

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Clyne, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 3, 2023

City Hall Closed

City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

Veterans Day Observance

VFW Post 3473 invites you to a Veterans Day Observance ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 am, located at 3160 Hillside Drive. Retired US Navy, Lieutenant Commander, David Spriggs will be the keynote speaker. All community members are welcome to attend to help honor all who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Business Plan Challenge Kickoff

The Business Plan Challenge Kickoff was a great success last night. There were over 50 attendees, 22 businesses signed up to participate in the Business Plan Challenge and 15 registered for the Business Plan Class through SBDC – LCC that will be held at the Community Center. To learn more about the 2024 Business Plan Challenge call (541) 942-2411.

Cottage Grove Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Open House

Development Department staff, representatives from the project consultant firm HDR and ODOT hosted an open house on Wednesday evening at the Cottage Grove Armory. The purpose of the open house was to update the community on the progress of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and to solicit input from the community. We would like to thank the 50+ community members for attending the event and for providing your input. There will be a Joint Work Session of the Cottage Grove City Council and Planning Commission at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 27th to present the current status of the Plan and to lay out the next steps in the 18-month long planning process. If you are interested in finding out more about the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, please visit www.walkbikecg.com or contact Eric Mongan, City Planner, at (541) 942-5501.

Round 2 of Leaf Pickup will Start Monday November 13th

City staff will begin the second round of leaf pick up, the week of Monday November 13th. Please place your leaves along City streets in approved parking areas. For more information go to <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/leaf-pickup-program>. Please do not bag your leaves. Debris such as branches, shrub pruning and grass clippings will not be picked up. If property owners do not have access to an approved location, leaves can be taken to the designated leaf drop off site at the Row River Water Treatment Plant, 3300 Row River Road. This site is only for leaves, combining leaves with branches makes it difficult to separate them for different uses. Leaves are composted for soil amendment and branches are chipped and used for mulch. Additional drop off locations are along River Road in the parking pullouts. The final

round will take place the week of 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.

Dispatch Center Upgrade

The Cottage Grove Police Department / South Lane 9-1-1 are nearing completion of a project to relocate and upgrade the dispatch center within in the police department. With funding provided by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the 9-1-1 center is receiving new work consoles, server hardware, and software. The funding for the project is provided by the State to local Public Safety Answering Points, also known as PSAP. The funds allocated by the State are generated though the State 9-1-1 tax.

Once the 9-1-1 center has relocated from the current police front lobby location, the lobby of the police department will temporarily close. During the closure, the lobby space will undergo a remodel to include replacing the carpet, patching and painting the walls, and installing new workstations. Once the update is completed and the lobby can be staffed, the lobby will reopen to the public. The public may still to come to the police department in person during the closure and request assistance by using the telephone near the front entrance to City Hall if they choose.

Virtual Policing System

The Cottage Grove Police Department will be introducing a new virtual policing program that will provide another option for the public to report criminal activity in an online and mobile platform. The new system will be used to report property crimes, such as thefts from vehicles, damaged property, or graffiti. It will also allow users to schedule a virtual appointment with an officer.

It is important to note that the virtual policing program will not be required to report criminal activity, but rather it will provide an option for those who choose to use the system. A police officer will always be dispatched if requested. Prior to the launch of the program, more information will be provided to the community to include specific details about how to access the program.

The Cottage Grove Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of service to our community in the most ethical, responsible, and efficient way. Please follow us on Facebook for up to date information about the work we are doing.

<https://www.facebook.com/CottageGrovePolice/>

Quote of the Week

“Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.”

~ Og Mandino