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a good time and it was on the list to get done.”

The decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has increased the number of homeless individuals sleeping on the streets in several areas around the country but according to Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd, no such increase has been detected in Cottage Grove.

Individuals sleeping on public property are permitted to do so under the decision if the municipality in question does not have an alternative such as a homeless camp or shelter. Cottage Grove currently has no shelter within its boundaries and Beds for Freezing Nights—a non-profit that provides overnight shelter to homeless individuals—does not qualify because it is

not open on a regular basis. The operation only opens on nights when the temperature is set to fall below 29 degrees within the city.

“We’re trying to protect our parks,” Meyers previously told *The Sentinel*. Currently, city parks close at 10 p.m. for all residents. However, Meyers said the city was consulting with its attorneys to decipher whether or not

the court ruling would permit homeless individuals to remain camping in the parks past 10 p.m. because the city had no alternative location.

Adhering to the court ruling may not necessarily mean constructing a homeless camp. According to the city, it may be able to alter the operational hours of city parks or create a space that allows individuals to sleep

there during certain hours but not set up camp.

“It’s kind of how we’re already doing it with the RVs,” Meyers said. “We have about eight RV homeless people, they’re not homeless because their homes are on wheels, but they’re parking in our lots or on the street. They can park there until the park closes at 10 and then they have to go somewhere.

So, what’s happening is around 9:30, they move out onto the street and stay there for a day and move to a park or move to another location and as long as they’re doing that, that’s fine.”

Meyers also said any location that was designated for homeless individuals would be carefully considered so as not to provide space for a default homeless camp. If

the city were to provide a space adjacent to a wooded area, for example, once the designated location closed for the day, individuals could simply move into the wooded area and set up camp.

The court decision did allow cities to continue to cite homeless individuals for violating other city ordinances such as littering or starting a fire outside of burn season.



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Lane Electric General Manager resigns

Lane Electric Cooperative General Manager Matt Michel announced today that he would resign his position to spend more time with family and pursue other opportunities.

Co-op members over the last four years,” says Michel. “Working with the dedicated employees at Lane Electric has been inspiring, and partnering with the Board of Directors to serve our communities was a very rewarding experience.”

Michel was hired as general manager of Lane Electric Cooperative in October 2014. Previously, he served Canby Utility in Canby, Oregon for six years, including four as general manager.

“We thank Matt for his service to Lane Electric and wish him the very best,” says

Lane Electric Board President Susan Knudsen Obermeyer. “Pursuant to the Co-op’s succession policy, Debi Wilson, Director of Finance & Administration, will serve as acting general manager during the search for Michel’s permanent successor. Debi is a 20-year management employee of Lane Electric, and the board has every confidence in her ability to guide the Co-op through the transition.”

The board will announce the search and selection process for General Manager at a later date.

Planning appointment process questioned at council

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Jim Tidrick, Ashley Rigel, Tim Burns and Blake

Hoskin were appointed to the Cottage Grove Planning Commission Monday night but not without discussion. New councilor Candace

Lamb-Solsbee raised a question over the impartiality of the appointment process citing comments she heard were made during

the meeting that saw the four individuals appointed to the subcommittee. “I don’t know if I should go into that or am able to,” she said when asked for details about her concern from councilor Jake Boone. “I heard happenings from the process that included someone making a comment about one of the candidates and they wouldn’t be happy if that applicant got on there. Another would have wanted to see a woman and that could have swayed the vote.

Two members of the city council are appointed to head the selection process and make recommendations to the city council as a whole about who should be appointed to the subcommittee. Boone, who was part of the process that saw candidates interview said he was present for those comments and noted one was made after the vote, making it impossible for it to influence the decision and the other, “was said that all things being equal, wouldn’t it be cool to have a woman on the planning commission.”

Councilor Greg Ervin, who was also a part of the process said his vote was not swayed by the comments despite agreeing with Lamb-Solsbee that they were “inappropriate.” The issue was originally raised when councilor Fleck inquired as to the decision after former councilor Garland Burback was not appointed to the commission despite having years of experience. Fleck later clarified that he was not questioning Boone, Ervin or the committee’s decision, but had been curious as to the thought process behind it.

Mayor Jeff Gowing noted that the board had often made decisions based on the interview. “There have been people and you think why they didn’t get on when they have the experience but they didn’t give the best interview and not being in the room, I rely on the councilors who were,” he said. City Manager Richard Meyers informed councilors that additional administrative reports would be instituted to ensure the current planning commission had a support system.



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

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6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
10:00am
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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.cgalvary.org

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
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Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
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www.cg4.tv
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Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
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9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S. 6th st • 541-942-8242
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Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm
cgfirstbaptist.com

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3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Rev.: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
fpcgrove.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
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541-942-8928
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Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
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www.pennoyeravecoc.com

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Sunday - 10:30 PM
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Confession: 4 PM to 5 PM
Saturdays or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
Sunday 8:30 AM

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
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820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
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6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
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
umcgrove.org

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

CRESWELL:
Creswell Presbyterian Church
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