

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 9, 2024

Cottage Grove Water Reclamation Facility

Friday, August 2nd, the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) held their annual golf tournament at Middlefield Golf Course. This year they had record attendance with 98 participants in the tournament. This event is a fundraiser to fund scholarships for individuals pursuing a degree in Treatment Plant Operation for Water Reclamation Facilities. During lunch David Belden, Water Reclamation Plant Operator, Roger Vandehey, Golf Course Superintendent, and Faye Stewart, Public Works Director shared information about the City's treated effluent re-use program.



Following lunch the PNCWA President presented Cottage Grove's Water Reclamation Facility Operator, Kelly Christensen with the Treatment Plant Operator of the Year Award. This award is given each year to a PNCWA member that is excelling in their work as a Treatment Plant Operator. Kelly has been working for the City for 2 years and in that short time he has received his certificate from DEQ for a Level I Treatment Plant Operator. He is working toward his Level II Certification and hopes to have that accomplished by the end of this year. Congratulations Kelly and thank you for all you do for the City.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Emergency Preparedness Fair and Party in the Park last Saturday. There was an incredible turn out and the weather was beautiful for a fun day in the park. There were 25 booths, filled with fun prizes, cookies, and information about emergency preparedness and recovery. Attendees learned how to do CPR, what to pack in an emergency go-bag, and so much more. Thank you to Lowe's and Jerry's Home Improvement Center for sponsoring some of the raffle prizes and a huge thank you to all who attended. Attendees also got to sign a birthday card for everyone's favorite bear, who turns 80 this year. Happy Birthday, Smokey Bear! Make sure to save the date for next year's fair and Party in the Park, August 2, 2025.

