

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Update
DATE: August 2, 2024

November 5, 2024 General Election

The City has been planning on voters filling three seats on the Cottage Grove City Council, plus the office of Mayor, in the November 5, 2024 General Election. The Mayor's position will be a two-year term expiring December 2026 and the Councilor positions are four-year terms, expiring December 2028. The Mayor's position is currently held by Candace Solesbee; the Councilor At-Large position is currently held by Alex Dreher, Ward 2 is held by Jon Stinnett, and Ward 4 is held by Greg Ervin.

In addition, based upon the outcome of the July 30, 2024 Recall Election, the City anticipates voters filling two additional Councilor seats at the November 5, 2024, General Election. Those positions are the remaining terms of the Councilor Ward 1 position and the Councilor At-Large position, both expiring December 2026. The City elections official cannot accept filings for either of these two positions until those positions are vacant. At the latest, that should occur by Monday, August 26th, upon certification of the Recall Election results.

Be aware - August 27th is the deadline set by state law to file a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition for *all* positions.

For information on candidate qualifications and filing deadlines, please visit <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/citymanager/page/november-5-2024-general-election-mayor-and-council-positions>

Cooling and Smoke Respite Center

Cottage Grove Community Center, located at 700 E. Gibbs Avenue will be open for those that may need to escape from the heat and smoke.

Hours of Operation:

Friday, August 2nd: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 3rd: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (subject to change)

Volunteers may be needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Jessica Klarr, Community Coordinator Assistant at 541-942-1185 or comcenter@cottagegrove.org.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Come join us for the 8th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair this Saturday, August 3rd, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Coiner Park. The City will be partnering again with Party in the Park, so be ready for another exciting day filled with food, games, and emergency preparedness! The first 250 people will receive a backpack to carry all your goodies.

This year we have 23 booths highlighting how to pack a go-bag, how to create defensible space around your home, and emergency first aid to name just a few.

Make sure to get your stamp card from the Information booth, and collect stamps to spin the prize wheel and enter into the raffle. This year we have received generous donations from Lowe's and Jerry's providing gift cards and box fans, as well as other fun prizes such as a fully packed go-bag and fire extinguishers.

We can't wait to see you there!

Yard of the Week

The City of Cottage Grove and the Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize 921 S 1st Street as the July 26th Yard of the Week recipient and 626 12th Street for August 2nd. As the weather continues to be hot and now even a bit smoky, these recipients have continued to maintain lush beautiful surroundings. Thank you for beautifying our City.

