

Tiny *from A1*

very affordable, high quality housing of this type in a rural community where the need is just as great as in cities like Eugene but resources are often harder to come by.”

Currently, there’s no set

timeline for construction begin on the remaining 12 houses but CVC is optimistic that the community could be completed by the end of 2019. There is also no set procedure in place for accepting applications for possible residents for Cottage Village.

However, SquareOne and

CVC have noted that a neighborhood selection committee would be formed to help screen applicants and that individuals who currently live in Cottage Grove would be given preference during the process. In order to qualify for a tiny house, individuals must adhere to a financial requirement and an

ability to live within a community agreement model.

Cottage Villages will address just a small portion of the housing crisis in the city. National-ly, housing prices — including rental rates — have been increasing. The city, with the use of a third- party company, conducted a housing analysis

this year that determined the city would need to construct new housing units to keep up with population growth; two months ago, the city’s population reached 10,000.

The county commission also awarded \$250,000 to a project being captained by the American Legion, Homes for Good

and the city of Cottage Grove. The money will go towards the development that will feature four tiny homes that will serve homeless veterans referred to the project by the St. Vincent DePaul Vet LIFT program.

Construction on the project is expected to start in the fall of this year.

Finances *from A1*

Environmental Quality slapped the city with a fine when a sudden spike in temperature contributed to micro-organism growth slightly above the regulated standard. Because of cur-

rent effluent storage methods, wastewater management has been somewhat at the mercy of warm weather patterns.

To address the issue, the city has hired an engineer.

“The engineer is drawing up plans to create a way to store the effluent,” said Meyers. “I think we’re planning on some-

thing like 10 million gallons.”

A storage unit of this size would allow effluent to sit for up to a week, increasing the strategic capabilities of managing effluent.

The plan also includes installing piping for recycled water that would extend irrigation to Coiner Park, Bohemia Park

and the Row River Nature Park.

“We can really bring our acreage up so that we can broaden our window of irrigating so we don’t get caught if we have hot weather in May or before we start irrigating on the golf course,” said Meyers.

Meyers also pointed to current city irrigation methods as

another reason to build a storage tank. Currently, Cottage Grove parks are irrigated with drinking water, which Meyers said could be a potential issue in the future as access to drinking water threatens to be restricted by city expansion and water rights.

“It would be to our best in-

terest and the community’s best interest to quit spending money on the water that we’re putting on the parks and ground ... that could be drunk,” Meyers said. “It gives us a benefit on both sides.”

Mayor *from A1*

cities like Salem announced a drinking ban after the city’s water tested positive for harmful bacteria. While Dorena Lake saw a recreational ban, Cottage Grove’s water supply was never a danger to residents. That ef-

fort drew the most attention to the plant this year but according to Gowing, the plant also hired a new operator, hosted the Northwest Membrane Operator’s Association and participated in the government accounting office’s research study on climate change and water infrastructure resiliency.

Police department:

It was a dog of a year for the Cottage Grove Police Department. Gowing highlighted the department’s new K9 officer, Marco — a four-year-old Malinois — who works with officer Steven Biehler. Together, the pair completed 240 hours of training and were state certified as an ap-prehension team.

Additionally, the department’s dog kennel — meant to reunite lost dogs with their owners and avoid a trip to the pound in Eugene — saw several upgrades including a new storage shed. While Gowing did not mention it in his address, the council also approved a move to a new radio system for the department and, for the first time in

several years, the department is fully staffed.

Library:

The Cottage Grove Library had a busy year with 151 children’s events and visits from 2,245 lo-cal children in 2018. Overall, the library — in a town of 10,000 — saw 72,776 visits.

Gowing also informed the audience gathered for the

meeting that the roof of the Cottage Grove Museum had been replaced; a housing needs analysis had been completed; the local golf course saw a 26 percent increase in play, four sewer mainlines were repaired and replaced; CGPD received 7,627 calls for service; and the new Harrison Elementary School was completed.



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