

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 15, 2023

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is a wonderful yard with some unique features, a happy Sunflower that greets the postal carrier every day, some beautiful Dahlias and a variety of other shrubs and plants that make a shady oasis in the front yard. Only two more opportunities for recognition in the 2023 Yard of the Week season, so be sure to get those nominations turned in.

### **Fall is on the Way**

There is a little chill in the air every morning that is a sign that summer is beginning to wind down and fall is on the way. Next week is the final burst of special events for the summer. The week will end with the Downtown Cottage Grove Fall Festival on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Festival will be held on Washington Avenue and South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and in the Armory. Check out the Fall Festival website for more information about activities at: <https://cgfallfestival.com/>.

Don't forget the other activities next week:

- International Day of Peace - Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 7:30 pm in Coiner Park.
- Business After Hours – PeaceHealth 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center.
- Rip City Rally - Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in Coiner Park.

Be sure to check out these great opportunities to spend time with your neighbors.

### **City Manager Recruitment Community Forum**

GMP Consultants is assisting the City Council in its search for your new city manager and they are seeking your input. Join the senior recruiter Bob Larson, on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Armory (628 E. Washington Ave) to provide your ideas and thoughts about a new city manager.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to help the consultant team better understand the culture and needs of the community and the city organization so they can design a comprehensive profile that will be instrumental in advertising and promoting the city manager position and for attracting candidates.

If you are unable to attend, Bob would welcome your input by e-mailing answers to the following questions to him at [bob@gmphr.com](mailto:bob@gmphr.com).

- What do you like about Cottage Grove - what is the appeal of the city manager position, the work environment and or the community?
- What ideal candidate traits and or knowledge and abilities would you like to see in the next city manager?

- How would you describe the leadership, work dynamics and the support available to a new city manager?
- What specific projects or issues are you aware of that the new city manager will need to address or should address within the first six to 18 months in office?

### **National Preparedness Month Weekly Recap**

The City continued its National Preparedness Month campaign, posting daily content about various alert methods. The most pertinent alert method covered was Lane Alerts. As its name conveys, it is a locally-based, alert-delivery system. Alerts can be delivered via telephone, text message and email. You can sign up for Lane Alerts at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/337829242601799/new>

...and specify which method of contact you prefer. All Cottage Grove residents who signed up for Lane Alerts, whether this week or in the past, and let the City know, were entered into a raffle in order to win an emergency kit gift-bag!

Last week's winner was – dramatic pause – Allison Fromong! Winners can come to the Community Development Department in City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, in order to claim their prize!

For more information regarding Lane Alerts, see

<https://www.lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=15915667>. And if you would like to join us for National Preparedness Month, visit the City's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofCottageGroveOR/>.

### **Quote of the Week:**

*"It is my belief that nearly any invented quotation, played with confidence, stands a good chance to deceive."*

*– Mark Twain*