

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 21, 2024

### **Bohemia Park Entry Plaza Project**

On Monday June 17, 2024 the City held a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Entry Plaza Project.



### **City Library**

Our Summer Reading Kickoff Party at Bohemia Park was a great success! We had 204 people sign up for summer reading, pick out a book to read, get free ice cream from Umpqua Bank, learn about CPR from staff at the PeaceHealth medical center, and get a balloon animal made from one of our young patrons who wanted to share his skills.



Friday is our first matinee of the summer; this week we're showing Rio 2 at 3pm in the Shepherd Room. This all-ages program is free and includes popcorn. For more information about our summer reading programs, visit <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/library/page/summer-reading-2024>

### **Public Hearings for Uses of State Shared Revenues and Adoption of 2024-25 Budget**

The City Council will be meeting on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 400 Main Street. A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of receiving public comment on the uses of State Shared Revenues, as well as a public hearing to discuss the budget as approved by the Budget Committee. It is anticipated that after the public hearings and consideration of any public comments, a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, will be adopted.

### **Help Us Save Water This Summer**

Summer is here and it is time to think about our use of water and ways we can practice water conservation. Here is a list of suggestions;

- 1) For Your Lawn - Set your irrigation system to operate during the early morning or late evening hours when the air temperature is cooler. Raise your mower deck height to help the grass to promote root growth and shade the soil reducing evaporation.
- 2) For Your Irrigation System - Ensure your sprinkler heads are properly adjusted and not watering non-vegetated areas. Consider using a timer to avoid over-watering. Upgrade to a smart irrigation controller that adjusts watering schedules based on weather forecasts, soil moisture, and plant needs.
- 3) For Your Garden - Apply a layer of mulch around plants and flower beds to retain moisture in the soil and reduce the need for watering. Use drip irrigation as it helps deliver water directly to the root zone reducing evaporation and water runoff.
- 4) In the Kitchen - Using a dishwasher is generally more efficient than washing by hand. Reduce rinsing dishes and allow the dishwasher to remove excess food.
- 5) In the Bathroom - Replace old shower heads, faucets, and toilets with new water conserving fixtures. The new fixtures drastically reduce the amount of water used without sacrificing performance.
- 6) In the Laundry Room - Run the washing machine only with full loads. This maximizes the efficiency of the washer reducing water consumption. Invest in energy-efficient washing machines that use less water per load. Front loading washers typically use less water than top loaders.

By implementing these practices, we can collectively reduce water consumption in Cottage Grove and safeguard our water supply for future generations. Every drop saved adds up—especially when we work together as a community to protect our shared water resources.

### **Jake Boone Says Goodbye to Cottage Grove**

Assistant City Manager Jake Boone is leaving Cottage Grove to become a city manager in a city we can't quite yet announce to the public (if you're curious, ask someone in the City Manager's office in about a week). Says Boone, "It has been my privilege and honor to do my best to serve the residents of Cottage Grove over the last thirteen years, and I'm going to miss this community terribly. I've learned a lot here, and I'm going to take many wonderful lessons and memories with me as I head into my next adventure."

He continued, "If I could tell everyone in Cottage Grove one thing, it'd be this: thank you."

### ***Quote of the Week:***

*"My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness." ~ Maya Angelou*