

CDC microgrid looks to add power



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The Cottage Grove Community Develop-

ment Corporation (CDC) is looking to add a little more power to Cottage Grove. According to the organization's website, CDC and Green Energy Corp. have com-

pleted a feasibility study for a community solar microgrid in Cottage Grove.

A microgrid is a small subset of electricity users who have a local supply of power that is sometimes connected to a larger grid.

"It's basically a project that would set up several renewable energy sites around town," Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Travis Palmer. "It would help create resilience for our power infrastructure as well as feed power back into the main grid."

According to the group's plan, the city shops located behind the post office on Main St. would serve as the ideal location for the grid.

"It would involve more than just that property," said Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers. "The reason for the shop being a good location is the regulation of the microgrid you can't cross a right of way."

City hall was also a possibility, according to Meyers, due to its proximity to the river and other commercial business in the area.

CG Body Studio robbed

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The owners of CG Body Studio missed the last art walk of the season after their business was burglarized late last week.

According to Layla and Bret Munk, a cash drawer and iPad mini were stolen from the property.

"It's partially our fault because weren't visiting the studio every day," Bret said. "We were mourning the loss of one of our best friends in town so we hadn't been to the studio in awhile."

When Bret visited the location on Friday, September 29 to retrieve cash left by one of the personal trainers, he noticed something missing.

The cash drawer had been taken along with the couple's 10-year-old daughter's iPad mini.

The Munks said that while the building was equipped with an alarm system, they did not get a notification from their security system and that when speaking with law enforcement, were told a wifi jammer may have been used.

Cottage Grove Police responded for a request for details. Captain Conrad Gagner said CG Body Studio was a victim of a burglary but the report has not been completed and a suspect has not been identified.

While the couple originally offered not to press charges in exchange for information or their stolen items, the crime has since ballooned in cost.

"Originally it was the cash box and the iPad that had a cracked screen. But now our credit cards, our daughter's education account, her gaming site, our email, all of those accounts have been hacked," Bret said.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Cottage Grove Police Department at (541) 942-9145.

Oregon officials respond to Las Vegas shooting

Sunday's shooting marks deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, more than 50 dead, 500 injured

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Oregon officials are reacting after what is being described as the deadliest mass shooting in the country's history.

On Sunday, October 1, at least 58 people were killed and more than 500 injured when Stephen Paddock, 64, opened fire on a concert from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel in Las Vegas. The death toll surpassed that of the shooting at Pulse Nightclub in Florida, which claimed the lives of 49 people and was, until Sunday, the deadliest mass shooting in the nation's history. That attack occurred in 2016.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the families of those tragically killed in Las Vegas," Governor Kate Brown said, ordering flags around the state to be flown at half mast. "My heart breaks that this will never be enough to console those who have lost a

loved one to senseless violence and I thank the first responders who selflessly serve in times like these."

Portland Democrat Earl Blumenauer called for stricter gun control after the shooting asking Congress to consider his 2015 plan for reducing gun violence.

The Congressman's plan calls for gun violence research to be permitted, background checks for gun purchases, better mental health care and for certain firearms to be prohibited in certain settings.

"From Orlando to Roseburg, and now Las Vegas, the carnage has only continued," Blumenauer said. "Thoughts and prayers will not stop future tragedy. Enough is enough. My hope is that sanity will prevail, and Republican leadership in Congress will muster up the courage to act."

The Cottage Grove Police Department took to social media to address the incident, posting, "Our heartfelt condolences go out

to all those affected by the tragedy in Las Vegas last night. Please keep your loved ones close."

Initial reports of terror group ISIS claiming responsibility for the attack have been debunked by officials who report Paddock had no ties to foreign groups.

According to Las Vegas authorities, Paddock was deceased when they entered his hotel room.

Paddock had been staying at the hotel since September 28.

Clark County Commissioner Steve Sisolak has sent up a GoFundMe page for victims of the shooting which can be accessed here: www.gofundme.com/dr2ks2-las-vegas-victims-fund.

Those wanting to help can also donate to the National Compassion Fund at national-compassionfund.org or the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross by calling (702) 791-3311.

New game comes to town

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Linder Rohrbach comes to Cottage Grove to visit her parents and volunteer at Schwarz Park. She's finished up her latest visit and is headed to Florida to continue traveling the country but she's left something behind. Munzee.

"It's a fun scavenger hunt game that gets people out of the house and outside," she said.

The game consists of bar codes left around town in various locations. Once a user downloads the Munzee app to their phone, they can view a map with possible Munzee bar codes around town. To capture a bar code, simply scan it with a smart phone.

"You don't win anything but points. It's a nice sport for when winter comes and there's not a lot to do," Rohrbach said.

Interested residents can view the game at Munzee.com.

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