

Groups in the Grove

A look at local events, achievements and things to know in Cottage Grove

T.E.A.M. CG looking for new members, information

In 2014, Community Leader Don Williams convened a group of local movers & shakers to determine if there was a need for and interest in creating a networking/training organization to strengthen Cottage Grove's non-profit organizations (NPOs). The answer was "Yes!" -- and TEAMcg was born.

Our name is an acronym for Together Everyone Achieves More. Our mission is to "connect the community" and we do it in several ways:

1. Establishing and maintaining an NPO database;
2. Organizing a bi-annual gathering of NPOs for networking and training;
3. Offering specialized training workshops as needed;
4. Maintaining a website (teamcottagegrove.com) that offers the database and community information;
5. Partnering with the United Way of Lane County for volunteer coordination; and by
6. Publishing a weekly newsletter informing Grovers what's going on in town.

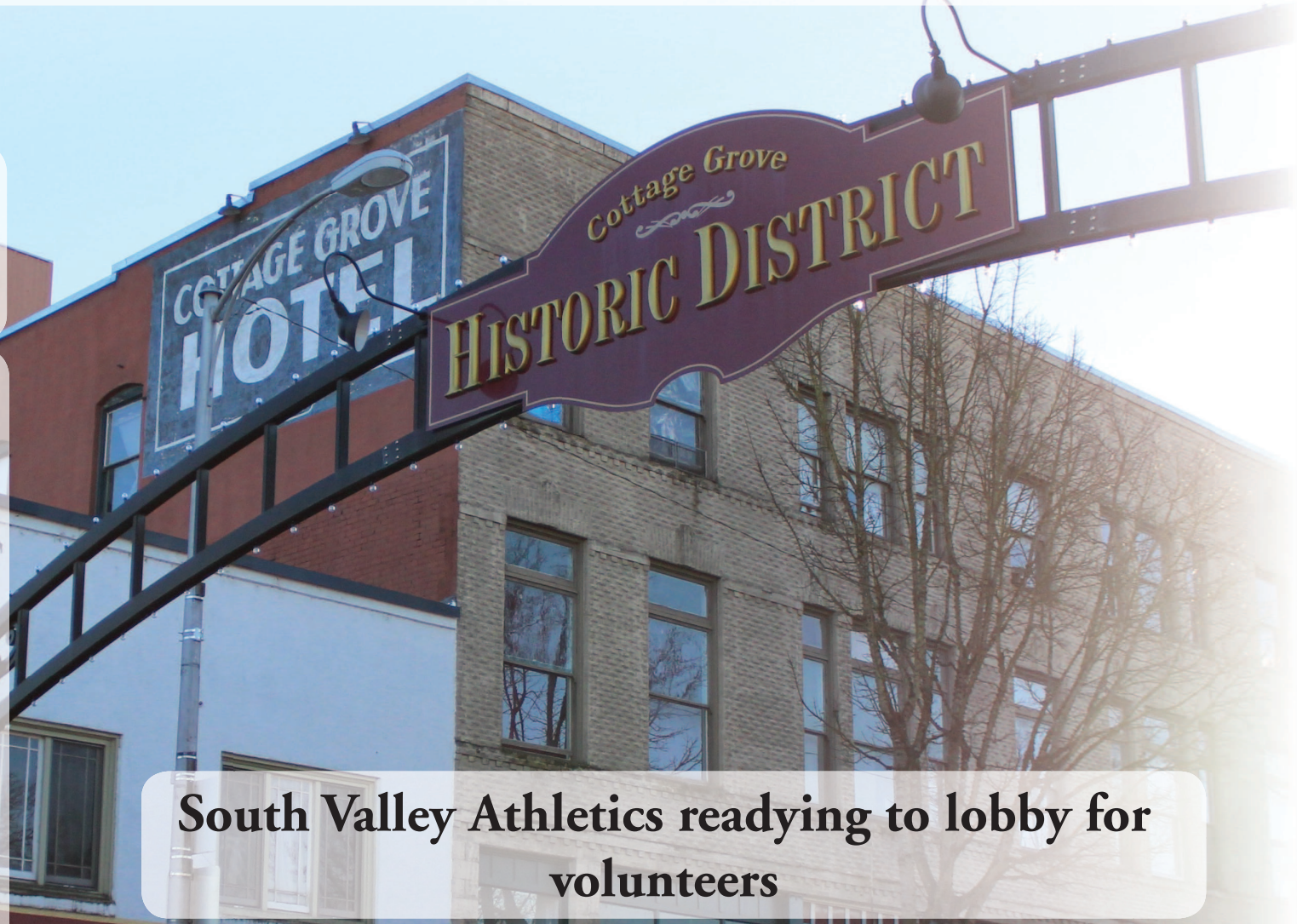
We are finalizing the 2018 Database and need NPO leaders to visit our website to ensure their information is still accurate. Please email any changes or additions ASAP to teamcottagegrove@gmail.com.

