

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE

FRIDAY UPDATE



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager
Date: October 24, 2025
Subject: Friday Update

Community Development Staff Attend Annual Planning Conference

Last week, both Associate Planner Jeremy Means and Senior Planner Leni Crow attended the annual OAPA conference in Bend. This conference brought together planners that were members of the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association, Western Planner, and the Tribal & Indigenous Planning Division of APA. This well attended conference provided many sessions, including disaster resilience for heritage resources, economic development, and creating connections within the community. This conference allowed staff to gain knowledge on prevailing topics within Community Development, connect with other communities of similar size, and share what they have learned over the past year.

Sandbags at Coiner Park

As we prepare for the rain and wind forecasted for this weekend, we want to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our storm drains clear. Leaves and debris can quickly clog these drains, leading to unwanted flooding in our neighborhoods.

Additionally, as a precautionary measure, we will have sandbags available at Coiner Park for residents who may need them. If you are concerned about potential flooding, please feel free to stop by and grab what you need.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our community safe and dry!

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-6qUTSAtU>

Costume Photo Booth at the Library

On October 31, the Library will have a themed photo booth in the kids' room and will be handing out candy as part of the *Chamber of Commerce's Halloween Trick or Treat*. Come get your picture taken before heading out to the official event at 3:30pm or take a break from the crowd with us.

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/>

1ST Round Annual Leaf Pick Up

City Staff will kick-off 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 be 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:

"I slipped on a pumpkin. It caught me off-gourd."

~ Unknown

