

First impressions to meet

Cottage Grove First Impressions Program Plans for Enhanced Visitor Experience – Meeting on November 15.

What do visitors to Cottage Grove think about our community? Are we rolling out the welcome mat to tourists, potential new residents, and prospective business owners? Can we make changes that will attract more visitors to stay longer in our area? How can we work together to enhance the "first impressions" of our business districts, visitor services, and unique tourist attractions?

The Cottage Grove First Impressions Program is a project of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, City of Cottage Grove, Main Street Program, and the Rural Economic Vitality team from Rural Development Initiatives (RDI). Support for the program also comes from Cycle Oregon and the Ford Family Foundation. This program launched in July 2017, with the goal to support enhancement of the city's downtown business area and bicycle tourism.

First Impressions partners two communities in the region, to provide volunteer teams to visit and provide an objective feedback. In August, a visiting team of volunteers from Oakridge conducted a day-long "first impressions" assessment in Cottage Grove, driving around the city, exploring on foot, and visiting businesses in and around the

central business district, all with a focus on visitor-oriented stores and services, and amenities for bicycle tourism.

The assessment team looked at local infrastructure and amenities, building exteriors, interiors, and customer service. The report generated from this visit will be presented for a community-wide discussion about how well local efforts are achieving their goals and where future projects can be implemented to further support the vitality of our local businesses and community. Please join us for this important conversation and interactive Action Planning session:

Cottage Grove First Impressions – Community Action Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6 – 8:30 p.m. *Light dinner served starting at 5:45 p.m.

Cottage Grove Armory, 628 Washington St.

For more information about this meeting contact:

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Rural Development Initiatives: Anne Mitchell email: amitchell@rdiinc.org (541) 256-0551

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The League of Women Voters is having a discussion group at Lane Community College in

Cottage Grove on Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 1 p.m. The discussion will be on Civil Discourse. The local unit welcomes anyone interested in the topic to attend.

Beds for Freezing Nights
Beds for Freezing Nights needs volunteers to staff its emergency warming center this winter. Training provided on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m.-noon at First Presbyterian Church, Third & Adams. For more information, go to www.freezingnights.com.

POOL

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Photo c/o Warren Daugherty Aquatic Center Facebook page.

of the community. The committee met for the first time earlier this month and as of press time was scheduled to meet again on November 7.

Mike Goreman of BLRB Architects--the firm tasked with handling the pool's construction--addressed the school board Monday night.

He said the company had arrived at list of projects to bring the district closer to budget

that included upgrading the electrical system in the building as well as all of the mechanical equipment, new piping for the pool, a new pool deck and a fresh coat of paint. The plan would also include a new, eight-lane pool, a decision that was the center of debate for the design committee.

According to Parent, the committee is made up of both competitive and recreational swimmers. The current

pool's measurements disqualify it from being used for competition meets and the suggestion of adding a bulkhead to bring the pool to regulation size has been floated for

years.

However, the addition of a bulkhead would limit the pool to six lanes while the difference in cost between the addition and a completely new pool is \$150,000.

"There was a lot of talk about the competitive versus the recreational," Parent said. The committee reportedly discussed requesting the shallow end of the new pool be three and a half feet rather

than the standard four feet to allow for more use by little swimmers. There was also talk of a diving board and another water feature.

"Something to make it a fun pool, too," Parent said.

The new plan presented by Goreman would cost the district \$5.7 million; \$600,000 over the current budget.

"It's new plumbing in the locker rooms, new fixtures, new lights, a new epoxy floor," he said. "The challenge in expanding it is it's not up to code so we'd just upgrade. That's about it, freshen it up," Goreman said of the locker room.

The pool was not on the agenda as an action item and the board did not vote on the information it was given.

Creswell Foundation

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"Restoration will be more costly because we're following the guidelines of the National Register and the place has to be approved by the state preservation office," McCoy said.

The group is focusing on the building's foundation, a project that is estimated to cost \$80,000. The entire renovation is expected to cost \$250,000—a price tag that has the foundation looking for grants and community help.

A grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust helped fund the plans for the building's foundation but the group is now looking towards securing the finances needed to complete architectural drawings.

"We are taking donations," McCoy said. "But we haven't embarked on a fundraising campaign yet because we just now finished the study and have an idea of what we need to do. Once we know exactly what to ask for, we'll start a campaign." McCoy, who volunteered in the building when it was a library, said she got involved in the foundation because of her time spent in the building which has been vacant since 2006.

The building had been a library since 1927 and when the county attempted to run a county-wide library system in the '70s, it adhered to the effort, carrying on as a volunteer library after the county effort failed.

But in 2006, the building was closed for good and deeded to the city of Creswell in 1980. It has remained under its ownership since—but that may soon change.

The Creswell City Council is scheduled to discuss future ownership of the building at its November 27 meeting—one McCoy hopes residents attend as well as a November 17 meeting aimed at educating the community on the foundation's restoration efforts.

The architect who completed the grant-funded study will be available for questions at the Creswell Community Center on November 17 at 1 p.m. McCoy encourages anyone interested in the project to attend.

"In the future," she said, "We definitely will have other projects. We're focused on this project now but as our mission statement says, we want to protect the physical and cultural heritage of Creswell." Reportedly, that means next on the list may be a walking tour of the history of Creswell's buildings.

For more information or to donate to the Creswell Heritage Foundation, contact McCoy at verlean@gmail.com or write to the Creswell Heritage Foundation P.O. Box 1337 Creswell Oregon, 97426.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 of Cottage Grove will hold a celebration honoring our Veterans, including those on active duty. Saturday, November 11th at 11:00am Lincoln Middle School Choir will be performing several numbers. Speakers will include Mayor Jeff Gowing and Captain Allan Widener. All are invited to enjoy this event! Dennis Twite VFW Post 3473 Commander

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DRAIN:
HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor:
Seth Bailey
Service: 10am,
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
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

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave.
(Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
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

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueett
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Service: 10:00am

Delight Valley
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

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope In The Grove
700 E. Gibbs • 541-520-9529
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Sunday services:
Worship: 8:30a
Coffee Fellowship: 9:30a
Bible Study: 9:45a

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
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467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor: Rulon Combs
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Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave
541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravccoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi
Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
Holy Mass:
Tue-Thu: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm
Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
541-942-5213
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5,
Kids Free)
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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