

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: October 25, 2024

Officer Completed Field Training and Evaluation Program

Help us congratulate Officer Israel on completing his Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP). Officer Israel just finished his second full week of being solo as one of your newest police officers. We are excited to have him here, serving the community of Cottage Grove! Be sure to congratulate him when you see him out and about.

Round One - Annual Leaf Pick Up

City staff will begin the Annual Leaf Pick Up, starting Monday morning, 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 your leaves are not missed as staff makes the rounds. Placing leaves out any later will not guarantee that your leaves will be picked up 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 areas for pick up or are not able to get leaves out before Sunday evening, leaves can be taken 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, you may call the Public Works Maintenance Shop, at (541) 767- 4100.

Annual OAPA Conference

Associate Planner Leni Crow attended the annual Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association conference in Portland last Thursday and Friday. While there, they had the opportunity to network with other City Planners and professionals from around the state and listen to classes on various topics including place-based equity, hazard mitigation, and creative community engagement. The annual conference allows staff to gain knowledge on the prevailing topics within Community Development, bounce ideas off other small City Planners, and share what they have learned over the past year with others.

TextMyGov

City staff works with TextMyGov to communicate information to Cottage Grove residents. We are now able to provide text messages informing subscribers of items of importance taking place in the City such as; concerts, events, road work, water and sewer line repairs and emergency notices. If you are interested in receiving this information via text message, please go to cottagegroveor.gov and sign up using the widget in the lower right hand side of the City's homepage. TextMyGov has been very successful in improving communications and providing information to residents in other Cities. We are excited to provide the new service and have an additional way to communicate information to residents in Cottage Grove and the surrounding area.



Halloween Trick or Treat on Main Street

Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce brings a fun-filled Halloween event to downtown Cottage Grove on Thursday, October 31st from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Have your photo taken with Frankie & The Firetruck, watch the witches dance, Trick or Treat at various booths and businesses, and checkout the downtown window decorating contest entries.

Quote of the day:

“And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.”

~Oscar Wilde