

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 31, 2025

### **League of Oregon Cities – City Day at the Capitol**

On Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Mayor Candace Solesbee, City Councilmembers Greg Ervin, Dana Merryday and Randell Lammerman, and City Manager Mike Sauerwein participated in the City Day at the Capitol. After hearing presentations from Oregon Governor Tina Kotek and the Leadership from both the State House and State Senate, they met with State Representative Darin Harbick, and State Senator Cedric Hayden’s Legislative Assistant Angelita Sanchez to discuss issues impacting the City of Cottage Grove.



### **Cottage Grove Police Department Welcomes Sergeant Lafoca**

Sgt. Lafoca started at the Lane County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Division and a few years later, transferred to the Patrol Division. He has worked a variety of assignment including; investigations and special operations. He has hit the ground running, supporting the day to day operations for the department. Make sure to say hi when you see him out and about.

### **Dispatcher Chmela**

Dispatcher Chmela started with with the Cottage Grove Police department the first week of December. She is currently in Phase I of the field training program and has been a fantastic addition to our dispatcher team.



### **K9 Ripp Plushy**

For a limited time only, you can purchase a customized K9 Ripp plushy. All profits will be donated to Working Dogs Oregon, as they generously donated K9 Ripp to the Cottage Grove Police Department in 2023. Fundraisers, such as this, is how Working Dogs Oregon is able to continue the amazing work they do in providing departments with well trained apprehension and comfort K9's at no cost.

### **East Main Street Revitalization Project**

The Contractor has been chosen for the long awaited Main Street Renovation Project. The City Council awarded the contract to Wildish Construction to complete the approved updates to the downtown corridor. You will notice changes starting soon. The contractor will start to place construction fencing in the parking lot across the street from City Hall on February 17th. One half of the parking lot will be used for storage throughout the project that should last through the end of the year. The first portion of the project will be the installation of the water and storm lines. This will start at the east end, between 8th street and 9th Street and venture west. Through this portion of the project, traffic will be west bound only during construction hours. Wildish will have detours in place. Once work is done, traffic will be open both east and west bound. Parking will remain available on west side of the street and in the City parking lots. Access to the sidewalks and all businesses will remain open. City Staff is available to answer any questions and will provide up-to-date information as the project progresses through the Friday Update, the City of Cottage Grove website and TextMyGov.

### **Cleveland Street Capitol Improvement Project**

The Cleveland Street Project will start early February with Babb Construction dba Delta Construction in charge of installing the needed utilities to support the future housing development. The City of Cottage Grove received three million dollars in funding, appropriated by the State of Oregon Legislature through Business Oregon, to install infrastructure for this project. This installation will decrease the time it will take developers begin construction on the needed residential housing in Cottage Grove. The tentative start date for this project will be February 10th .

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

*“He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior”*

*~ Confucius*

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