

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATE

DATE: October 17, 2025

Mayor's Monster Ball

Do you have your tickets? There is still time, but don't be left in the dark. You are invited to the Mayor's Monster Ball – a spectacular soiree infused with the thrilling charm of old Hollywood monster movies. Join the fun on October 25, 2025 starting at 5:30 pm at the Cottage Grove Armory. There will be live music by *Hot Fuzz* and a night of frightful fun, all for an honorable cause. All proceeds will support the 2027 WallDogs Mural Fest and the 50th Anniversary celebration of *Animal House*. [Details and ticket information](#)

Main Street Conference

Associate Planner Jeremy Means recently attended the Main Street Conference in Albany, OR. During the conference he attended seminars that instilled the importance of Main Street Programs throughout Oregon and here in Cottage Grove. Information shared during lectures and workshops provided insight on how to continue to develop a healthy downtown and awareness of a multitude of resources on topics including historical restoration, funding and technical assistance for energy efficient buildings, tourism and community event management, economic networking and growth.

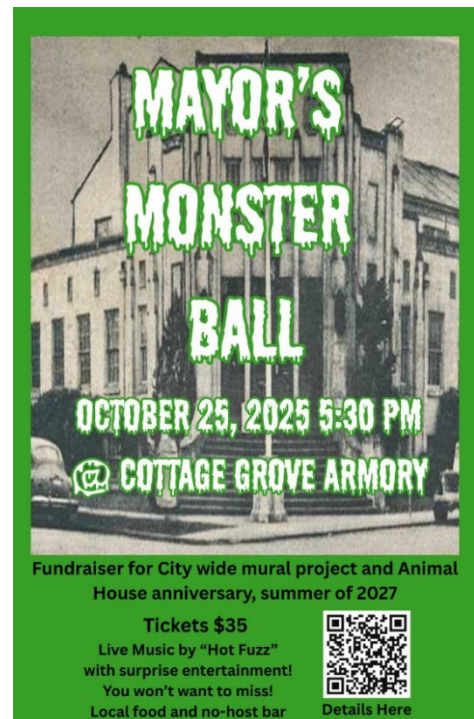
Lane County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update: Wildfire and Smoke Survey

Wildfire and smoke affect everyone in Lane County. Lane County Emergency Management is asking people to take a short survey to help local agencies better understand how residents experience the impacts of wildfire and smoke. The survey will help Lane County identify where it can improve our support for residents to prepare for, and live with, fire. The survey is available through October 24, 2025.

English and Spanish versions of the survey:

English Version: [Lane County Wildfire and Smoke Survey](#)

Spanish Version: [Encuesta sobre incendios forestales y humo del condado de Lane](#)



Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days Recognizes City

Council President Greg Ervin accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days Executive Director, Matthew Hewlett at the City Council meeting on Monday night. The award was presented to the City of Cottage Grove for its support and dedication to the festival.

Hult Center Cultural Passes for Abigail Lapell

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.

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 the 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.

NORTH SIDE PROGRESS:

The 8th Street bulb-outs have been formed and poured. Crews will work on the installing the bollards and preparing for the intersection to be poured.

Sidewalk and "sparkle" work is completed between 7th and 8th Street.

6TH TO 7TH STREET INTERSECTION:

The intersection concrete has been poured. Asphalt will be scheduled shortly.

The 6th Street intersection will open as soon as possible.

5TH TO 6TH STREET INTERSECTION:

Sidewalk and "sparkle" work has been completed.

The north side of the street was poured with black concrete on Tuesday, October 14, from the bridge to 6th Street.

UPCOMING WORK:

The remainder of the road is actively being prepared for the black concrete pour.

The next pour, from the 6th Street intersection to the 8th Street intersection, is scheduled, weather permitting, for Monday, October 20.



Main Street in front of City Hall

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.

Annual Leaf Pick Up

Fall is here and City staff will begin the Annual Leaf Pick Up on the morning of Monday, October 27. Please visit [**Leaf Pickup Program | Cottage Grove Oregon**](#) for information and guidelines on where to place your leaf pile or pick up a brochure at City Hall.

It is important that leaves are placed on designated City streets and in approved parking areas **no later than Sunday evening, October 26.**



This will ensure that City staff does not miss your leaf pile, as they make their way around town. Placing leaves out any later than Sunday may mean that your leaves will not be picked up on Monday and you may have to wait until the next pick-up date.

If property owners do not have street or parking sites that are approved for pick up or you are not able to get your leaves out before Sunday evening, you may use the **drop site at the Row River Water Treatment Plant, located at 3300 Row River Road.**

Additional pick-ups will take place on Monday, November 17 and on Monday, December 1.

Please take advantage of this program, as it helps keep our storm drainage system clean and operating properly. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Maintenance Shop at (541) 767-4100.

Quote of the Week:

“Pumpkins are the only living organisms with triangle eyes.”

~ Harland Williams