

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Clyne, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: November 17, 2023

Native American Heritage Month Event at the Library Tonight

Kalapuya Elder Deitz Peters will be at the Cottage Grove Community Center tonight, Friday, November 13, for a cultural presentation. Deitz will wear items of his regalia, play the flute, tell some stories about his life and his culture, and take questions. Karen Rainsong of Singing Creek Educational Center will also be there with items from Kalapuya material culture and will tell the Kalapuya Creation Story. This is a free and family-friendly event. Please arrive early to get a seat.

Debbie Barnett Retirement Celebration

Debbie Barnett is retiring as janitor for the City of Cottage Grove. Please join us on Friday December 1st, in the Shepherd Room at the Community Center from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. We'll be gathering to say our goodbyes and to express our appreciation to Debbie for her 21 years of service to our community.

Meyers Named OCCMA Senior Advisor

Former City Manager Richard Meyers has been named by the Oregon City/County Management Association (OCCMA) as a Senior Advisor for the Benton, Lane and Linn County region. The Senior Advisor program is a joint activity of OCCMA and the International Management Association (ICMA). Senior Advisors volunteer their time to offer personal and professional support and advice to local government managers. Richard will be one of seven Senior Advisors serving in Oregon.

Richard was also notified by ICMA that in recognition of his years of service in local government and his ongoing commitment to public service, he has been granted lifetime membership in ICMA.

Homelessness Initiative Meeting in Eugene

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a gathering at the University of Oregon's Ford Alumni Center to discuss housing and homelessness. Assistant City Manager Jake Boone, Community Coordinator Teresa Cowan, and Community Coordinator Assistant Jessica Klarr attended with other public, private and non-profit sector leaders. The discussions surrounded developing solutions, barriers, priorities, and next steps, focusing on making homelessness "rare, brief, and non-recurring."

To view the State of Homelessness report provided by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce visit: <https://www.eugenechamber.com/state-of-homelessness-906350.html>

October 2023 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of October the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 37 permits and performed 122 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell, 21 permits were issued and 45 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 11 permits were issued, one for a single family home and 26 inspections were performed. In Coburg 2 permits were issued and 49 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 29 plan sets in October and 10 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Leaf Pickup Update

This past week was the second scheduled week of the Fall City wide leaf pickup. A large amount of leaves have fallen and they continue to fall. City staff was unable to pick up all the leaves this past week and plan to continue picking them up next week. As your leaves fall please place your leaves along City streets in approved parking areas. For more information on where to place your leaves go to [Leaf Pickup Program | Cottage Grove Oregon](#). Only leaves will be picked up, no branches, grass clippings or yard debris. Please don't bag your leaves. If property owners don't 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. This site is only for leaves. The final week of leaf pickup is the week of December 4th.

City Hall Closed

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Quote of the Week

“We do not remember days, we remember moments.”

~ Cesare Pavese