



City council tackles shopping cart ordinance

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On the morning of Nov. 27 there was a shopping cart in front of city hall. Nine hours later, the city council met inside to discuss solutions to what has become a problem that warrants council's attention.

"I gave up after I collected by 264th cart in a little less than six months," Councilor Ken Roberts told the board.

Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers presented the board with a mock ordinance for the purposes of discussion only. That discussion lasted nearly 40 minutes and included comment from the city council and Grocery Outlet owner Ed Sowa. Noticeably absent were managers from Walmart and Safeway--both of whom were invited to the meeting by Councilor Ken Roberts.

"Walmart does an inventory of its carts every

30 days," Roberts said. "When they come up sort, they just order more. They don't care about their carts littered all over our community."

Councilor Jake Boone agreed and, after city staff suggested holding carts that were picked up for 30 days, ventured this, "Do we have to recycle them after 30 days or can we charge them a storage fee? So that big businesses that keep letting us collect their carts can be paying us thousands of dollars, eventually? I'd be happy to hold them and keep sending bills to Arkansas until they come get them." Walmart is headquartered in Arkansas.

The possibility of fines, however, may become a possibility. The draft ordinance Meyers presented to the council had several remedies including requiring that retailers install an underground perimeter that coincided with a locking mechanism on the carts. That solution was quickly brushed aside, citing costs to the retailers.

"This is not the businesses' fault," Councilor Mike Fleck said.

Sowa said when he started his business, he had 100 carts, paid for out of his own pocket at \$100 each. Over the last four years, he's lost 20, a number he says is good in comparison to bigger retailers.

And while Sowa said he wouldn't mind spending more money to combat the problem, there were still gray areas in the proposals presented Monday night.

State law allows municipalities to adopt pieces of ordinance that makes taking a cart off store premises a crime. However, do to that, store owners must post a sign in their building and on the carts noting that it is against the law to remove a cart from the property. The signs must also contain a toll free number to call if a cart is discovered.

"How do we affix the signs to the carts and is it still enforceable if they rip the sign off?" Sowa asked, noting his carts had started with numbers affixed to them. Those numbers are now gone.

The law also stated that carts could be within 100 feet of the facility. However, in Cottage Grove, that distance would place the cart at an apartment complex--a frequent dumping ground for carts.

The law also creates an enforcement issue, according to Meyers. Once an individual unloads their groceries and leaves the cart in a yard, it becomes difficult to pin the crime on a certain individual.

Staff was instructed to bring back an ordinance meant for a vote and council is expected to take the issue up again in January.

Museum earns grant for coat

Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, awarded 18 grants totaling \$230,000 to organizations across the state for projects that conserve, develop and interpret Oregon's cultural heritage. Projects range from exhibits to oral history and awards range from \$2,000-\$20,000.

The Cottage Grove Museum was one of the lucky winners, earning funds for its Titanic Coat exhibition. The coat was worn by a survivor of the doomed ship and subsequently sewn as pieces into her sons' coats when they went to war.

Other grant recipients included:

* Abernethy Elementary School PTA, in Portland, for the restoration of a WPA mural in the school.

* Astoria Public Library to organize historic archives.

* Benton County Historical Society and Museum for conservation of historic objects to be displayed in the new museum in Corvallis.

* Butte Creek Mill Foundation for the restoration of the Butte Creek Mill destroyed by fire in Eagle Point.

* Chetco Historical Memorial Committee for enhancements to the Chetco Indian Memorial site in Brookings.

* Four Rivers Cultural Center, in Ontario, for the restoration of the Harano photography neon sign.

* Gorge Owned, in Hood River, for the development and marketing of two podcasts about Columbia River Gorge history.

* High Desert Museum, in Deschutes County, for improvements to the Frontier Days school program.

* Illinois Valley Community Development Organization, in Cave Junction, to create and perform an original production about food farm heritage.

* Linn County Historical Museum, in Brownsville, for improvements to the exhibit about the history of the local indigenous people.

* Oregon Historical Society, in Portland, to develop and implement the Indigenous Oregon History series for Tribes to share history and culture with broad public audiences.

* Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, in Portland, to evaluate and update a walking tour with added stories and sites exploring South Portland's historic, cultural, ethnic and racial dynamics.

* Oregon Nikkei Endowment, in Portland, to digitize, to translate and publish on-line two collections; FBI documents from the Koyama Family and 10 special issues of Oregon Nippo, a Japanese language newspaper.

* The Vanport Mosaic, in Portland, to collect and present the history of the northeast Portland neighborhood of Albina 1950s-1980s through multime-

dia oral histories, a new play, and engagement activities.

* Umatilla County Historical Society, in Pendleton, to complete phase three of the Umatilla Gold: The History of Wheat in Umatilla County exhibit.

* The University of Oregon, in Eugene, to provide training and equipment to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to digitize photographs, slides, and scrapbooks that will be annotated by community members and published to the tribes' online, digital collection.

* Whiteaker Community Council to conduct 10 oral histories, digitize photos in private collections, and upload these to its website.

