

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 12, 2023

If I Were Mayor

Congratulations to Kassidy Poetzl, her video entry in the Oregon Mayors Association's "If I Were Mayor . . ." student contest was awarded first prize in the statewide competition. The news release from the Oregon Mayors Association that is attached is to the Friday Update that lists more information about the contest and other winners from around the state. You can view her winning entry at <https://youtu.be/4nFgajnX7Hs>

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, May 15th.

Yard of the Week

The 26th season of the Yard of the Week kicked off today with the winning yard selected at 760 Girard Court. This was an amazing nomination with the Rhododendrons in full bloom and the Iris's about to start. It is a great example to start the 26th season. Remember to submit your nominations for yards that you feel should receive the Yard of the Week to City Hall or to the Chamber of Commerce. Every Friday the Yard of the Week prize patrol will be out to present the award to deserving neighbors and friends.



It's Not Too Late Yet

To vote that is. If you have not returned your May 16th ballot yet, you only have a few more days. Be sure to fill out your ballot and turn it in. It may be too late to send it in by mail, but you can drop it in the ballot box in front of the Community Center at 700 E. Gibbs.

Final Tree Branch Pick-Up

The final round of tree branch and limb pick-up starts May 15th and goes through the 19th. Please go to the City website at <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/tree-branch-pickup-program> for all the details regarding placing your branches and limbs out to be picked up. For residents that don't have a parking space along the street to put their branches and limbs in, the City has opened the drop off site at 3300 Row River Road for limbs and branches. City residents can use this site now through May 21st. There are three locations along River Road

where cars pull out to park where branches and limbs could be placed too. Please put your limbs and branches out by May 15th.

Street Improvement Funding Ad Hoc Committee

City Council appointed 8 applicants and 1 Youth Advisory Council member to the Street Improvement Funding Ad Hoc committee. Staff has sent out letters to each newly appointed member and is working to set the first committee meeting before the end of May. The committee will work over the next few months to make a recommendation to the City Council on how to fund City street improvements, preservation, and maintenance activities. The committee is charged to have a recommendation to Council by August 14, 2023.

Hanging Flower Baskets

Spring has finally arrived. Hopefully we won't move directly into summer and get to enjoy the blooming flowers April showers bring in May. New hanging flower baskets were hung at the Community Center and Pro Shop at Middlefield Golf Course this week. Please come on out and take a look. Be sure not to forget your golf clubs or your Library card when you visit. The Main Street hanging baskets are coming soon. Hopefully by the first week of June.



Cottage Grove High School Hiring Fair

Wednesday May 17th City staff will be participating in the Cottage Grove High School Hiring Fair. This is an opportunity for businesses looking to hire youth for summer jobs to meet students and share about their work opportunities. Over the past 3 years the City has hired high school and college students to work for the Public Works and Development Department. The City hopes to hire up to 8 students to work this summer. If you know of a student looking for summer work please go to the job opportunities tab at cottagegroveor.gov to look at the job description and application form. Hiring packets are also available at the high school office.

Road Construction Updates

ODOT Cottage Grove I-5 Connector Project

As of Thursday, May 11th, the I-5 Connector is CLOSED for paving. The paving portion of this project will last through Sunday May 28th. Please use an alternate route.

ODOT Highway 99 Urban Upgrade Project

On Thursday, May 11th, ODOT contracted workers started paving HWY 99 north of Withecomb to Woodson Place. The paving portion of this project will last through Sunday May 28th. Please use an alternate route. Crews will be flagging the 99 project but the I-5 Connector will remain closed. Please plan alternate routes as necessary.

Saginaw I-5 ON and OFF Ramp Paving

ODOT will pave the northbound and southbound ramps of I-5 at Saginaw. Work will be done during the overnight hours of May 14th and 15th.

Sunday night, May 14th, from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am Wildish will be paving the northbound on and off ramps at Saginaw using the attached detours on I-5 and OR99, expect at the connector drivers will follow the I-5 Connector Detour Route signage.

Monday night, May 15th, from 7:00 pm to 6:00 am Wildish will be paving the southbound on and off ramps at Saginaw using the attached detours on I-5 and OR99, except at the connector, drivers will follow the I-5 Connector Detour Route signage.

For the most up to date project information please visit the City of Cottage Grove's Construction Corner at: <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/publicworks/page/construction-corner>

Cottage Grove Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show

Last Saturday the Cottage Grove Hospital Auxiliary held their annual fashion show fundraiser at the Cottage Grove Armory. The portable stage was set up as a runway down the center of the Drill Hall. This allowed everyone attending the fashion show to see the individuals modeling the various clothing items. The event was well attended and a success for the first time being held in the Armory.



Quote of the Week:

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.”

~Napoleon Hill~