

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATE

DATE: October 3, 2025

Senior Planner wins Outstanding Individual in Floodplain Management

Senior Planner Leni Crow attended the annual Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA) conference last week in Seaside, OR. The 4 day conference was an opportunity for floodplain managers from OR, WA, ID, AK, and BC to gather to learn about current best practices, success stories, and network with other floodplain managers. Leni was also part of the Conference Planning Committee, and enjoyed seeing the behind-the-scenes of the conference.

Leni was fortunate to have been nominated for the Outstanding Individual in Floodplain Management award due to their creation of the Oregon Floodplain Managers Group, their involvement in NORFMA by highlighting Oregon's needs and issues, and how they assisted their communities during the 2025 flooding event. They are extremely grateful to have been selected to receive this prestigious award from the NORFMA community.

Leaf Pickup Program

The Public Works Department is scheduled to collect residential leaves from City streets during the following three periods:

- October 27th- October 30th
- November 17th - 21st
- December 1st - 5th

More information is available at: [Leaf Pickup Program](#) on the City's website.

Live Video Coverage of Main Street

Interested in how the construction is progressing downtown? Check out the live camera feed. Access to the live camera is available on the City of Cottage Grove's website.

(<https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/>) Click on the Main Street live button for access to the YouTube live footage.

Or you can access directly using the following:

Main Street East: <https://youtu.be/MjJOcjyeOBc>

Main Street West: <https://youtu.be/6q-6qUTSAU>

43rd OAMR Conference

City Recorder Mindy Roberts and Deputy City Recorder Jessica Klarr attended the 43rd Annual Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (OAMR) Annual Conference, September 23rd – 26th in Eugene. The annual conference was an opportunity for Oregon recorders to obtain valuable education in their field of work and network with other municipal clerks and recorders. This year the conference theme was *Defying Gravity – Taking Yourself to the Next Level* and included work sessions on effective records management, public meetings law, elections law essentials and government ethics law. Mindy and Jessica also participated in an Athenian Dialogue of “Fly Girls” by Keith O’Brien, facilitated by Kathy Linnemeyer, MMC from Yelm Washington.



Shop in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove

Get a free stamp with purchase at participating Downtown Businesses, and then turn in your filled stamp cards at the Chamber for a chance to win \$500 in local gift cards each week until construction is finished.

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

Weekly Programs at the Library

Cottage Grove Library features the following ongoing programs:

Tuesdays - Ukulele Club for Adults, 9:00 am

Thursdays - Baby Lap time [story time for 0-2 years], 11:30 am; Teen Gaming, 4:00-6:00 pm

Fridays & Saturdays - Story time [for ages 2 and up], 11:30 am

Spooky Movies at the Library

This October, the Cottage Grove Public Library will have two free movie showings with popcorn in the Shepherd Room:

- October 17th at 3:00 pm: Nightmare Before Christmas [PG]
- October 31st at 3:00 pm: Beetlejuice [PG]

Quote of the Week:

“Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want.”

~ Ken Poirot