

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Friday Update  
DATE: November 1, 2024

### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Congratulations to the winners of the City of Cottage Grove staff pumpkin decoration contest. This year there were nine amazing entries from various departments throughout the organization. Six winners were chosen in three categories:

Scariest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Engineering - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Custodians  
Funniest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Library/Community Center - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Finance  
Best Department Theme: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Community Development - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Golf Course

Honorable Mention: City Attorney's Office for most overall votes and creativity.

### **Downtown Cottage Grove hosts Google In-Person Workshop**

Unlock the potential of your business with the essential digital tools and techniques workshop. The workshop is designed to provide you with practical insights and actionable tips to help you grow your business in the digital age. The workshop is hosted by Downtown Cottage Grove and being held at the Cottage Grove Armory on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Register at [Small Business Digital Training](#) and email [jmiller@mainstreetbiztrainers.org](mailto:jmiller@mainstreetbiztrainers.org) with questions.

### **AARP Driver Safety Class**

The Cottage Grove Community Center will be hosting an AARP Driver Safety Class November 4th, 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. The cost is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Those interested in signing up for the class can contact Teresa at 541-942-1185 ext. 2. **\*\*Most insurance companies offer a discount to customers who take Driver Safety Classes\*\***

### **November 5, 2024 General Election**

If you have not yet turned in your ballot, there is still time to do so. Ballot drop sites will be open through 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The local drive through ballot drop site is at the Cottage Grove Community Center located at 700 E Gibbs Ave.



### **Trick or Treat on Main Street**

City Staff participated in the festivities Thursday night, by hosting three individual booths at the Trick or Treat on Main Street event. The Cottage Grove Police Department, Public Works crew and employees from City Hall each decorated their booths and handed out candy and small trinkets to those who braved the rainy Halloween afternoon. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a fun evening for the community.



### ***Quote of the day:***

*“There is a subtle magic in the falling of old leaves.”*

*~ Aviette Das*