

# City mulls roads after gas tax failure

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The city of Cottage Grove is in for a long road when it comes to road repair. A ballot measure designed to increase the current gas tax from three cents to six cents failed in November leaving few options for a revenue source to address the city's damaged roads. "I guess we put up with disrepair on roads and prioritize what streets get fixed," said Ron Bradsby, the city's engineer. The city's roads are currently rated on a scale ranging from very poor to excellent. A 2014 study called for 9.18 miles of roads that met the requirements of very poor or poor to be addressed at a cost of \$5.4 million. However, Bradsby noted those figures were three years old. The idea of a ballot measure first came before the Cottage Grove City Council in August where the board agreed to give

the question to voters. At the time, councilor Mike Fleck noted the tax increase would affect low-income residents who did not own fuel-efficient vehicles. It was also noted at the August meeting that a bond could provide additional options for funding. However, after the failure of the tax increase, any bond measure would also have to go before voters before it could be implemented. Cottage Grove was not the only municipality to attempt a raise in the gas tax during the 2016 election cycle. Springfield managed to increase its tax to six cents, beating out Eugene's five-cent tax. The local tax is in addition to a state gas tax of 30 cents per gallon and a federal tax of 18.4 cents. While Bradsby agreed a bond would be an option for revenue to address the city's streets, he noted, "It's really up to the voters."



A 2014 study showed just over nine miles of road inside the city's limits that were labeled "poor" and in need of repair.

# Police impound lot robbed: Suspect steals truck, drives through fence

Cottage Grove police are searching for a suspect after an impounded car was stolen from the city's impound lot on December 27.

The vehicle in question, a white Dodge Durango, was originally reported stolen in California and recovered by local police on Christmas Eve.

"The suspect had something in the vehicle that was obviously worth the risk," Cottage Grove Detective Shawn Branstetter said.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:50 a.m. According to Branstetter, the suspect was able to gain access to the lot by cutting razor wire and climbing over the fence.

"They were able to start the vehicle and drive through the fence. Not through the gate. They drove through the fence," Branstetter said.

Tracey Johnson lives across the street from the impound lot on Columbus Court. She said

she didn't hear anything the night of the break-in but she wasn't surprised by the crime.

"I've lived here for nine years and we have been robbed six times," she said.

Johnson said the fence was in disrepair before the police department performed partial maintenance.

There are no cameras inside the lot and the alarm system did not operate properly during the course of the break-in.

"Hopefully there's a part two to this story," Branstetter said. He went on to say he doubts the vehicle is being driven around town. "If we recover the vehicle we can obtain evidence from inside but there's a chance it's just been stripped at this point."

For Johnson, the break-in highlights an on-going issue in her area. "It's pretty sad that this keeps happening. We finally had to get cameras. What's next? A moat?"

## January Dinner Menu

**6th: Chicken Pot Pie**

**13th: Liver & Onions or Chicken**

**20th: Meatloaf w/ Sherry Sauce**

Dinners come with soup, salad, & side item.

**Every Friday, 5pm Cost is \$9**

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## Church briefs

**COTTAGE GROVE CARE-GIVERS NETWORK MEETING – Monday, Jan 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Hosted on the first Monday of the month at Cottage Grove Bible Church, 1200 E. Quincy Ave. The potluck meeting features a guest speaker on topics beneficial to caregivers and their clients: homecare worker insurance, dealing with the hearing-impaired, stress management, nutrition, etc. For more information call one of the network coordinators: Shirley at 541-232-0966 or Virginia at 541-942-3108.

**CALVARY CHAPEL FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE – Friday, Jan 6 at 7 p.m.**

Designed as a non-denominational monthly gathering of all who love Jesus and enjoy contemporary praise and worship music. A communion table is

available for those who desire to participate. The church is located in the Village Shopping Center. For more info call 541-942-6842.

**MONTHLY GOSPEL SING-A-LONG – Friday, Jan 13 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Hosted at the Old Time Gospel Fellowship Church, 103 S. 5th St. The monthly event features group singing and music specials. If you have an instrument to play or you want to sing a special song, call Berneda at 541-942-3773 or Sandra at 541-942-9129.

**SDA MONTHLY PRODUCE AND MORE GIVE-AWAY – Monday, Jan 16 from 1-3 p.m.**

Seventh-day Adventist Community Services provides fresh fruits and vegetables as well as clothing and some household goods. The church is located at 820 S. 10th St. (Across from Harrison School)

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – Thursday, Jan 26 at 10 am**

Trinity Lutheran Church hosts this monthly meeting for individuals and families impacted by this long-term degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. The free, peer-led support group provides information and shares coping skills. For additional information contact Libby at 541-345-2988. The church is located on the corner of 6th & Quincy.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Veteran town hall

The Roseburg VAMC cordially invites all veterans, their family members and stakeholders to a town hall. This will be an open dialogue listening forum that will allow the veterans we serve an opportunity to have their questions answered. Roseburg VAMC leadership and key staff members will be present to assist veterans with their questions. Call (541) 344-0249 x1 for more information.

