



Friday Update 2/16/2024

Town Hall Forum

Next Thursday, February 22nd at the Cottage Grove Armory (628 E. Washington Ave.) from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm the Street Improvement and Funding Ad Hoc Committee is hosting a Town Hall forum to share information on the state of City streets and options to increase street funding to make much need improvements to the City street. Please come and share your thoughts and concerns regarding the street and how to fund and make improvements.

Blood Drive

Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 28th from 10:00am to 4:00pm (Closed for lunch 12:00 to 12:45pm.) Please bring your photo ID. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Bloodworks at (800) 398-7888 or go https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/76263.

South Lane Parks & Recreation Survey

Attached is the information for the survey that the Real World group is working on. Click on this link to access the survey, https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8bJw1VzgN9Hxx8q. Your thoughts about parks and recreation are very valuable. Please take the time to complete the survey. The survey will be open until the end of the month.

SBA Business Resource Centers Open Next Week

SBA assistance is available for businesses impacted by the ice storm. Lane County will have business resource centers open starting next week at various locations around the county staffed by the SBA to directly assist business owners with questions and completing their applications for financial assistance.

Details about the Lane County locations and the virtual resource center are below – **Please share widely with your networks!**

Eugene:

Lane County Public Service Building, adjacent to Finance Lobby (ground floor)

Dates: Tuesday, February 20; Monday, February 26; and Tuesday, February 27

Address: 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Springfield:

Springfield Public Library Meeting Room

Dates: Wednesday, February 21 & Wednesday, February 28

Address: 225 5th St, Springfield

Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Cottage Grove:

Cottage Grove Library

Dates: Thursday, February 22 and Thursday, February 29

Address: 700 E Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove

Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Cottage Grove Community Center

Dates: Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 1

Address: 700 E Gibbs Ave, Cottage Grove

Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

VIRTUAL BUSINESS RECOVERY CENTER

Opens at 8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 9

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FOCWAssistance@sba.gov

(916) 735-1531

Additional information about the SBA Business Resource Centers is available at; [CED Resources page on the Lane County website.](#)

Limb and Branch Pick-up

City staff will continue through February and into March picking up limbs and branches from the ice storm. Property owners are encouraged to haul their limbs and branches to the drop site at 8th and Monroe Street (South gravel parking lot at Bohemia Park). If property owners are unable to haul the limbs and branches to the drop site please place them along the streets in designated parking spaces. For additional information on how and where to place the limbs and branches please click on the attached link. [Tree Branch Pickup Program | Cottage Grove Oregon](#)

Free Chips and Firewood

The City has set up a self-serve wood chip and firewood site for individuals looking for wood chips and firewood. The chips and firewood are free and available on a first come first serve basis. City staff will be adding chips and firewood regularly. The chips and firewood are located at 3300 Row River Road (Row River Water Treatment Plant). The wood chips are located in a concrete bunker and the firewood is located in the gravel parking area near the former BMX track.

Chamber of Commerce “Business after Hours”

Thursday evening the Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours was hosted by the City of Cottage Grove at City Hall. Approximately 60 individuals were in attendance. Attendees were introduced to new City Manager, Mike Sauerwein, Police Chief, Cory Chase, Police Captains, Marsh and Soulard, and Police Administrative Assistant Brooke Crow. Attendees were able to meet and talk with the City’s new leadership staff. Several lucky attendees won donated gifts for participating in the event. Thank you to all that attended and made this event a success.

Quote of the Week:

“Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people.”

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart