

Resident George Devine was presented an award by Mayor Jeff Gowing and former mayor, current EBID chair Jim Gilroy for his many years of service to the Cottage Grove community during Monday night's council meeting.

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needed to complete the project, Bryant said there is not currently a plan for the land.

"I'm not sure what we do. Do we build something else? Do we sell the land and re-invest that money? I'm not sure," he said.

Technically, Cottage Village Coalition does not own the property on Madison but rather, is under the umbrella of SquareOne's nonprofit status. It was SquareOne that won the grant and thus, purchased the property.

Bryant stressed that while some answers are still waiting for further investigation by the group, he was open to neighborhood involvement.

Rumors of "dividing and conquering" the neighbors, he said were unfounded.

Several neighbors received an email from SquareOne asking them to meet privately with Bryant to discuss their concerns about Cottage Village. However, Bryant said there was no effort to contact specific neighbors.

"We emailed people who had emailed us. We answered their email by asking them to meet," he said.

After the misunderstanding was discovered, SquareOne sent an email to all neighbors, asking them to share with any Madison-area resident they may have overlooked.

"If you want to meet with us individually, please let us know. We have a long road toward development. We don't know what obstacles we will face or even if development can happen. At this point all we have done is purchased property. Our development strategy seeks to be democratic and collaborative. We want neighbors who want to be involved," the email said.

## Curtains

one of the musical highlights as well as the "make up" duet by VanBeever and Tracy Nygaard. The lighting, sound, costumes, and orchestra were all executed without a hitch in just the second night after the Friday night opening.

"Curtains" originally opened in Los Angeles in 2006 and then on Broadway in 2007 where it ran for over one year. David Hyde Pierce (Niles on television's "Frasier") won the Lead-

ing Actor Tony Award for his portrayal of Lieutenant Cioffi. For local community entertainment, "Curtains," is well worth the price of admission. There will be 14 performances at the Cottage Theatre from April 7-30. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm, and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm. There is not a performance on Easter Sunday, April 16.



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