

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 20, 2025

City Council Meeting

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, @ 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will start with an Executive Session at 6:00 pm, and then the Council will return to the Council Chambers for the Regular Meeting. The full agenda and related materials can be found at [Upcoming City Council Meeting](#).

Riparian plantings at Row River Nature Park

In 2023, The Freshwater Trust, in partnership with the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, planted 3.1 acres on the river's left bank with a variety of native trees and shrubs. This project was designed to increase the height and density of the riparian forest, which helps provide shade and reduce solar loading in the river. Beyond these thermal benefits, they anticipate that this forest will offer significant ancillary benefits over time, such as improving local wildlife habitat.

Recent site visits and vegetation monitoring conducted in the fall have yielded very positive assessments. The plantings are thriving and are well on their way to establishing a healthy riparian forest. They have already observed an increase in native plant cover and diversity since the project began, and are enthusiastic about the wildlife habitat it now supports. Stewardship activities for this project occur during daylight hours between June and October, with minimal activity during the winter months. For the remainder of the year, planned stewardship includes mowing and treating weeds that compete with the plantings, as needed. They will also continue monitoring the site and developing a plan for future stewardship.

Yard of the Week

Yard of the Week is in full swing, and this week the prize patrol chose to recognize 330 H Street. This yard is well manicured with pops of color, lush greenery, and attention to detail. Thank you for beautifying your neighborhood and the City of Cottage Grove.



EDA Main Street Revitalization Project

The week of June 23, Wildish will begin forming the crosswalks and pouring concrete for the south side of the 5th Street intersection. The following week, they will move on to the 7th Street crosswalks and intersection. We anticipate that it will take two to three weeks to finalize these intersections.

Looking ahead, they expect to start pouring the black concrete roads by mid-July. Once the roads and intersections are complete, they will proceed with Phase 2 of the project. The preparatory work has already been accomplished, and they anticipate that Phase 2 will be completed in a shorter timeframe. Phase 2 includes the 6th Street and 8th Street intersections, as well as the remainder of the roadway on the south side.

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. The project continues to be on schedule and on budget.

Please 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 speed and remain attentive to pedestrians and workers. Please be aware that traffic violation fines are doubled in construction zones.

All Downtown Businesses Open during Construction



Did you know you could win up to \$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 six stamps and turn it 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 the program, the City of Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce will add additional prizes to the Friday drawing.

Bohemia Park Splash Pad – Closed for the Weekend

Due to the expected rain and chilly temperatures, the splash pad will be closed starting today, Friday, June 20. It will reopen when the temperatures reach above 70 degrees.

Saturday Stroll – Party at our Place

This week's Saturday Stroll features *Cottage Groove*. Join us in Historic Downtown on Saturday, June 21, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm to visit an exciting new business that combines art, music, and books. What more could you want? Perhaps a mimosa, a homemade chocolate chip cookie, or discounted records? You will find all this and much more.

Quote of the Week:

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

~ B.B. King