

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 8, 2023

National Preparedness Month Weekly Recap!

This week the City posted information for National Preparedness Month about wildfire smoke and Air Quality Index (AQI), as well as phone applications for staying informed about the AQI. If you liked a post or downloaded an app and came down to City Hall, Community Development Department, at 400 E. Main Street, you received and/or were entered into a raffle in order to receive emergency preparedness prizes. It is the intent of the City to help its residents be prepared and stay informed so that we can all remain safe in the face of any emergency. So, if you would like to join us, be sure to tune-in to the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofCottageGroveOR/>.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1775 Anthony Avenue. Thank you for the great nomination. The 26th season of the Yard of the Week is winding down, only three more weeks left. So be sure to get those nominations turned in the Chamber of Commerce or City Hall.

Rip City Rally

Join Blaze the Trail Cat, Douglas Fur, and the Blazer Dancers as come to Coiner Park on Friday, September 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for the annual Rip City Rally. The Portland Trail Blazers and Moda will be bringing big Blazers energy and family fun as they prepare for the tip off of the 2023-24 season. The Rip City Rally fair is free and there will be contests, games, giveaways.

August 2023 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of August the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 41 permits and performed 132 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 23 permits were issued and 29 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 22 permits were issued, one for a new single family home, and 62 inspections were performed. In Coburg 10 permits were issued and 101 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 21 plan sets in July and 13 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Peace Through Unity

Celebrate International Day of Peace on Thursday, September 21st from 4:00 to 7:30 pm in Coiner Park. Peace Through Unity Cottage Grove is preparing the celebration to include speakers, booths, awards, kids activities, art and music. The celebration will also include the dedication of the Peace Pole. Bring a lawn chair and spend some time in the park with your neighbors.

Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours for this month will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center. The Business After Hours will be a special event as it will also be held to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center.

Quote of the Week:

“There’s no harm in hoping for the best as long as you’re prepared for the worst.”

– Stephen King