

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: September 22, 2023

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1405 Edison. The yard is a beautiful addition to the neighborhood. Next week is the last week of the 2023 Yard of the Week season.

Trauma Intervention Program

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) has recently established a chapter in Lane County. TIP is a national organization with local chapters all across the United States. The mission of TIP is to “provide emotional first-aid to survivors of tragedy in order to ease their immediate suffering and facilitate their healing and long-term recovery”. TIP is a great organization that can assist first responders and community members with multiple levels of trauma and traumatizing experiences.

Yesterday Chief Chase met with the Director of the Lane County chapter and she expressed her interest in serving the Cottage Grove Community. The Lane County chapter has a volunteer living in Cottage Grove and we have access to the network of volunteers throughout Lane County. Chief Chase previously served on the advisory board for TIP in the Portland metro area for several years and will continue to assist TIP of Lane County. TIP of Lane County kicked-off a new training session for volunteers Thursday in Eugene. Chief Chase spoke to the group and met two volunteer trainees from Cottage Grove.

Effective immediately, TIP is available as a resource to the Cottage Grove Police Department 24/7. If our officers respond to a call involving traumatic circumstances they can request a TIP volunteer to respond. Our dispatchers will be able to contact TIP on the 24 hour assistance line and a volunteer will respond to assist our staff.

The Cottage Grove Police Department utilized the services of the TIP with an incident this week. Officer Branstetter and Officer Lane were able to see the work of the TIP volunteer and familiarize themselves with the resources and capabilities of the program.

If you would like to know more about TIP and how it works, you can go to the website <https://www.tiplanecounty.org/>.

Lane County Law Enforcement Executives Lunch

Chief Chase attended the Lane County Law Enforcement Executives luncheon this week to connect with local partners and discuss the latest law enforcement trends and challenges in our region.

Acorn Circle Native American Teaching Program

The Acorn Native American Teaching Program begins in October at the Cottage Grove Library. The Acorn Circle Program is a free program with stories and crafts for kids ages 6 to 10 years old presented by the Singing Creek Educational Center with funding from the Woodard Foundation and the City of Cottage Grove. There will be three sessions with the first session on Wednesday, October 11th at 3:30 pm. During the session will feature the story “Let’s Go Eeling” and participants will get to make their own small basket. The program is prepared by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and presented by the staff of Singing Creek Educational Center. Teachers and parents are welcome to attend. Please see the attached flyer for information about the schedule at the Cottage Grove Library. The complete listing of all events in Creswell, Cottage Grove and Springfield can be found at on the Singing Creek Education Center website at: <https://www.singingcreekcenter.org/acorn-circle-native-american/>.

Annual Leaf Pickup Coming Soon

With the shorter days and cooler nights combined with rain in the forecast we can tell that fall is on its way. With the arrival of fall the City is making plans for the annual leaf pickup program. The City's Utility crew will be performing the leaf pickup 3 times this year; October 23rd - 27th; November 13th – 17th and the final pick December 4th – 8th.

Please visit the City's website at <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/leaf-pickup-program> for further details.

Additional reminders will be sent in the utility billing and additional Friday Updates as October 23rd gets closer. For questions contact Public Works at (541)767-4100

Public Works Projects Update

This past week the South 6th Street water and sewer extension project was completed. H&J Construction finished repaving S. 6th Street bringing the project to completion. The extended lines will serve the soon to be constructed service station and convenience store located at the former Hillside Market.

Wind Rose Excavation completed the Thornton Lane waterline project and City staff assisted in connecting St Vincent DePaul's new reuse store to the line for use when the new building is completed.

R&G Excavation poured the new grout floor in Clarifier #1 at the Water Reclamation Facility this past Thursday. The rebuild project is very close to completion with the commissioning of the clarifier this upcoming Wednesday. R&G expects to have the project completed by next Friday.

Pacific Excavation was able to complete the rough excavation and grading of the new Eastside Reservoir road. They were able to spread rock on the entire road which will allow them to continue fine grading the road banks as the rains start. The



project is approximately 50% complete and is scheduled to be completed in the middle of October.

Bates Construction completed setting the forms for the sidewalk and curbing at the new S. River Road Dog Park. Hopefully the weather will allow them to pour the concrete next week. City staff poured the concrete bench pads within the small and large dog sections of the new park. Staff will install the new benches as soon as the concrete has cured. The last item to complete before opening the park is paving the parking lot. Paving will follow completion of the concrete work.

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 28th 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.

- 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?

Quote of the Week:

“If your mind is freed from all desires and feelings of ‘I’ and ‘mine’, then it attains peace..”

~ Anonymous ~