

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE FRIDAY UPDATE



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager
Date: November 26, 2025
Subject: Friday Update (on a Wednesday)

Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope that you enjoy time spent with family and friends.

New Stop Signs and Traffic Patterns

City Staff installed new stop signs at 6th and Adams Avenue. This area is now a four-way stop.



Stop signs have also been installed on Cemetery Road at Ash Avenue. Traffic entering Cemetery Road from Ash Avenue does not stop. Please use caution.



EDA Main Street Revitalization Project

We are approaching the end of the construction portion of the EDA Main Street Revitalization Project, and there is a great amount of activity happening downtown. Wildish is working diligently to get the streets open for holiday shoppers, and we encourage everyone to shop local and support our downtown businesses this season.

Schedule Update:

Wildish crews will not be working on Thursday (11/27) or Friday (11/28).

Current Street Status:

- Open: The 6th Street and 8th Street concrete intersections are now complete and open to traffic.
- Under Construction: The 5th and 7th Street intersections remain under construction.
- Traffic Flow: Traffic will remain routed along the south side of Main Street for the entire project length, from Highway 99 to the Main Street Bridge.

North Side Progress and Schedule:

- The concrete work on the 5th Street bulb-outs and intersection is complete and curing.
- The 7th Street bulb-outs are complete.

Concrete Pouring (Weather Permitting):

- First pour for the 7th Street intersection is scheduled for Monday (12/01).
- Second pour is scheduled for Tuesday (12/02).
- The remainder of the 7th Street sidewalk will follow shortly.
- Asphalt: Asphalt paving for 5th and 7th Streets is tentatively scheduled for approximately 12/09, once the concrete has cured.

Other Project Updates:

- Lantz Electric has completed most of the south side lamp posts and will complete work on the north side next week.
- Anderson Landscape will continue irrigation and plantings; trees are scheduled to arrive next week.
- Traffic, parking, and pedestrian signage has arrived and is currently being installed.
- City staff and Wildish will continue the placement of benches, trash cans, bike racks, and landscape pots.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work to improve our downtown area. For your safety, we kindly remind everyone to stay within approved areas and avoid entering zones marked with caution tape.

Kickoff to Christmas

Saturday, December 6 marks the Annual Kickoff to Christmas. Join in events and festivities throughout the entire day.

Winter Break Movies

Mark your calendars. The Cottage Grove Public Library and South Valley Athletics present Winter Break Movies on Tuesdays and Fridays during the South Lane School District winter break. Join us December 23 for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, December 26 for *The Bad Guys 2*, December 30 for *Smurfs*, and January 2 for *ELIO*. Movies are free to the public and start at 3:00 pm.

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 of Commerce 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/>

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>

Quote of the Week:

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

~ Melody Beattie



Kickoff to Christmas
Saturday, December 6th
Events ALL DAY

9:00AM - JINGLE RUSH 5K AT THE COTTAGE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL
9:00AM-4:00PM - DR SNAPP HOUSE HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND OPEN HOUSE
10:00AM-8:00PM - KICKOFF TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT THE ARMORY WITH FOOD
10AM-4PM - SOUTH VALLEY WINTER MARKET
5:30-7:00PM - 12TH ANNUAL STAINED GLASS AND CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY
THE COTTAGE GROVE MUSEUM INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
5:30-7:30PM - TREE RAFFLE COMMUNITY CAN BUY TICKETS TO WIN A DECORATED TREE
5:40-8:00PM - TREE LIGHTING AT ALL AMERICA SQUARE - 7TH AND MAIN WITH SANTA
SOUTH LANE SCHOOL DISTRICT CHOIR
VISIT SANTA AND THE ELVES AT THE ARMORY
6PM - CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ALL AMERICAN SQUARE
7:30PM - CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE DRAWING

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

SEASON LONG DOWNTOWN WINDOW DECORATION CONTEST



Pardon our Dust
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