

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 7, 2023

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1311 S. 6th. This vibrant, small scale yard is packed with beautiful blooms, yard art and statues. Thank you for all of the nominations.

Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon cutting for Food Smiths on July 11, 2023 at 12:00 pm. Food Smiths is one of the newest Chamber members and is located at 90 South 10th Street.

Fire Danger on the Rise

This past Monday and Tuesday Red Flag warnings were issued for extreme fire danger. The temperatures have been high and will continue for the foreseeable future. The City would like to encourage property owners to remove excess dry material such as grass and wood piles. These items can fuel a wildfire creating a danger to properties and the City in general. The City Compliance Officer has posted door hangers or sent compliance letters to over 200 property owners that are in violation of the hazardous vegetation code.

The potential for a wildfire starting is real and will increase as the summer continues. Please do everything you can to fireproof your property to reduce the potential of a wildfire getting started.

Senator Merkley to Hold Lane County Town Hall

Join Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley on Sunday, July 16th at 3:00 pm for a Lane County Town Hall. The town hall is being held at Lane Community College, 4000 E 30th Ave in Eugene, Building 19, Konnie Conference Room 103 on the 1st Floor. To learn more about this town hall or future events visit www.merkley.senate.gov. All Lane County community members are invited to attend.

45th Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-In

On Saturday, August 5th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm the Oregon Aviation Historical Society will host the 45th Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in at 2475 Jim Wright Way in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This event honors the life and legacy of beloved Cottage Grove aviator Jim Wright. Visitors can view WWII-era Stearman biplanes, sign up for a ride in a 1929 Travelair open cockpit biplane, and enjoy refreshments from Home Skillet food truck. Please leave pets at

home to protect their paws from the hot asphalt. For more details visit <https://oregonaviation.org/2023-events> .

June 2023 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of June the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 42 permits, 2 for town homes and performed 94 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell, 11 permits were issued and 67 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 13 permits were issued, one for a single family home, and 40 inspections were performed. In Coburg, 7 permits, 1 for a new single family home were issued and 99 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 21 plan sets in June and 22 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Dust Abatement Applied to City Gravel Streets

On Wednesday and Thursday Pratum Co-op applied dust abatement to all the City's gravel roads in an effort to reduce dust impacting neighboring homes along the gravel streets. The dust abatement is a vegetable pulp/lignin that is water soluble and environmentally friendly. If the vegetable pulp gets on vehicles it will wash off with soap and water. The dust abatement will last throughout the summer.

North River Road Chip Seal Preparation

Starting next Wednesday, National Construction & Excavation will be repairing approximately 22,694 sq.ft of N. River Road leveling out the failing portions of the road. This work is in preparation for the chip seal scheduled to start July 19th. Sierra Santa Fe Corp. will be chip sealing N. River Road from Main Street north to Woodson Bridge. They will also be chip sealing W. Main Street from River Road to R Street. Applying the chip seal to the roads will extend the life of the road for at least 12 years. Chip sealing the road costs about 15% of the cost to repave the streets. Additional chip seals can be applied to the roads as the surface wears, extending the life of the road surface and possibly eliminating the need to rebuild and or repave the street.

Quote of the Week:

“Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.”

~ Russell Baker