne, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 20, 2023

League of Oregon Cities Conference

Mayor Solesbee, Councilors Dreher, Fleck and Savage, and Assistant City Manager Boone attended the 98th Annual League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference in Eugene last week. The conference was full of educational sessions and seminars on challenges facing Oregon's cities, as well as opportunities to network with other city leaders from across the state to collaborate on problem-solving and best practices. Cottage Grove is one of the founding members of the LOC.

Business Plan Challenge

Lane Workforce Partnership (LWP) will be hosting a community conversation on Shaping Lane County's Workforce on Wednesday, October 25 at the Cottage Grove Community Center from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

This focus group session is taking place to ensure that Lane County employers have a skilled workforce, and individuals possess the knowledge and skills necessary for successful careers. Your insights are crucial in shaping the local workforce development board's plan for the next four years. LWP would be more than interested to have your perspective as it relates to building their strategic plan for the next four years. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQ6VVXX>

Row River Nature Park Fishing Pond

City Staff was alerted this week by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife that the fishing pond at the Row River Nature Park water level was at least 2 feet lower than normal. Staff investigated the pond and found a beaver dam was blocking the flow of water entering the pond. The beaver dam was removed today, restoring the water flow and bringing the water level up to normal height. City staff is also working on acquiring a new dock for the pond to replace the wooden one removed early this year, as it was not repairable.

South River Road Dog Park Update

The parking lot was paved for the new South River Road Dog Park this week. City staff will be installing parking stops, signage, landscaping, and pouring concrete sidewalk connections to the dog park entry gates. The work is expected to be complete next week. If so, the dog park will be opened for use next Saturday October 28th. A monument sign and trees will be added later this fall.

South Lane Clinic Groundbreaking Ceremony

You are cordially invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the South Lane Clinic on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., located at 1275 South River Road Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

It is with great excitement that Lane County invites our community to attend the official groundbreaking ceremony of the new future home of the Federally Qualified Healthcare Center! This groundbreaking will celebrate the start of our first major steps in construction to complete this project. This event offers an opportunity to witness firsthand the beginning of this project, which will contribute to the overall well-being and vitality of the community and surrounding areas. The event will be outdoors. Please contact Joyce Simons (joyce.simons@lanecountyor.gov) with related questions.

Leaf Pickup Next Week

City staff will begin Monday morning picking up leaves that are placed along City streets in approved parking areas. Please go to Leaf Pickup Program | Cottage Grove Oregon to get 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 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.

Cottage Grove Community Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at the Community Center located at 700 East Gibbs Avenue on Monday, October 23rd from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can book your one hour appointment at [Schedule.BloodworksNW.org](https://www.schedulebloodworksNW.org). Photo ID, appointments & masks are required. No one under the age of 16 is permitted onsite. There is no deferral from donating if you receive the COVID vaccine.

Quote of the Week:

“A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer’s wave goodbye.”

~ Anonymous