

# Cottage Village receives \$50,000 donation



COURTESY BRUCE KELSH

Cottage Village hopes to start construction on the first home, modeled above, by late fall after a \$50,000 donation gets the group to the half-way mark of \$1.2 million needed to complete the project.

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Cottage Village, also known as the tiny house project, has reached a new milestone in its development. It hasn't broken ground. There are no new houses to see and the project hasn't earned the go-ahead from the city's planning department yet. However, the local group coordinating the effort in collaboration with Eugene-based non-profit SquareOne, Cottage Village Coalition, announced last week that the project had earned its first donation from an entity that was not a non-profit group, church or private individual.

Justin King of King Estates Winery, donated \$50,000 to the project to be spent on the properties' community center.

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cause we're using the workshop to build other things during the rainy season," said Cottage Village Coalition's Bruce Kelsh.

halfway mark to the estimated \$1.2 million needed to finish the project. The group was initially awarded a grant from Meyer Me-

approved access permit for the entrance onto the property at E. Madison and new driveway approaches citing the commercial traffic-level traffic loads for the property despite its being zoned as residential.

While the project has cleared the first hurdle in obtaining city approval and plans to use a recently approved clarification to city ordinance that allows accessory dwellings on existing property to build its first house it's not quite ready to accept tenants. The first house, expected to be one of the larger models, will be used for just that, a model. As more donations come in and plans are finalized, Kelsh said a community committee will be established to begin screening tenants.

The project has also recently received lumber donations from three different companies but for now, the biggest challenge facing the group has nothing to do with the actual houses.

"The biggest challenge is getting the funds for the infrastructure stuff," Kelsh said. "That cost may be as high as \$250,000 but once it's in we can build and you build one house and people say, 'Oh I get what this project is about now.'"

morial Trust to purchase the land on Madison Ave. with the mandate that the project be completed in the summer of 2018. However, Kelsh said the group has since obtained an extension and hopes to start work in the late fall; a goal made more easily obtainable after the city's planning department issued a staff report on the proposed plans.

During the Sept. 11 planning meeting, the board received plans and the staff report for Cottage Village. The report cited SquareOne's plans to house 13 homes on the property on Madison ranging from size between 224 and 361 square feet. It also laid out conditions of approval for the project including a screened in area for trash and recyclables, an

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The workshop, currently on the property along with a house occupied by a caretaker, will eventually serve as a community center thanks to King's donation. The goal is to create a communal kitchen, laundry area and meeting space for the community that will consist of 13 tiny houses.

The latest donation brings the project just beyond the

## CGHS Parent Club to host bazaar Sept. 29

The Cottage Grove High School Parent Club will be hosting a fall bazaar fundraiser this Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will be held at the high school and will feature vendors, crafts, food and a silent auction.

### 6-day weather forecast

<b>THURSDAY</b> 89°   52°  <b>Sunny</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 88°   52°  <b>Mostly Sunny</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 72°   50°  <b>Partly Cloudy</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 72°   50°  <b>Partly Cloudy</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 70°   50°  <b>Showers</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 70°   48°  <b>Showers</b>

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## Pet tips 'N' tales

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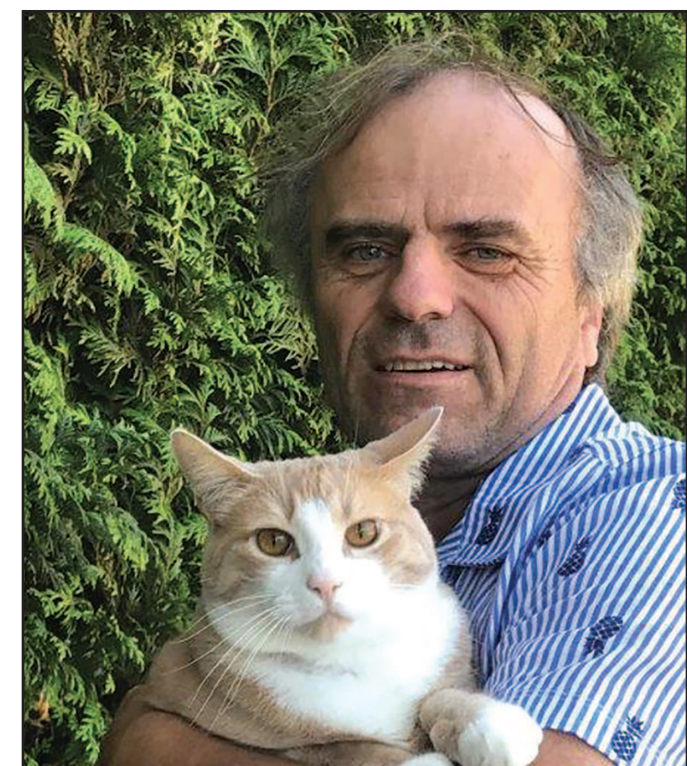
### Darcy Does Donations

Darcy, a three-year-old, chatty, champagne-colored tabby, is a volunteer blood donor. Yes, just like humans donate blood for humans, dog and cat plasma donations are needed for pets undergoing surgery. Darcy did not start out to be a hero. He was rescued 500 miles away and transported to a humane society shelter near his adoptive parents, Kathy and Martin.

"He was so friendly," said Kathy. "We've had black cats for 20 years, so we decided on a kitty-color change. Our English-major daughter named him after Mr. Darcy in "Pride and Prejudice." Her friend then told us about the pet blood donation program and how pets need blood for surgery and survival."

Their new healthy kitty fit all the donor criteria with his good temperament and excellent health. He was under four years of age and over eight pounds. Purr-fect!

Cats and dogs have different blood types, just like people. Cat blood goes to felines and dog plasma goes to canine recipients. Cats have either feline A, B or AB blood type, which is different than human blood. Darcy donates every three months, but once, the animal emergency clinic phoned for his assistance after their feline type A supply was depleted during an emergency surgery.



Martin's cat, Darcy, is a hero because his donated blood saves cats' lives

After donating, Darcy takes a few days to rebuild his blood with eating and napping. Soon he's back to asking his family, to stop what they are doing and play with him. They confessed, "We do."

What are our little orange hero's favorite games when he is not busy saving lives?

"Darcy is an indoor kitty who loves exploring the basement in search of spiders. He considers himself a big-time hunter," laughs Martin. "In turn, he turns us into hunters when we want a bath or do dishes because he steals the rubber sink stoppers and plays hockey with them all over the house. His other favorite toy is the laser light or as we re-fur to it, 'his remote-control bug.' We hide a flat tie strap under the base of his scratching post, then wiggle it, and you would think he was hunting and digging for gold as he focuses on catching it. The games are good for his natural instincts and exercise.

"We love this cat. We believe in adopting older pets because they are absolutely appreciative being out of a cage and into a loving home. Darcy is the full package — fully trained, playful, and most of all, loving. Kathy and I have difficult jobs so after a hectic work day, when we come inside, he meows at us and does figure eights between our legs. Honestly, you can feel the weight and stress of the day hit the floor because of our little hero's love."

**TIPS:**

Contact your veterinarian if you are interested in participating in a pet blood donor program. Each clinic has different rules and rewards. The purr-ks of Darcy's program is that after a donation he is given a toy and treats. He has free yearly blood work, and in case he ever needs a blood transfusion it is free. Plus, the clinic gives Kathy and Martin a "Darcy Date Night" movie coupon. So it is a win, win, win for everyone.

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