

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 23, 2025

Memorial Day

The City of Cottage Grove offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26. The annual Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the American Legion will be held at the Cottage Grove Armory beginning at 11:00 am.

City Council Meeting

The May 26, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting has been cancelled. A Special Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025, @ 7:00 pm.

2025 Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Conference

Committee members Justin Tidrick, Richard Vasquez, and staff member Tina MacDonald attended the annual Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Conference in Eugene last Thursday. Topics included the importance of diversity and equity in urban and community forestry, innovative partnerships for expanding canopy cover, and building pathways to urban forestry's future workforce. They were excited to network with other community members and learn more about how to support our urban forest best.

“I really enjoyed Christine Carmichael’s presentation – The importance of diversity in urban and community forestry: historical context, current trends, and future directions. The presentation that really impressed me was OUR Community Forestry. They are a remarkable non-profit that is committed to fostering sustainable urban forests in a truly amazing way.” – Tina MacDonald



Bloodmobile Blood Drive

Cottage Grove Community Center Parking Lot (700 E. Gibbs Avenue)
Thursday, May 29th and Friday, May 30th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Donate & Win \$3,000 Gift Card. Bloodworks is giving away a \$3,000 digital gift card this May - June. Donate blood to prevent summer blood shortages! [Book an appointment](#) for **May 29th and 30th at Cottage Grove Community** and enter to win at www.bloodworksnw.org/win

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

(Friday, May 23rd was rescheduled to June 13th)

The Aviation UAS Program at Lane Community College will be in town on Friday, May 30th and June 13th, conducting a drone survey of the trees and plant health in Coiner Park and North Regional Park from 10:00 am – 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.

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>

Quote of the Week:

“ Out of difficulties grow miracles.”

~ Jean de la Bruyere