

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATE

DATE: October 10, 2025

Leaf Pickup Program

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

- October 27th
- November 17th
- December 1st

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>

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/>

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]

EDA Main Street Revitalization Project

Traffic will remain on the south side of Main Street for the entire project length, from Highway 99 to the Main Street Bridge. The 5th and 7th Street intersections are open for crossing and are operating as four-way stops.

Plans for this week were altered due to concrete trucks being pulled for other jobs, but the project remains ahead of schedule.



Intersection at 6th and Main

NORTH SIDE PROGRESS:

- Curb and gutter have been poured from 8th Street to the end of the project.
- The 8th Street bulb-outs have been formed and poured.
- Sidewalks were poured on Monday, October 6, from 7th Street to 8th Street. "Sparkle" work will follow shortly.
- Sidewalk and "sparkle" work is complete between 6th and 7th Street.

6TH TO 7TH STREET INTERSECTION:

- The 6th Street bulb-out and bollards have been placed.
- The intersection concrete has been poured and is currently curing. Asphalt will be scheduled once the concrete has fully cured.
- The 6th Street intersection is planned to open in approximately two weeks.

5TH TO 6TH STREET INTERSECTION:

- Sidewalk and "sparkle" work has been completed.

CITY HALL AREA:

- The sidewalk has been completed to the intersection of 5th and Main Street.

UPCOMING WORK:

- Roads are actively being prepared for the black concrete pour.
- The first pour is scheduled; weather permitting, for Tuesday, October 14. This will cover the area from the bridge to the 6th Street intersection.
- The next pour, from the 6th Street intersection to the 8th Street intersection, is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 20.

Wildish is working to complete as much concrete work as possible while the weather permits.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to improve our downtown area. We kindly remind everyone to stay within approved areas and avoid entering zones marked with caution tape, as these restricted areas are dangerous and your health and safety are our top priority.

Hult Center Cultural Passes for Abigail Lapell on October 30th

The Hult Center is now partnering with the Cottage Grove Public Library to provide four free, borrowable Cultural Passes to select events. Each Hult Center Cultural Pass includes two tickets to a specific performance. A library card is required. Passes for this event will be available at the Cottage Grove Public Library starting on October 23; first come, first served.

[Thursday, October 30th at 7:30 pm](#), enjoy Toronto songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Abigail Lapell returns with *Anniversary*, an evocative collection of original love songs.

Quote of the Week:

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

~ Vincent Van Gogh