

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 30, 2025

### **City Council Town Hall**

City Council will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, @ 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda and meeting information are available on the City's website at <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/citycouncil/page/city-council-town-hall>

### **Audit Committee Members Needed**

The City of Cottage Grove is looking for volunteers to fill two open positions on the Audit Committee. One position will have a term expiring on July 31, 2026, and the second position will expire on July 31, 2027.

The Audit Committee consists of City Councilors Ervin and Merryday, who have been appointed by the Mayor, along with three community members. The community members must be registered voters residing within the City limits and will be appointed by the City Council.

The Audit Committee meets on a limited basis to review the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by an outside auditing firm. After reviewing the annual audit document with the auditors, the committee will recommend action to the City Council regarding the audit.

Applications are available online at [Volunteer Appointment Application](#) and will be accepted until Friday, June 20, 2025.

Interested individuals may also contact:

Mindy Roberts  
400 East Main Street  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-767-5112  
[cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org](mailto:cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org)

### **Jefferson Sewer Main Replacement**

City Crews replaced 130 feet of failed sewer main on Jefferson Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

### **Temporary Intersection Closure**

Starting on Monday, June 2, City Staff will be extending the 12" water line on 7<sup>th</sup> Street between the Main Street Alley and Washington Avenue.

As a result of this construction, the intersection of 7th Street and Washington Avenue will be closed for part of the day on Tuesday, June 3rd.

### **Cleveland Street Infrastructure Project Update**

Excavation work on Kathleen Drive has been completed, and the installation of the new infrastructure is in progress. Last week, crews were flagging on 6th Street as they prepared to connect the water and storm lines at Cleveland Avenue. 3rd Street has been roughed in, and they are starting to install infrastructure.

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

### **Yard of the Week Winner**

Congratulations to 1950 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street for being chosen as the first Yard of the Week Winner for 2025.

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.



### **EDA Main Street Revitalization Project**

From the Coast Fork Bridge to 5th Street, the curb, gutters, the sidewalk, and the 4-foot section of the sparkled sidewalk have been poured. It looks beautiful. The bulb-out curb, gutter, and sparkled corners in front of Shampoo Dolls Salon and 5 Flying Monkeys have been poured, and preparations have been made for the yellow ADA warning pads to be installed.

The team is currently leveling the area on Main Street from the 5th Street intersection to Rainy Peak Bike Shop. They have poured the curb, gutters, and an eight-foot section of the sidewalk.

Excavation is also complete on 7th Street, from Main Street to the lot adjacent to KNND. We ran into some softer clay and installed extra rock to stabilize the area. It was an easy fix, and the project continues to run very smoothly.





The area on 7th Street, next to All America Square, is planned to become a festival street. The storm drains, electrical, and irrigation conduits have been installed. Preparations have begun to frame the curb and gutter.

Crews have been diligently working to keep business owners informed of the progress and to ensure access to all businesses is restored as quickly as possible.

We want to remind everyone to exercise caution when driving through the construction zone.

The speed limit has been reduced to 10 mph, and lane sizes have been decreased within the construction area. It is crucial to reduce your speed and remain attentive to pedestrians and workers. Please be aware that traffic violation fines are doubled in construction zones.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this important project. Please understand that changes to the schedule can occur. The City will disseminate updated information as soon as it becomes available.



### **Join us Downtown for the Saturday Stroll Event**

Join us downtown for 'Selfie Saturday,' a free, family fun event. Creative photo booths will be at participating businesses. Come visit and vote for your favorites while promoting your favorite downtown business.

### **All Downtown Businesses are Open During Construction**

Did you know you can win up to \$500 in gift cards 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 them in at the Chamber of Commerce (836 E. Main Street) for a chance to win up to \$500 a week in local gift cards.



Check out the drawings every Friday live on Facebook and KNND.

For more details, visit: <https://www.cgchamber.com/shop local/>

**UPDATE:** Due to the success of this program, the City of Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will add additional prizes to the Friday drawing.

***Quote of the Week:***

***“ What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide  
what kind of difference you want to make.”***

***~ Jane Goodall***