

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 18, 2024

Annual Leaf Pick Up

Fall is here and City staff will begin the first round of the Annual Leaf Pick Up, starting Monday morning on October 28, 2024. Please go to [Leaf Pickup Program](#) to get additional information and guidelines on where to place your leaf pile. Brochures are also available at City Hall.

It is important that you place your leaves in the designated City streets and approved parking areas no later than Sunday evening, October 27, 2024. This will ensure that you don't get missed as City Staff makes their rounds. Placing the leaves out any later will not guarantee that your leaves will be picked up during this round and you may have to wait until the next round of pick-ups, (listed below).



If property owners do not have street or parking sites that are approved for pick up or you are not able to get your leaves out before Sunday evening, you may take your leaves to the drop site at the Row River Water Treatment Plant, located at 3300 Row River Road.

Two additional rounds will take place the weeks of November 18th and December 2nd.

Please take advantage of this program, as it helps keep our storm drainage system clean and operating properly. If you have any questions, call the Public Works Maintenance Shop, at 541-767-4100.

One Block Closure on 10th Street from Main to Washington Streets

On Monday and Tuesday, October 21st & 22nd, 10th Street will be closed from Main Street to Washington. Pacific Excavation will be restriping the crosswalk, turn lanes, and handicap parking spot. The closure will begin at 8:00 am and reopen once the striping paint is dry. On Wednesday, October 23rd, 10th Street will be closed in the same location to install the new water tower base in Bohemia Park. The closure will start at 9:00 am until the steel base installed. Traffic will be detoured around the closure on Washington east to 11th Street to Main Street.

October Work Anniversaries

We are delighted to honor and celebrate the work anniversaries of our dedicated team members this October. Each of these individuals has played a crucial role in the success and growth of the City of Cottage Grove.

Peter Keenan: 18 Years

Michael O'Reilly: 17 Years

Herb Hill: 8 Years

Nathan Hendren: 7 Years

Jessica Klarr: 6 Years

David Belden: 5 Years

Harley White: 3 Years

Glenn Clark: 1 Year

We sincerely thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions are deeply valued by the City of Cottage Grove.

Sewer Line Repair Project Beginning November 4th

The City has contracted with H & J Construction to replace three sewer lines using the pipe bursting technology. This is where a new line is pulled through the existing sewer line minimizing the amount of ground disturbance needed to replace the line. The first sewer line repair will be between Polk and Taylor from 10th Street to 13th Street. The second sewer line is between Jefferson and Madison from 10th Street to 13th Street. The final line is between Jefferson and Adams from 10th to 11th Street. The work is expected to take approximately 3 months to complete.

On Monday, October 21st, the City will hold a meeting with the effected property owners at City Hall in the Council Chambers starting at 5:30 pm. H & J Construction, Branch Engineering and City staff will be present to share project details and answer questions.

Quote of the day:

“These mountains that you are carrying, you were only supposed to climb”

~ Najwa Zebian