### Women Voters

League of Women Voters in Cottage Grove will be having a unit meeting at LCC in Cottage Grove on January

11 at 1 p.m. in room 139. We will be discussing election methods. Contact Gayle for more information at (541) 942-1858.

**Clarification:** In the December 28 edition of The Sentinel, a quote from the Faith Page story did not make it in time for press. Please see the statement from Pastor Phillips below:  
"Unfortunately, some people are under the impression that we 'closed the church down' and that's definitely not the case." "Lindsey and I still feel called as missionaries to our wonderful town. For the last six-and-a-half years, we have grown in our conviction God especially prepared us to serve this community. ..While fulfilling the obligations of the pastorate, we felt that our hands were tied to pursue this calling."

## BINGO COUPON

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**541.942.7934**

# Worship Directory

<p><b>DRAIN:</b> <b>Gateway Family Fellowship</b> Church of the Nazarene 337 "C" St. Drain, OR Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Living Hope Free Lunch Wed. at 12:30pm 541-836-7051 www.drainnaz.org</p> <p><b>HOPE U.M.C.</b> 131 W "A" St. Drain, OR 541-315-1617 Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen Bible Study: 10:45am Potluck Lunch: 11:45 Worship: 12:30pm</p> <p><b>COTTAGE GROVE:</b> <b>6th &amp; Gibbs Church of Christ</b> 195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822 Pastor: Aaron Earlywine Youth &amp; Families Pastor: Seth Bailey Services: 9am and 10:30am Christian Education Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade www.6thandgibbs.com</p> <p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm</p> <p><b>Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove</b> 1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza) 541-942-6842 Pastor: Jeff Smith Two Services on Sun: 9am &amp; 10:45am Youth Group Bible Study Child Care 10:45am Service Only www.cgcalvary.org</p>	<p><b>Center for Spiritual Living</b> Cottage Grove 700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center) Rev. Bobby Lee Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m. cslcottagegrove@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am</p> <p><b>Cottage Grove Bible Church</b> 1200 East Quincy Avenue 541-942-4771 Pastor: Bob Singer Worship 11am Sunday School: 9:45am AWANA age 3-8th Grade, Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm www.cgbible.org</p> <p><b>Cottage Grove Faith Center</b> 33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet www.cg4.tv Summer Schedule: Sunday Service 10am Full Children's Ministry available</p> <p><b>Covered Bridge Nazarene Church</b> 152 S. M St. 541-942-4422 Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker Sunday School: 9:30am Worship 10:30am</p> <p><b>Delight Valley</b> Church of Christ 33087 Saginaw Rd. East 541-942-7711 Pastor: Bob Friend Two Services: 9am - Classic in the Chapel 10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium</p>	<p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b> 3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479 Pastor: Karen Hill Worship: 10:00am Sunday School: 10:00am www.cgpresbynews.com</p> <p><b>Grove Community Church</b> 77820 Mosby Creek Rd. Cottage Grove, OR 97424 541-942-0123 Pastor: Bryan Parsons Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery: Infant - Pre-K Kid's Church: K to 5th grade</p> <p><b>Hope Fellowship</b> United Pentecostal Church 100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061 Pastor: Dave Bragg Worship: 11:00am Sunday Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday www.hopefellowshipupc.com "FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"</p> <p><b>Living Faith Assembly</b> 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Pastor Rulon Combs Worship &amp; Children's Church 10:00 am Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm</p> <p><b>Non-Denominational Church of Christ</b> 1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-767-0447 Preachers: Tony Martin &amp; Robert Evans Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am &amp; 5:30pm www.pennoyeravecc.com</p>	<p><b>Old Time Gospel Fellowship</b> 103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999 Pastor: Jim Edwards Sunday Service: 10:00am Join us in Traditional Christian Worship</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi</b> Catholic Churches 1025 N. 19th St. 541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712 Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J. Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm Sun. 10:30am St. Philip Benizi, Creswell: 552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686 Sunday: 8:30am</p> <p><b>St. Andrews Episcopal Church</b> 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb "Church with the flags." Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome</p> <p><b>Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> 820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: Kevin Miller Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 6th &amp; Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School &amp; Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue &amp; Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups tlccg.com</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> 334 Washington • 541-942-3033 Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen Worship: 10:30am Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free) 2nd &amp; 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm cottagegroveumc.org</p> <p><b>"VICTORY" Country Church</b> 913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913 Pastor: Barbara Dockery Worship Service: 10:00am Message: 11:00am "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"</p>
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