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Won't you be my neighbor? Cottage Village says hello



The Cottage Village Coalition hosted an open house event for residents of the community to explore the property on E. Madison Ave. designated for the group's "tiny home" neighborhood dubbed Cottage Village.

The aim of the project is to combat the lack of affordable housing in Cottage Grove. Cottage Village Coalition has partnered with SquareOne, based in Eugene, to take advantage of the organization's non-profit status.

Earlier this year, SquareOne purchased the land on Madison, courtesy of a Meyer Memorial Trust grant and is currently utilizing Cottage Village Coalition to fundraise the remaining amount needed to construct the village: \$800,000.

The event held on Saturday, July 30 was billed as a "get to know you" style BBQ that would allow residents to tour the property, seen to the left, and get an idea of what houses may look like once completed, see the photo above.

The event also served as an opportunity for the group to begin fundraising efforts. According to the terms of the grant, construction on Cottage Village must be completed by the summer of 2018. Please see page A11 for the complete story.

Hot one Temperatures expected to hit 108, Concerts in the Park canceled

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Things are set to heat up in Cottage Grove this week. The area is expected to break long-standing records in regards to local temperatures dating as far back as 1939.

Wednesday's high is forecasted to reach 108 degrees, shattering the record for the day of 99 degrees in 1939. Thursday is set to see 106 degrees before it cools off to a balmy 101 degrees on Friday. Temperatures are expected to fall into the 90s for the rest of the week.

"Cottage Grove is a tricky spot," said Gerald Mackey of the National Weather Service's Portland office. "There's no airport readings from that area so the closest place to check for records is Eugene."

Eugene's projected highs for

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Minimum wage hike hits CG

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On July 1 workers in Cottage Grove got a raise.

The hike in pay, while possibly coinciding with a job well done, was actually courtesy of the Oregon State Legislature which increased the minimum wage for the totality of Oregon ranging from \$9.75 an hour to \$11.25 an hour. In Cottage Grove, the rate landed at \$10.25 an hour.

"We had upset businesses when it first passed," said Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Travis Palmer. "I haven't heard any detailed conversations yet but in passing I have heard that businesses are already raising prices."

Palmer cited the possibility of a local business raising a weekly ice cream treat from \$1 to \$1.50. However, employees noted that Umpqua had raised its prices and may be behind the hike, rather than the increase in minimum wage.

"I think there's a lot of misconception about the minimum wage hike," said Cameron Reiten, chairman for the chamber's legislative affairs committee. "The proponents are saying it's going to lift people out of poverty...but the problem is, I'm seeing this first hand as I go out

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Library program gets kids moving



The Cottage Grove Library offers a wide variety of summer activities including field trips for residents to partake in as the weather heats up. Above, residents try their hand at yoga, offered by the library. For the complete story, please see page A10.

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Summer Fun
The library keeps kids busy this summer. **PAGE A10**



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Biking comes to town
Northwest Bikes cycles into town bringing hundreds of wheels. **PAGE B1**

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