This competitive grant program is for qualifying organizations, and is offered once per biennium. It is a program of the Oregon Heritage Commission, comprised of nine people representing Oregon's heritage and geographical diversity who have been appointed by the Governor. There are nine advisory representatives from state agencies and statewide organizations. The mission of the Oregon Heritage Commission is to secure, sustain, and enhance Oregon's heritage by ensuring coordination of heritage initiatives by public and private organizations; advocacy on its behalf; education of the public about its extent and value; and promotion and celebration of its diversity.

Home Free Continued from A1

responsibility of the festival to be as self sustaining as possible. It was in this vain of thought that I tried the Home Free Concert. While moderately financially successful, it showed that a venue of this size can be

successfully pulled off! I apologize for the angst that it caused the rest of the board members," he said.

Reiten previously told The Sentinel that having sponsors for a concert would be ideal and that it was an

avenue he may explore in the future.

He cited questions about the finances related to the festival behind his decision to release the information.

"I can't say enough about the support of the City of Cottage Grove

the Stewart family the Cottage Grove Riding Club and many others in the community that helped to make this a success," Reiten's statement ended, noting, "Hopefully we can do it again!"

*Find us at Christmas
In Cottage Grove
December 2nd*





Look for our Adopt-A-Dream tree everyday thru Christmas at Cascade Home Center. Also, look for our bell ringers, from 8:00am-5:00pm this Saturday only!

Purchase chocolate carousel horses from Sanity Chocolate. Proceeds will go directly to the Cottage Grove Carousel.

Visit The Bookmine, Dot's Trophy Shop & Cottage Grove Sentinel this holiday season and purchase a **Carousel button**. All button sales go to help complete restoration of the Carousel.

Take a free photo of your kids on our holiday carousel horse at the South Lane Fire Station from 7:00am-11:00am, and also by City hall from 5:30pm-8:00pm

Come Join the Fun!

For details on upcoming activities & events, please visit us online at:
www.cottagegrovecarousel.com
 Follow us on  @carousel97424  cottagegrovecarousel & 

Recycling changes

From: Division Manager Daniel Hurley
Lane County Waste Management

Due to disruption in global recycling markets, Lane County is temporarily not able to accept the following materials for recycling:

Plastic Bags

Milk cartons & aseptic cartons (juice, soup, soy boxes)
All other plastics (except clear milk jugs)

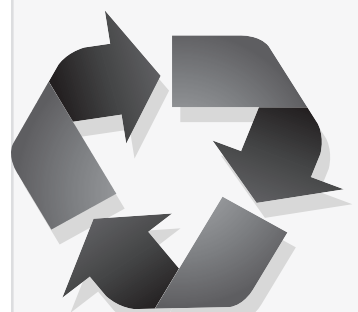
Please do not place any plastics or plastic-lined papers in commingled recycling at all. We will set up bin for milk jugs as soon as we can.

Lane County is currently unable to market these materials due to a forthcoming ban on imports of mixed recycled materials into China. These changes are temporary. We hope to resume collection of these materials in the coming months as markets adjust.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Continue to recycle plastic milk jugs. "HDPE #2" plastic that is cloudy/off-white in color is still a valuable plastic. Recycle your plastic bags at local grocery stores. Safeway, and Wal-Mart all participate in a national program to recycle plastic bags into composite lumber at factories in the United States.

Recycle your beverage containers at grocery stores or the **Bottle Drop Redemp-**



tion Center (2105 W Broadway, Eugene). Oregon's bottle deposit system refunds 10 cents for each water and carbonated beverage container.

Reduce & Reuse! Recycling is good, but it is not the only, nor the best, action you can take. Reducing the products and packaging you buy will conserve far more energy and natural resources. Look for bulk options and reuse your plastic containers. It will often save you money

Recycle right! Recycling works when we send good quality resources for re-manufacture. Please do not "recycle" anything other than what is described as recyclable on signs or instructions. You can find more information about recycling at www.lanecounty.org/commingledrecycling.



NEXTSTEP

Donation / Training Center

Mon-Sat
(8:30am to 5pm)
2101 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97402
541-686-2366

ReUse Store

Mon-Sat (9am-6pm)
Sunday (Closed)
2101 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97402
541-868-0904



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Local Redemption Center
2105 Broadway Eugene
Open Daily 8am to 6pm.

NEW SPRINGFIELD LOCATION COMING 2018:
BOTTLEDROPCENTERS.COM

Effective immediately, Cottage Grove Garbage Service will no longer accept plastics as recyclable material.

If you are a residential curbside recycler or a commercial recycler using a cart, please use the new instructions.

How to Recycle in Cottage Grove

Step 1: All material must be clean – no food residue in glass or tin cans, no soiled paper or cardboard, no waxed coated cardboard, no lids or caps.
***No plastics.**

Step 2: Commingle only these items together in your bin or cart:

- **Paper:** Phone books, magazines, junk mail, newspaper & box board.
- **Tin & Aluminum:** Cans and Foil only.
- **Cardboard:** Flatten & place in or next to bin.

Step 3: Set these items next to the bin or cart:

- **Glass:** Food and beverage glass only.
- **Used engine oil:** Must be in leak proof plastic container no larger than 5 quarts. No transmission fluid, cooking oil or antifreeze.

Contaminated commingle will be left at the curb.

