

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 2, 2023

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 928 Birch Avenue. This beautiful old home is a great example of simple landscaping that compliments the historic neighborhood and home. Thank you for the nomination. Please send in the nominations for those that you see in town that put that extra little effort into their yard and beautify the community.

I Want to Ride My Bicycle

Today we are beginning to see the first riders in the Oregon Gran Fondo arriving in town. The weather and the fact that the Oregon Gran Fondo is one of the top 10 Gran Fondos in the country has really attracted riders from around the country and world. As of today over 320 riders have signed up. Many are coming to Cottage Grove today to get ready for tomorrow's ride. Some local businesses have set up special entertainment and events this evening. Oregon Gran Fondo on the first weekend in June has become the cycling event to attend.

The whole thing starts tomorrow morning with a mass start on South 10th Street and then heading west on Main Street. Come down and cheer them on as they start – if you have a cowbell bring it to ring as they ride by.

Trilogy Challenge

This weekend Cottage Grove will be a busy place. Not only will we have cyclists for the Gran Fondo in town, but we will also have disc golfers in town on Sunday, June 4th for the Trilogy Challenge Disc Golf event.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Memorial Day Ceremony in the Armory a success again this year.

Concerts in the Park

The annual Chamber of Commerce Concerts in the Park begin on Wednesday, June 14th. The concerts will be held weekly through August 30th. Be sure to come to Bohemia Park and experience the great music this summer.

Business After Hours

The next Business after Hours for the Chamber of Commerce will be held on June 15th at Middlefield Golf Course.

Outdoor Burning Closure Announced

In light of dry conditions and an escalating fire danger, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) announces an early closure of the outdoor burning season. The season, normally scheduled to close on June 15th, will now end on June 2, 2023. The final day for burning is June 2, 2023.

The decision to conclude the outdoor burning season ahead of schedule comes from the Lane Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The extended dry period, coupled with forecasted conditions, has prompted the revision of the burning season dates.

Clarify #1 Pre-Construction Meeting

On Thursday City, West Yost, and R&G Construction staff held a pre-construction meeting at the Water Reclamation Facility for the rebuilding of the Secondary Clarifier #1. R & G will be starting work On July 6th and is expecting the clarifier to be rebuilt and operational by October 15th. The Clarifier was originally constructed in the early 70s.

Middlefield Golf Course

The new tee box for hole #4 was opened to use on Tuesday. The new tee box changes hole #4 from a par 3 to a par 4. The Oregon Golf Association visited the course to measure and certify the distance of the hole. Staff is currently working on updating the score cards and website to reflect the change. This week golfers playing hole #4 from the new tee boxes shared how they enjoyed the change to the course.



May 2023 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of May the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 33 permits, 1 for a manufactured home and performed 113 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 10 permits were issued and 86 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 12 permits were issued and 40 inspections were performed. In Coburg 15 permits, 3 for new single family homes were issued and 94 inspections were performed. Staff reviewed and approved 26 plan sets in May and 20 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Quote of the Week:

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.”

~Eleanor Roosevelt