

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 27, 2025

Retirement Party Honoring Teresa Cowan

After nearly 20 years of dedicated public service, Teresa Cowan will be retiring from the City of Cottage Grove as the Community Coordinator on June 30th from the Community Service Department. Teresa has contributed significantly to her role in serving the community. We extend our sincere appreciation to Teresa for her many years of service, and she will be missed.

Please drop in to wish Teresa well as she embarks on her retirement on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at the Community Center, Shepherd Room.

EDA Main Street Revitalization Project

The south side of the crosswalk in front of City Hall and the south side of the 5th Street intersection and crosswalks have been poured and formed. The crew had an early start this morning, pouring six truckloads of concrete to create the intersection at 5th Street.

The 7th Street intersection is scheduled to be poured early morning on Wednesday, July 2nd. The crew explained that an early start is necessary due to the concrete dry time and cooler temperatures. The next concrete pour will be on Tuesday, July 8th to complete the 7th "Festival" Street, located between the Axe & Fiddle and All America Park.



Looking ahead, they expect to start pouring the black concrete roads as soon as possible. Once the roads and intersections are complete, they will proceed with Phase 2 of the project. Given the preparatory work already accomplished, 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 our 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.

Pardon our Dust

Remember to shop in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove and enter for a chance to win \$500 in local gift cards. With each purchase at participating businesses, you'll receive a free stamp. Once you have a full stamp card, turn it in at the Chamber of Commerce. Winners will be drawn each week until the construction is completed.

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

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

Mac & Cheese Taste Off

Join us in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove on Saturday, June 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to taste unique mac and cheese dishes at participating businesses.

Grab a score card and vote for your favorite.



*All Downtown Businesses
are open during Construction*

**FREE
Parking**



- 415 E Main St
- 500 E Whiteaker Ave
- E Whiteaker & 7th
- E Whiteaker & 8th
- South off Main 8th -7th
- 700 E Gibbs Ave



Yard of the Week

This week, 935 Kristen Way was recognized as Yard of the Week. It is great to see so many residents taking pride in their community and beautifying their neighborhood. Recipients of Yard of the Week receive a credit for one month of water consumption on their utility bill and a gift certificate from the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce.

To nominate a yard for Yard of the Week, contact City Hall at 541-942-5501 or the Chamber of Commerce at 541-942-2411.



Quote of the Week:

“Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful.”

~ Annette Funicello