

City issues eviction notice on illegal camp



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A property in the Jefferson Ave. neighborhood of Cottage Grove plays home to an illegal camp. The city has issued a posting requiring the inhabitants to vacate the property by July 17.

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Residents of a pop-up camp near Jefferson Ave. in Cottage Grove will have to find a new place to call home after the city answered neighbors' concerns over the encampment by posting notice at the property.

According to city planner Amanda Ferguson, the city of Cottage Grove has posted notice on the property giving the inhabitants until July 17 to vacate. Should the group not comply by the date listed, the city would then post a second notice.

"Our city code says the first notice is 10 business days," Ferguson said. "We get to choose with the second notice. It would probably be between five and 10 days," she said.

If the campers do not comply with the second notice they could be fined up to \$500.

"It's a large fine," Ferguson said. "It goes through the municipal court."

While the city has begun the posting process at the property, Ferguson said the matter can be taken care of by the property owner.

If the city receives contact from the property owner of trespass, then the Cottage Grove Police Department can evict the individuals from the property.

Neighbors of the property noted the camp had grown from one individual to approximately three individuals over the course of a few weeks. They noted that the individuals were reportedly using the restroom outside and had assembled a series of tents



in the area.

The city of Cottage Grove has cleared out illegal camp sites before including at least one this year in the vicinity of the Main St. Bridge. Additionally,

last month the Cottage Grove Police Department responded to at least three instances of illegal camping around the city and local businesses.

BMD rundown

Bohemia Mining Days are back. Please find the answers to frequently asked questions here as well as a run down of the basic schedule of events.

Opens: Bohemia City (Bohemia Park) opens at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 13.

Carnival: Opens at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Discount, all-day ride bracelets will be 2 for 1 on Thursday. Cottage Grove Bi-Mart will be selling discount all-day ride bracelets until 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Parades: Bloomer Parade line-up is 5:45 p.m. pm Thursday at the corner of 5th and Main. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and heads east to Coiner Park from the line-up location.

Kiddie Parade: Registration begins Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the library. The parade begins at 11 a.m. Friday through downtown and ends at the library.

Grand Miners Parade: Registration begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday at Taylor ave, and 10th St. Line-up begins on S. 10th St. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Begins at S. 10th St. and continues to Main St. and Gateway Blvd.

Public transportation: The BMD Express train begins Friday at 2 p.m. It operates between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Stations include: Coiner Park, Bohemia Park, First Presbyterian Church, Harrison Ave. and River Rd., Bryant Ave. and River Rd., Ash Ave. and H St., All America City Square. On Saturday, the hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closes: Bohemia City and Bohemia Mining Days ends on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Other things to note:

- Several food booths will be open all four days of the festival.
- Beer and wine garden at Coiner Park opens at 5 p.m. Thurs.
- Bands begin playing at 4 p.m. on Thursday and run through all four days of the festival on various stages. Check The Nugget insert for bands and times.
- Miners' Steak Dinner begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday in Coiner Park near the basketball court until steaks run out.
- The Bohemia Marshal will be sworn in Thursday at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Bohemia City closes at 10 p.m.
- Gold-mining seminars happen on the hour in Coiner Park.
- The covered bridge, two-hour tour begins at 2 p.m. on Friday at 7th and Main St. Can fit 12 passengers, \$10 donation.
- The Feud contests begin Friday at 12:30 p.m. and run for the duration of the festival.
- Vision Keepers will present community awards on Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Seating is limited, organizers suggest residents bring their own lawn chair to the festival.
- Stay hydrated! Temperatures are expected to climb into the low 90s over the weekend.

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