Report gives glimpse of Cottage Grove's housing future

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By the year 2038, Cottage Grove will have more than 3,000 new residents according to the housing needs analysis conducted by EchoNorthwest for the city.

The study, released in its draft form late last week, details the potential housing needs for the city in the future and potential solutions.

The 77-page report details in the conclusions and recommendations section that the city may have the chance to work with South Lane School District, "on redevelopment of two sites that the school district is considering identifying as surplus to the district's needs."

The report also suggests that the city examine rezoning existing medium density land and vacant high density land located near the edges of the city to allow multi-family housing development in commercial areas.

The current housing shortage in the city mirrors that of nearby municipalities and cities around the nation as housing inventory drops and rents soar. Apartments in Cottage Grove can range between $650 and $1,200 per month while housing prices can soar, in rare cases, up to $500,000 according to popular home listing services.

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"The factors driving the shift in types of housing needed in Cottage Grove include changes in demographics and decreases in housing and affordability. The aging baby boomers and the household formation of millennials will drive demand for renter and owner-occupied housing…," the report reads.

Approximately 75 percent of Cottage Grove's housing was single-family detached while the report predicts that 65 percent of new housing will be single-family detached as well. It also notes that 47 percent of the city's households have "affordability problems" including a cost burden rate — paying more than 30 percent of income for housing — of 65 percent for renters.

"Without diversification of housing types, lack of affordability will continue to be a problem, possibly growing in the future if incomes continue to grow at a slower rate than housing costs," the report reads. "Under the current conditions, 634 of the forecast for new households will have incomes of $35,400 or less. These households cannot afford market rate housing without government subsidy."

The report suggested that Cottage Grove collaborate with affordable housing providers and develop a tax abatement program to promote affordable housing.

To read the full report, visit cottagegrove.org.

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Meet the DJ/Program Host

LLOYD WILLIAMS

I was born in Eugene and grew up in Cottage Grove, graduating from CGHS in 1968 -- go Lions! I studied radio at Lane Community College in the 1970s, graduating with a degree in both radio broadcasting and television design. I subsequently moved my studies to the University of Oregon, graduating with a B.S. in Communications. I worked my way through school, first in the plywood plant at the Cottage Grove Weyerhaeuser mill, and later while working in radio. I took classes as I could afford them. It was a slow process. I graduated from the UO at the ripe old age of 39. While working at the mill, I had the good fortune to meet Don Work who had a popular Saturday Oldies request show on KNND. He asked me to help him pull records for his show. That experience hooked me on radio and I changed my LCC major from Business to Radio Broadcasting and began interning at KNND in late-1971. In six months, I joined the KNND team as a full-time employee working 36 hours a week on the air and other assignments (that's code for cleaning the bathroom and hauling out trash!). I eventually worked in all capacities: air talent, production, music director, program director. By 1973, I was also working at KEED in Eugene on the weekends. I don't recall having a day off from radio for a couple of years. I left KNND in 1976 and worked my way into a full-time position at Keed where I had a terrific run on the air and as music director. While I was still at KNND, I assisted Keed in developing a new record library when they changed their music format from Top-40 to County. In return, KNND received all their old Top-40 record library! Old-timers will remember"K-double-E-D"! What a great radio station. Much of what I learned at Keed helped me as the KNND music director, program director, and mid-day air talent. And I was ecstatic to be able to add all the Keed oldies from the 1950s and '60s to our increasingly popular music rotation! It is that music that I play exclusively today: the music of the '50s and '60s, "the greatest musical era", right here on KNND on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I hope you'll join me.

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Family Activity #1: Family Day Worksheet

Word Search

Find the **7 family related words** in the word search. The words will be found vertically, horizontally, and diagonally.

S	A	S	E	H	P	R	M	H	Z	N	F
G	I	M	M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S	R
N	F	L	G	A	C	Q	Q	G	K	A	I
I	O	F	A	R	I	L	Y	T	I	D	P
L	E	J	U	T	K	Y	L	C	F	V	Q
O	H	D	K	F	G	U	P	N	I	E	J
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N	A	H	T	T	I	W	D	E	E	U	M
A	H	L	P	W	B	K	J	O	R	R	G
P	L	A	Y	F	U	L	N	I	G	E	T
X	U	P	I	C	N	I	C	S	M	S	C

Word Bank:
Love
Picnics
Adventures
Playful
Heartfelt
Hug
Memories

Guess What I Am!

Use the clues to guess the animal/object below. The blank spaces are for each letter of the answer.

1. I am red, round and can be transformed into a delicious pie. **What am I?**
   ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2. I rise, I set, and when I'm around kids love to play. **What am I?**
   ___ ___ ___
3. I'm an animal that has spots, very long legs and can reach very tall places. **What am I?**
   ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Answers: 1. Apple 2. Sun 3. Giraffe

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Do you know what your children's favorite things are? Do your children know yours? For many families, asking a series of questions about your favorites can be a fun and sometimes enlightening experience! Did you know all the answers to your children's questions or were you able to learn something new?

Directions

1. Fill in the blanks in the heart with answers to each question below.
2. Color the heart and hang this sheet on your fridge so everyone who visits will know what your family favorites are!

What's your family's...

1 ...favorite activity to do together?
2 ...favorite snack?
3 ...favorite movie?
4 ...favorite day trip?
5 ...favorite color?
6 ...favorite sports team?
7 ...favorite restaurant?
8 ...favorite day of the week?

1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____
6 _____ 6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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