For a little town, we are a busy town! Around The Grove is a free, weekly publication highlighting local events and activities. KNND provides us with community information we aggregate into four pages and distribute in two ways.

DirtCheapCopies and the Library print the courtesy copies Jill and Marje Vaverka place strategically around town. We also email it on Mondays. To subscribe, or to submit an item to promote, send email to cindy@knnd.com.

After four years, it's time for some new teammates! We welcome an opportunity to meet with nonprofit groups and explore how TEAMcg can better serve them. To schedule a date, call John Rudolph at 541-942-2350.

We are especially grateful to be a community project of Another Way Enterprises (AWE), which is our fiscal agent allowing us to receive charitable donations.



South Valley Athletics readying to lobby for volunteers

Forty-eight years and still going strong! As time marches on, South Valley Athletics has undergone many changes over those years, but the last two years have been particularly interesting. With those changes, we are in need of people to continue supporting community recreation now more than ever as we manage transitions in the organization.

We had a setback in December with the theft of our trailer and soccer equipment. More frustrating than the loss was the impact to improving practice fields and equipment for the kids.

Through the hard work of our volunteers and the tremendous support of this community, we

were able to replace all of the stolen equipment and plan to continue efforts to improve the R St. fields.

The kids have new gear and things are on track for the spring. Once the new Harrison is complete, the additional gym space will allow more opportunities for volleyball and basketball.

The future for community recreation is bright.

In many ways, the organization has never been healthier. We are fiscally sound with strong policy to protect and develop kids. We have solid support in the community and a long tradition of service.

We are incredibly thankful for the efforts of our volunteer

board members. Their hard work has created tremendous opportunities for local families.

Here comes the big ask...

We need a new group of volunteers to step forward for South Valley Athletics to continue into the future. Many of our board members started when their kids were little, and as they age out of our programs, our board members will transition to support their children as they move to other programs. We need parents who are committed to community based programs for soccer, volleyball, basketball, cheer and tennis to carve out time in their busy schedules.

Without that volunteer base, we will not be able to keep

these programs going.

South Valley Athletics is making a push during the month of May to find community volunteers.

We will evaluate volunteer response at the end of the month and determine a path forward for the future.

Please contact our office or talk to one of our board members in the blue shirts on soccer weekends. We need executive board members by June.

It has been an honor being executive board members of this organization; serving kids and families in this community is tremendously rewarding. Please help us keep this program rolling. Thank you in advance for your support.



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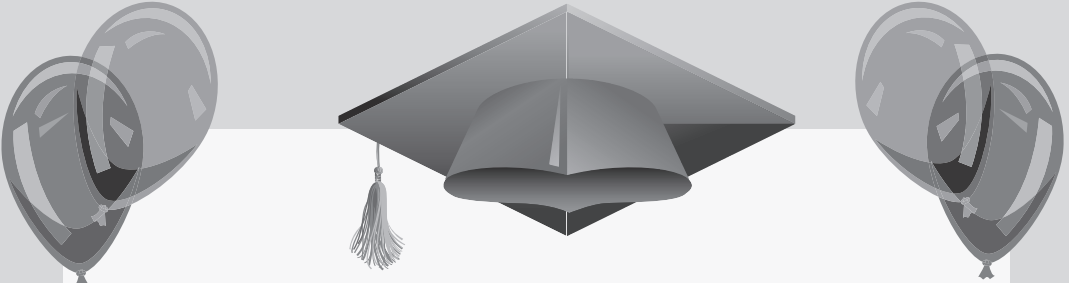
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