

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 1, 2023

### **River Road Dog Park Update**

This week City staff continued work at the new River Road Dog Park. The parking lot has been excavated and rock installed in preparation for concrete and pavement. The parking lot sidewalk and paving should be completed in September, weather permitting. Utility staff excavated out the walking paths and installed wood chips for the walking surface in both the small and large dog park areas. Next week staff will prepare locations for park benches and install decommissioned fire hydrants in both the small and large dog areas. The park will be open for use as soon as the parking lot is completed.

### **Water Reclamation Facility Clarifier Update**

R&G has been making great progress on rebuilding the #1 Secondary Clarifier at the Water Reclamation Facility. The new concrete floor has been poured and the tank sides have a new troweled concrete finish. R&G installed most of the new mechanical mechanism and predicts it will be completed at the end of next week. Currently the rebuilding of the clarifier is projected to be complete in 3 weeks.

### **Peace Tree and Peace Pole Project Update**

Maintenance staff completed the paver circle around the Peace Tree. They also completed the concrete bench pads around the paver circle. Next week staff will excavate for the Peace Pole paver circle and walking path to both locations. Staff is working with Alice Christianson to create the interpretive panel sharing information about both the Peace Pole and Peace Tree.

### **South 6th Street Water and Sewer Extensions**

H&J Excavating has completed installing the new sewer line and water line extensions in S. 6th Street. Next week the lines will be pressure tested and the following week the street will be repaved completing the project.

### **Thornton Lane Water Line Extension**

Wild Rose Excavation will start installing a new 8" water mainline from Arby's to Thornton Lane. The new line will provide water service to the new St. Vincent de Paul Reuse Store, neighboring vacant properties, and the Airport. The project will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

### **Reservoir Road Project**

Pacific Excavation completed the tree removal and have started road excavation work to the new high level reservoir access road off of the end of E. Madison Road. High fire danger has restricted the hours of work from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Hopefully the recent rains will reduce the

fire danger to allow for longer work days. Pacific Excavation is working hard to complete the project by October 15th. Once the access road is completed City staff will start planning for a new high level reservoir.

### **Camera Installation**

Valley Tel has completed the installation of a video surveillance system at the Armory and All America City Square. The access to video will allow the police department to view and document any suspicious activities, and will help in the identification of involved parties.

### **National Preparedness Month – It's Official!**

It's Friday, September 1st, marking the first day of National Preparedness Month! Beginning in 2004, September was designated National Preparedness Month by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, acknowledging both the peak of the Atlantic coast hurricane season, as well as the 9/11 tragedy. The month is observed with a new theme each year, this year's theme focusing on preparing older adults for disasters. The City of Cottage Grove will participate by posting daily emergency preparedness tips, drawing for weekly raffles, and giving away prizes and grand prizes. Follow along on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofCottageGroveOR/>.

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1765 Clark Avenue just around the corner from last week's Yard of the Week. The yard is lined with beautiful flowers and shrubbery but what is wonderful is all the characters and items that peek out from among the vegetation. Only 4 more weeks left in the 26<sup>th</sup> Yard of the Week Season. Be sure to get those yards that deserve recognition submitted before time runs out.

### **Scammers Impersonating Sheriff's Office Employees**

The Lane County Sheriff's office reports that they have received recent reports of a scam in our community.

The scammers commonly identify themselves as employees of the Lane County Sheriff's Office, either verbally, by text, or by email. The scammers will then make claims that there are warrants, missed jury duty, or unsettled legal business that involve the victim or someone the victim knows and ask for personal or financial information. In some instances the scammers appear to call from official phone numbers and/or provide fraudulent callback numbers with voicemail inboxes.

Please be aware that the Lane County Sheriff's Office will never ask for money, awards, or compensation of any type over the telephone, by text or email. If you are contacted by someone claiming to be a Lane County Sheriff's Office employee and you think you are being scammed, please contact the dispatch center at (541)682-4150 opt. 1.

### **Holiday Closure**

City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2023 in honor of the Labor Day holiday.