

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 12, 2024

### **Yard of the Week Nominations Needed**

The City of Cottage Grove and the Chamber of Commerce are seeking nominations for Yard of the Week. Help us recognize those within the community that take pride in the appearance of their yard and beautify the community. Nominations can be submitted at the Chamber of Commerce 541-942-2411 / [ceo@cgcchamber.com](mailto:ceo@cgcchamber.com) or the City of Cottage Grove 541-942-5501 / [cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org](mailto:cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org)

### **Yard of the Week Recipient**

Congratulations to 360 Holly Ave for being selected as Yard of the Week for the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. This location is one of many beautiful yards in our community. Thank you for submitting your nominations.



### **Cottage Grove Rodeo**

Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> the Cottage Grove Riding Club will be hosting the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Cottage Grove Rodeo. The Rodeo grounds are located at 77958 Hwy 99S. Gates open at 4:00 pm. Main event starts at 7:00 pm. Put your boots on the Rodeo is in town. Come on down and enjoy the weekend at the Rodeo.

### **High Fire Danger**

Due to the high temperatures and lack of rain, the current fire danger is **High**. Most outdoor activities such as mowing grass and or using gas powered equipment are restricted to use before 10:00 am or after 8:00 pm., Property owners that have irrigated lawns are allowed to mow throughout the day. Please take extra caution while working outdoors to avoid from starting a fire. To date in Oregon there have been over 100 human caused fires this year.

Please visit the South Lane County Rural Fire and Rescue website, [Welcome to South Lane County Fire & Rescue - South Lane County Fire and Rescue \(southlanefire.org\)](http://www.southlanefire.org). View what the fire danger level is each day and what the restrictions are on various outdoor activities.

### **Cooling Center**

Community members responded to help staff the cooling center at the Community Center this past weekend. We had thirteen volunteers help manage the shifts after the Library closed on Friday and Saturday and all day Sunday. A total of 50 people took advantage of the cooling center during the extreme heat. Thank you to all of the volunteers that stepped up to help on a holiday weekend!

### **W. Main Street Water Mainline Break**

Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:45 am there was a City water mainline break between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets along West Main Street. City crews arrived and immediately went to work shutting down the water line and making the repair. The crew worked until 10:00 pm and was able to restore water service to all but one home that evening. Monday the Utility crew resumed working on the repair replacing a 24-foot section of 8" water mainline. The new section was in and all effected properties had their water restored by 3:00 pm. On Wednesday, the City completed backfilling the excavated ditch and is working to schedule the paving to complete the repair. The City Water Treatment staff estimated the water loss to be 140,000.

### **Spirit of BMD**

July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> the Spirt of Bohemia Mining Days will be hosting activities at Coiner Park and the annual BMD Parade. The activities in Coiner Park will be from 11:00 am to 10:30 pm both Friday and Saturday. There will be approximately 75 booths including food, vendors, music, and activities for all ages. The Parade will begin at 10:00 am starting on S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and ending at E. Main Street and Gateway Blvd. For more information, please visit [spiritofbmd.com](http://spiritofbmd.com).

### **Ore Cart Races**

The BMD Ore Cart Racing Association Inc. will be having the annual BMD Ore Cart Races July 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Adams and Madison Streets. Please plan on attending the races and cheering on your favorite Ore Cart Race Team.

### **Public Works Projects Update**

**R Street** - Paving of the R Street Extension from Sweet Lane south into the Cottage Grove Industrial Park was completed this past Tuesday. Pacific Excavation will be completing the sidewalk installation next week followed by installing the storm drainage landscaping. They intend of having the project completed by the end of July.

**Bohemia Park Entry Plaza** – Pacific Excavation completed the site preparation and is now working on installing the water, sewer, storm and electrical piping to support the new restrooms and splash pad. They are on schedule to complete the project in October.

**Street Restriping** – On July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Lane County will be re-striping the City streets. This work will start around 7:30 pm and continue throughout the evening and morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>. If the work is not completed during that time they will return at 9:00 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> to complete the restriping. Please watch for the paint equipment and avoid driving on the freshly painted street striping.

**2024 Chip Seal Projects** – City Council awarded the 2024 street chip seal and Middlefield Golf Course cart paths chip seal projects on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> to Sierra Santa Fe Corporation. They will be scrub, chip, and sealing E. Whiteaker Avenue from Gateway to Mosby Creek Road, Thornton Road from Mosby Creek Road to Row River Road, S. Gateway Blvd from Main Street to Taylor Avenue, N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Ostrander, S. River Road from Harrison to Hwy 99, and S. R Street from Main to the Cottage Grove High School. City Utility staff and National Construction will be performing spot repairs and preparing all the streets to be chip sealed between now and September 9<sup>th</sup> when Sierra Santa Fe will be starting the chip seal work. Sierra Santa Fe will also be chip sealing the cart paths at Middlefield Golf Course to repair the damage to the paths from the ice storm debris removal.

### **TextMyGov**

The City will be rolling out a new texting system in the near future. This is an effort to offer another way for the City to connect and communicate with individuals in our community. Staff are currently being trained on how to use the software. In the coming weeks there will be an opportunity to sign up for this service, stay tuned for more information.

### **Dust Abatement**

Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> City Utility staff will be working with a contractor to apply dust abatement on the gravel streets inside the City. This product is vegetable pulp and safe for the environment. The City has applied this product on the gravel street the past 3 years in an effort to reduce dust affecting property owners along the gravel streets.

### **Water Master Plan Hydrant Flow Tests**

On Thursday City Utility staff in partnership with West Yost Engineering performed 6 water flow tests throughout the City. The flow tests were conducted to help West Yost complete a water hydraulic model of the current water distribution system. This information will be used in the new Water Master Plan to determine capital improvement projects throughout the City water system. West Yost expected to have the plan completed by the end of December this year.

### **Officer Soleil Achieves Detective Status**

Officer Soleil Gordon has been re-assigned from patrol to the detective position. Officer Gordon has been with the Police Department since December, 2021 and has done an outstanding job of developing her skills as an investigator. She has already been working closely with our neighboring agencies to provide assistance on some complex investigations and has quickly earned a reputation in the region as a smart and dedicated detective. Her work in the last few weeks has provided her with invaluable on the job experience and training. KidsFIRST is providing a full scholarship to CGPD for Detective Gordon to attend the JuST Juvenile Sex Trafficking training conference in Phoenix, AZ October 24-26. This is an amazing opportunity for Detective Gordon and our department and is being offered at no expense to the police department.



<https://www.justconference.org/just-conference-2024/>

### **Cottage Grove Dispatchers Receive Certifications and Recognition**

Dispatcher Becky Erbes received her Intermediate Telecommunicators Certificate from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). The certification is granted based on a combination of years of service, continuing education training, and formal education. This is significant accomplishment for Becky and for our department. Congratulations to Becky and huge thank you for her continued service to our community.





Dispatcher Shanice Roselle graduated from the Basic Telecommunicators Academy at DPSST on June 28, 2024. Shanice has been doing an outstanding job in her training and has quickly become a valuable member and teammate in the dispatch center. The DPSST class coordinator emailed the Chief to say what a pleasure she was to have in class and how well she did in the training. We're proud to have her on the team.

***Quote of the Week:***

*“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.”*

*~ Sam Keen*