

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 30, 2023

### **Yard of the Week**

This week the Yard of the Week is a beautiful yard located at 1320 Daugherty Avenue. The entire yard is bursting with color with nearly every plant is covered in bright blooms. Thank you for the great nomination. To view the 2023 Yard of the Week photo album visit <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/citymanager/page/yard-week>

### **The Dry Season has Begun**

June ends today and we are in the middle of what is the typical dry season for Cottage Grove. Irrigation of the City's Parks and open spaces is now important to keep those spaces green and inviting. We entered the effluent application time in April and it is in full use now at Middlefield Golf Course and the grass areas of the 174 freeway interchange. The effluent is reclaimed water from the treatment process at the Cottage Grove Water Reclamation Facility (formerly called the Cottage Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant). The resulting water (effluent) from the treatment plant can be discharged into the Coast Fork Willamette River during the winter when river flows are high and temperature is not an issue, but when we have lower flows during the spring through fall, temperature is a major issue. Treating the wastewater to meet the low temperature regulations is very expensive.

In 2006 the City purchased Middlefield Golf Course to secure the use of the entire property for irrigation using the effluent. Temperature is not an issue for land application. Since beginning the effluent application on the course we have applied over 405,872,000 gallons on the course. This has eliminated the need to use the water rights for the golf course property (the old right from the original agricultural use) and has allowed the transfer of the point of diversion of the .62 mgd (million gallons/day) water rights to the Row River Water Treatment Plant for use during the spring through fall season for drinking water.

As the City's population grows we will need more land for irrigation using the effluent. Working with the Oregon Department of Transportation we have received approval to irrigate the grass areas of the 174 interchange. The City is also installing pipe to carry the effluent to Bohemia, Trailhead and Coiner Parks to allow for irrigation of the parks with the effluent rather than treated drinking water.

### **2023 Northwest Clerks Institute**

City Recorder Mindy Roberts attended the Municipal Clerks Certification and Professional Development training June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma, Washington. There were 64 people in attendance from Oregon, Washington and Alaska to take part in the week long experience. Course topics included Financial Management and Budgeting, Advanced Records Management, Keys to Supervision and Creating Successful Results. The training is the second of a three year process that will allow Mindy to obtain designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

### **Yard Sales Listing**

To reduce the need to put up Yard Sale signs the City has made available an online listing of Yard Sales. Anyone holding a Yard Sale in the City can submit information about their sale by scanning the QR Code. You can view the list of current and upcoming Yard Sales at <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/community/page/yard-sales> or stop into City Hall for a printed version.



### **Medicare 101 Presentation- Community Center**

Attend a free Medicare presentation on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Community Center/ Shepherd Room. Learn the basics of Medicare, including eligibility, enrollment and what Parts A, B, C and D cover and cost. This is great information if you or a loved one is about to transition to Medicare, or if you'd like a refresher. This free lecture is presented by Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance, also known as SHIBA, which provides free, unbiased Medicare.

### **Police Department Hosts Ethics Class**

The Cottage Grove Police Department hosted a nationally recognized ethics training on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. The training, called Honoring the Badge was presented by Josephson Exemplary Policing out of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. The training was attended by every member of the police department and two members of the Sutherlin Police Department. "As the Cottage Grove Police Department begins its Pathway to Excellence, we recognize that ethics are the foundation of the journey and we will not compromise our ethics." said Interim Chief Jeff Groth

### **Police Department Adds Comfort K-9**

The Cottage Grove Police Department is thrilled to welcome Fuji to our team. Fuji is an almost two year old Yellow Labrador who is the department's new Comfort K-9. Fuji has a simple job, make everyone feel good. There is a significant body of research that shows the physiological benefit of dogs. In police work they are used for "emotional support" and to reduce the stress and post-traumatic stress, both acute and chronic, associated with police work. Fuji is just one component of our overall Officer Wellness program.

### **Police Respond to Shots Fired**

On June 24, 2023 at about 3:44 am the Cottage Grove Police Department responded to a "shots fired" call in the area of 6<sup>th</sup> and Taylor. Cottage Grove officers responded to the area and were assisted by the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Multiple gunshots were heard by officers as they arrived on scene. A subject suffering from a mental health episode and under the influence of

controlled substances was eventually taken into custody and charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Reckless Endangering and Disorderly Conduct.

### **Free Showers Every Wednesday**

Free showers every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. at Community Sharing, 1440 Birch Avenue. To learn more about the Mobile Shower program or volunteer, please call (541) 942-1185.

### **Senior Center Volunteers Needed**

The Cottage Grove Senior Center is looking for volunteers. Hosts are needed to help at the front desk with either a 3-hour or a 6-hour shift. The Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Training will be provided. For more information, please call the Senior Center at (541) 942-8751.

### **Cottage Grove Community Responder Volunteers Needed**

The City of Cottage Grove and South Lane School District have partnered to support South Lane community members via the RAN (Rapid Area Network) through 15<sup>th</sup> Night. Community Responders play a central role in providing quick intervention for community members who need immediate help. Sign up to receive text message and email alerts from a Cottage Grove Community Advocate to support students, families, and community members when needs arise like shoes, clothes, personal care products, food, etc. If you are unable to help out, you can just ignore the message. To sign up as a Community Responder scan the QR Code or visit: [www.15thnight.org/cg-volunteer-form](http://www.15thnight.org/cg-volunteer-form)



### **South Valley Athletics Summer Meals, Field Trips and Activities**

South Valley Athletics has teamed up with South Lane School District to offer free Breakfast and Lunch every Wednesday and Friday at the Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue. Children must be present to receive a meal. All youth, ages 18 and under may receive a breakfast and lunch free. Breakfast served from 8:00 to 9:00 am and lunch served from 11:00 am to noon.

South Valley Athletics is also offering summer field trips and free various fun activities for children and families. Visit <http://www.southvalleyathletics.org/home.html> to learn more and register. Registration is required.

### **Celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup>**

City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a great Fourth of July.

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

*“The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.”*

*~ Fredrick Douglass*