

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: June 16, 2023

Yard of the Week

The Yard of the Week is a beautiful, neatly laid-out and meticulously kept yard at 443 N. 8th St. It's definitely worth seeing it now, while the flowers are in full bloom. Congratulations to the winners!

Chamber After Hours Event

Thursday evening Middlefield Golf Course hosted Cottage Grove Chamber After Hours for this month. Mayor Solesbee, Councilor Savage, and Councilor Fleck were in attendance welcoming businesses and guests to the event. City staff shared how the golf course is integral to the treatment of wastewater and compliance with federal and state laws for wastewater treatment.

Attendees participated in a putting contest and were able to use the golf simulator. At the conclusion of the event donations from businesses and the City were raffled off to attendees. The event was a great success with many attendees all enjoying themselves. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for highlighting and promoting Middlefield Golf Course.

Historical Society History Presentation

This Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Cottage Grove Community Center, the Historical Society will be sharing history on the Blue Goose Steam Locomotive. The Blue Goose hosted thousands of guests on scenic train rides from Cottage Grove to Culp Creek over many years. Please join the Historical Society Saturday to learn about this cherished history and share your stories regarding the "Blue Goose."

Taylor Avenue Sidewalk Project Update

City staff will be removing the sidewalk and along Taylor Avenue from 10th Street east toward Gateway Blvd starting next Monday. Staff will also install crushed rock in preparation for the new concrete sidewalk. The following week of June 26th the concrete contractor will be forming and pouring the new sidewalk.

Water Reuse Update

City staff began installing a new eight inch water reuse line in the north end of Bohemia Park this week. The new line will supply reuse water to Bohemia Park with plans to expand reuse water into Coiner Park and Kelly Field in future years. The work is being completed in preparation for the future development of the Bohemia Park Entry Plaza Project which is planned to begin in late August or September this year. The project includes a new splash pad for the community.

Welcome Signs South 99

A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Houston and students from Cottage Grove Christian School for helping with cleanup at the welcome sign at South 99 and Harrison. Log House Plants donated the vibrant red geranium flowers that were planted to welcome visitors to our community.

Clean-Up Float

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and Willamette Water Ouzels invite the community to join the annual clean-up float of the Row and Coast Fork Willamette Rivers.

“Join us for the first Water Ouzel Clean-Up Float since 2019! Collect trash, catch a glimpse of wildlife, and enjoy the landscape while helping to improve our local river conditions. The float covers six river miles starting at the Row River boat launch and ending at Lynx Hollow State Park. If you have a boat, paddling skills, and all the required gear, we welcome you to join us!”

For more information, visit <https://www.coastfork.org/>.

Quote of the Week:

“Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do.”

~ Barack Obama