

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

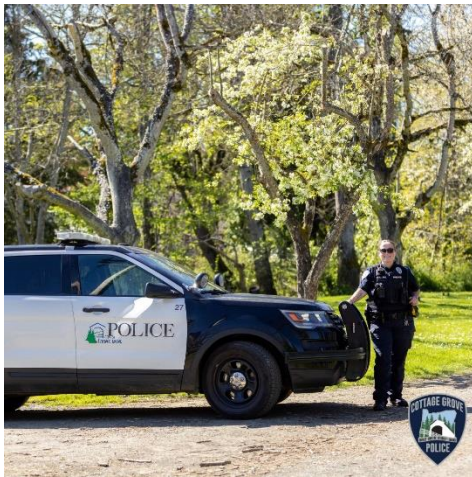
FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 16, 2024

Police Officers Receive Certifications

Police Officer Agnes Lane and Matthew Callahan received their Basic Police Officer Certification from Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Congratulations to Officer Lane and Officer Callahan and a huge thank you to both of you for your service to our community.



First Annual National Night Out

Cottage Grove Police Department joined forces with thousands of other communities nationwide to bring the Cottage Grove community National Night Out. The hope with bringing the event locally is to strengthen police-community partnerships as well as heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. Free Kona Ice was offered to the first 100 guests, community members were given the opportunity to dunk an officer, and we served up hot dogs prepared by Chief Chase. Thank you everyone who stopped by and we look forward to hosting again next summer!



Late fines at the library resume September 1

The Cottage Grove Public Library is resuming overdue fines starting September 1. If you think that you may have overdue items, please call 541-942-3828 or email holds@cottagegrove.org for assistance.

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party on Wednesday, August 21

Join us for games, snacks, and grand prize awards! We're celebrating all of our participants and inviting community members to play games and celebrate meeting and surpassing our collective summer reading goal.

Native Innovation exhibit at Cottage Grove Public Library in December

Native Innovation is an exhibit from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History that celebrates the first innovators, scientists, and engineers in Oregon. It explores how Native Americans have used knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills to live and thrive in Oregon for thousands of years. Mark your calendars to stop by and view this exciting exhibit.

Yard of the Week

Congratulations to 618 South 8th Street for being selected as Yard of the Week for the week of August 9th and 411 N 10th Street for the week of August 16th. Both locations are contributing to enhance their neighborhoods with vibrant flowers and attention to detail. Keep the nominations coming in, there are still six weeks left in the Yard of the Week program for 2024.



Public Works Projects Update:

Bohemia Park: Pacific Excavation is making good progress on construction of the Park Entry Plaza. They have completed most of the underground water, sewer, storm water, and electrical infrastructure. They are currently working on shaping and installing rock base material for the pathways, pillars, and splash pad. They have poured new curbs for the pedestrian crosswalk bulb out and the parallel ADA parking space. 10th Street will still have a left turn lane at Main Street and two travel lanes, as before the construction except they will be narrowed to 11 feet in width. The project is on schedule to be completed before the end of this year.

R Street Extension is very close to being completed. The street needs to be striped, stop signs installed, and planting of the storm water treatment swales. The project is expected to be completed in late October or early November once the cooler and wet weather return.

Chip Seal Projects: All the road prep has been completed for the upcoming chip seal of S. Gateway Blvd. E. Whitaker. Thornton Lane, N. 16th Street, S. River Road, and S. R Street. The contractor is scheduled to perform the chip seal work between September 9th and September 26th. The Middlefield Golf Course cart paths will also be chip sealed during September.

Sewer Mainline Repair Project: City Council approved the contract with H&J Construction to repair three backlot sewer mainlines off 10th Street near Polk, Madison, and Jefferson Streets. H&J is expected to start the project in late September. They will be using pipe bursting trenchless technology to pull in new 8” sewer lines through the existing lines. This process will reduce the amount of excavation in the backyards of homes along the lines being repaired.

Main Street Revitalization Project: The construction plans for the reconstruction of Downtown Main Street are 80% complete and expected to be 100% complete this December. The City expects to post for bids late December 2024 or early January 2025 with construction underway in February 2025.

Cleveland Street Upgrade: City staff is working with Branch Engineering to prepare construction documents to upgrade Cleveland Street and install the water, sewer, and storm infrastructure to serve the 35 acres of residential land the City owns between S. 4th Street and Cleveland. The City was awarded \$3,000,000 from the Oregon State Legislature to install the utilities in an effort to promote new housing construction. The project is expected to start construction early 2025 with completion by July 2025.

State Community Trail Grant: Early 2023 the City applied for a grant to hard surface the trail behind Lincoln Middle School along the Coast Fork River. Last week the City was notified by the State of Oregon that they intend to award the grant. The grant is for \$680,000 and project must be completed within 5 years. This is the first step in constructing a hard surfaced walking/bike path from Bohemia Park to Cleveland Street. The City will continue to pursue grant funding to complete the path.

Have a great weekend and stay safe !