

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 16, 2025

Budget Committee Meeting

A third Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The committee will continue to review and discuss the 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

Tree Branch Pick-Up Program

The final round of the Annual Tree Branch Pickup is scheduled for May 19th to 23rd. The City will only pick up tree limbs and branches; no other items or materials will be collected.

For guidelines, please visit: <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/tree-branch-pickup-program> or call the City Shop at 541-767-4100.

All Downtown Businesses Open During Construction

Did you know you can win \$500 in gift cards just for shopping or eating at downtown businesses?

The City of Cottage Grove has partnered with the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce on a promotional stamp card. Go shopping in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove, get 6 stamps and turn it in the Chamber of Commerce (836 E. Main Street) for a chance to win \$500 a week in local gift cards.

Drawings are every Friday on Facebook live.

Check the Chamber site for more details: <https://www.cgchamber.com/shop local/>



Join the Saturday Stroll Event

Join us this Saturday, May 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for the Saturday Scavenger Hunt in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove. Find construction truck toys at participating businesses, and win a prize!

EDA Main Street Revitalization Project

We are pleased to report that the majority of the underground work is now complete. Wildish is currently on schedule and within budget. Crews have been diligently working to keep business owners informed of the progress and to ensure access to all businesses is quickly restored following excavation. As soon as it is safe to enter an area, a 4-foot temporary tamped rock sidewalk is installed in front of the properties.

Excavation of the street and sidewalk on the south side is ongoing. From the Coast Fork Bridge to 5th Street, the curb, gutters, and a portion of the 4-foot section of the sidewalk have been poured. Additionally, the electric and irrigation conduit has been placed, and tree wells have been formed in this section.



The excavation along 5th Street, from Main Street to Rainy Peak Bike Shop is finished. The team is currently leveling the area to prepare for the installation of curb forms needed to pour the curb, gutters, and a 4-foot section of the sidewalk.

Excavation work on 7th Street, from Main Street to the lot next to KNND, has been completed. Preparations are now underway to level 7th Street adjacent to All America Square to align with the sidewalk. This area is intended to be transformed into a festival street. Meanwhile, on Main Street, work will continue on the preparations for the curb, gutters, and a 4-foot section of the sidewalk.

Please exercise caution when driving through the construction zone. The speed limit has been reduced to 10 mph, and lane sizes have been narrowed within this area. It is important to slow down and stay alert for pedestrians and workers. Additionally, please note that traffic violation fines are doubled in construction zones.



We appreciate your ongoing patience as we progress on this important project. Please note that schedule changes may occur, and the City will share updated information as soon as it is available.

Yard of the Week begins its 28th Season

The Yard of the Week program was established in June 1998 to recognize community members who take pride in the appearance of their yards and contribute to the beautification of the neighborhood. This program runs annually, and will begin Friday, May 30, through the last full week of September. Each week, yards will be selected based on nominations received.



To nominate a yard for Yard of the Week, you can contact City Hall at 541-942-5501 or the Chamber of Commerce at 541-942-2411. Recipients of the Yard of the Week award will receive a credit for one month of water consumption and a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/citymanager/page/yard-week>

It's a Bird, it's a Plane, it's a Drone

The Aviation UAS Program at Lane Community College (LCC) will be in town on Friday, May 23rd and May 30th, conducting a drone survey of the trees and plant health in Coiner Park and North Regional Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. UAS stands for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and can provide high-resolution imagery, plant health analysis using multispectral bands of light, and 3D models. The LCC UAS students are FAA-Licensed Commercial Remote Pilots and hold Amateur Radio licenses for radio operations. The City of Cottage Grove is excited to have these students help assess the trees in these parks.

Cleveland Street Infrastructure Project

The excavation work on Kathleen Drive is completed, and the installation of the new infrastructure is in progress. Additionally, last week, crews were flagging on 6th Street as they prepared to connect the water and storm lines at Cleveland Avenue.

We anticipate that the infrastructure installation will be finished around June 30. Following that, the street, curb, and gutter work is scheduled to be completed by July 31.

Quote of the Week:

“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson