

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 4, 2023

July 2023 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of July the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 55 permits, 1 for a new single home and performed 98 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 8 permits were issued and 39 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 9 permits were issued and 41 inspections were performed. In Coburg 8 permits, 1 for a new single family home were issued and 64 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 22 plan sets in July and 13 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Public Works Projects Update

Maintenance staff are installing pavers around the Peace Tree at Coiner Park. They will also be pouring a concrete pad and installing pavers for the installation of a Peace Pole. Park benches and an interpretive panel providing information about the Peace Tree and Peace Pole. Staff repaired the merry-go-round and reinstalled it this week. Before the staff could pack up and leave, kids were going round and round enjoying themselves.

The City street striping was repainted this past week by Lane County. Utility staff will start repainting crosswalks, railroad crossings, directional arrows, parking lot stalls, and no parking along curbs. This work will start next week.

Utility staff completed the installation of an 8" effluent reuse line in Bohemia Park this week. The new line will provide effluent for irrigation to the park with plans on expanding to Coiner Park and Kelly Ball Field in the future. Staff will also be excavating for a new picnic pavilion near the pond in the park. Maintenance staff will be constructing the new pavilion this winter utilizing lumber milled out of the large Redwood tree removed at the corner of G and Chestnut.

The new metal roofing for the log picnic pavilion arrived this past week. Staff will be installing the new roofing next week.

In two weeks staff will be excavating and installing rock for the new parking lot at the River Road Dog Park. They will also be constructing wood chip paths and preparing sites for new benches throughout the park. Once the parking lot is constructed the new park will be opened for use. There are a lot of folks anxious and looking forward to using the new park.

After a very wet spring and an exceptional growing season for grass and vegetation City staff has been able to get most if not all City park properties in shape and looking good. This would not have been possible without the great help from our summer hire crew. They have really made a difference in assisting our regular crew with their work.

Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association Annual Golf Tournament

Today Middlefield Golf Course will be hosting the Oregon Region of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association's annual golf tournament. The golf tournament is a fundraiser that provides scholarships to individuals looking to start a career in wastewater treatment. The event has grown each year and is looked forward to by the members of the association. The tournament is sold out and looks to be the best one to date.

New Police K9

The Cottage Grove Police Department would like to introduce the newest member of CGPD, K9 Ripp. Ripp is a 4 Year old Belgian Malinois from Washington State, and has been assigned to Officer Carlton, who will now attend K9 Handler Training to become fully certified to take Ripp out onto the street.

K9 Ripp was donated to CGPD by Working Dogs Oregon, in Portland, and the Eugene Police Department put Ripp through an extensive tryout to ensure he will be a suitable dog for CGPD.

Working Dogs Oregon is a 501 c3 non-profit organization and completely run on donations to continue their work and mission. If you would like to support a K9 unit, you can purchase a K9 Trauma First Aid Kit on their website (<https://www.workingdogsoregon.com/product-page/k9-trauma-first-aid-kit>), which will be assigned to the closest K9 dog, or to a particular dog if you so request.



Thank you to Working Dogs Oregon and the Eugene Police Department. CGPD is excited to have K9 Ripp a part of the team.

Party in the Park/Emergency Preparedness Fair

Come join us tomorrow for Party in the Park and our 7th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Coiner Park. It will be a day full of fun, including games, free food, emergency response vehicle-exhibitions, and many generous vendors helping us prepare for forthcoming emergencies – Lane County Public Health, Hope in the Grove, the American Red Cross, and many more. We also have a last minute, high value, item to be raffled off, so be sure to join us fill your stamp card and see what you can win to be prepared. Hope we'll see you there!

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 117 H Street. The home is a great example of what can be done in a small yard and still have a big impact on the appearance of the neighborhood.

Stearman Fly-in

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society will be hosting the 45th Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in this weekend at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society hangar at the Cottage Grove Airport. There will be food, fun, biplane rides and a great selection of historic and beautified restored Stearman planes. The fly-in is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and the admission is free.

Rip City Rally Route

The City Manager and Chamber CEO, Georgia Haskell met with a representative from the Portland Trail Blazers to discuss plans for the 2023 Rip City Rally Route. Every year before the basketball season begins a team of Trail Blazers, Moda Ambassadors and staff embark on a week-long journey to select cities and towns across Oregon to engage with Trail Blazer fans along the way in a day-long event call the Rip City Rally. Cottage Grove was selected as the final city on the 2023 Rip City Rally Route. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 22nd to stop by and enjoy the Rip City Rally in the Coiner Park Basketball parking lot from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. There will be competitions, give-a-ways and just good old fashioned Trail Blazer excitement. Prior to the Rally there will be events at schools in the community.



Quote of the Week:

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."

~ David Brinkley