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related to system development charges and building permit fees.

Requests were submitted by Cottage Village Coalition, Legion Cottages and DevNW.

Subject to approval of a supplemental budget proposal on Feb. 10, Cottage Village Coalition was approved for \$82,235 in assistance, \$23,877 to Legion Cottages and DevNW the remaining \$8,888.

The decision has effectively drained the program's funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"Housing is in such desperate shortage in our community," said Councilor Mike Fleck. "We have these great groups that are working toward that. ... I'm just thrilled that we're able to help them in some small part."

Representatives from each of the projects expressed their appreciation to the council.

"You've come up with a very thoughtful, very deliberate and innovative way of approaching housing and recognizing the diversity of housing needs that are within our community," said Bruce Kelsh, chair of the Cottage Village Coalition. "We thank you very much for your support."

In other council news: **Magnolia Gardens Senior Living Day**



During Monday's City Council meeting, Mayor Jeff Gowing proclaimed Feb. 11, 2020 to be Magnolia Gardens Senior Living Day in honor of the assisted living facility's service to the community.

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Proclamation
Mayor Jeff Gowing declared Feb. 11, 2020, to be Magnolia Gardens Senior Living Day in celebration of 25 years of the assisted living facility's service in Cottage Grove.
Magnolia Gardens Senior Living broke ground in October 2019 on a new multi-million-dollar expansion project which aims to provide 20 additional memory care suites and 17 additional assisted living suites to the community.

Right-of-Way Purchases
Councilors voted unanimously to approve right-of-way purchases and sale agreements to purchase 40 parcels of land required to construct sidewalks meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards for the Lincoln Middle School Safe Routes to School project.
Several landowners along East Harrison and South Fourth Street have signed purchase offers sent out by Lane County. The \$70,595 in parcel

purchases will be funded through the city's street fund.
Census 2020
The city has partnered with U.S. Census staff to find ways to reduce the non-response rate for the community and improve the accuracy of the local count.
"This Census will be very important for the State of Oregon as we may be able to acquire additional congressional seats," said City Manager Richard Meyers. "It's also

very important for us in funding that we receive, the hospital receives and the school district. Even nonprofit organizations receive funding as a result of the count."
Michelle Maher, partnership specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, delivered an informational presentation at the council meeting.
Maher highlighted non-response factors such as those who are highly mobile, complex living arrangements, lack of knowledge about the

Census, rapidly changing technology causing disuse of USPS mail and distrust of government.
Cottage Grove and its surrounding South Lane area has a non-response rate of about 18 to 20 percent, according to the Census website.
As well as determining state representation in Congress, Maher stated that Census data is used to inform how \$675 billion of federal funding is allocated each year, funding which is funneled to areas such as transportation, housing, education and healthcare.
The George Washington Institute of Public Policy reported that in the 2016 fiscal year, Oregon received nearly \$13.5 billion through 55 federal spending programs which were informed by data derived from the 2010 Census.
Data collection has already begun in Alaska and will continue through May. Census Day will be observed April 1 nationwide as a reference date.
Maher encouraged interested citizens to join the effort for accurate local counts.
"We're way low on our recruiting goals," she said.
Paid supervisory and non-supervisory positions are available in Lane County.
Applications may be found online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

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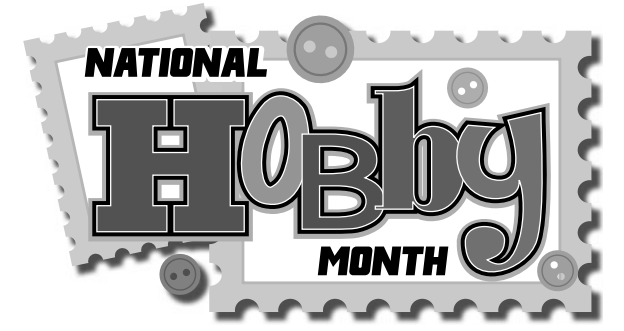
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Helping kids find hobbies



Much like adults can benefit from participating in hobbies, children can reap rewards from engaging in hobbies. According to the Child Development Institute, hobbies give children a chance to express themselves. The CDI also notes that hobbies can play an important role in children's self-discovery and boost their self-esteem.

Some children may discover hobbies on their own, requiring little if any assistance on the part of their parents. For example, some kids may display an interest in music that parents, even those with no such musical inclination, can foster by purchasing certain instruments. But some children may need a little more prompting, and parents of such boys and girls can take certain steps to help their youngsters find rewarding hobbies.

- Involve kids in your own hobbies. Kids look up to their parents and often want to emulate what their mothers and fathers do. If possible, involve children in your own hobbies. Gardeners can teach their youngsters how to grow and tend to a garden, while painters can host family painting nights where everyone is encouraged to create their own masterpiece. Parents whose

hobbies are more adult-oriented, like woodworking, can still involve their children. For example, work with children to design a new item, then show them how the item goes from paper to finished product; just avoid allowing them to use any unsafe tools or machines.

- Let kids choose an activity. While some children might take to hobbies their parents favor, others might need to be given some freedom to find their own activities. Afford youngsters this chance, recognizing that it might take some time before kids find an activity that genuinely sparks their passion.
- Be a source of encouragement. Some hobbies may prove more difficult than kids first imagined, requiring some perseverance before they can be enjoyed fully. In such instances, observe youngsters while they engage in the activity. If they appear to be enjoying themselves but are periodically frustrated, encourage them to keep trying. If kids appear to be disinterested in overcoming any struggles, then they might benefit by pursuing another hobby.
- Don't hesitate to focus on fun. Hobbies can teach kids valuable lessons and provide a sense of fulfillment,

but it's important that parents not overlook the importance of fun in regard to their children's hobbies. Hobbies can provide children with the same respite from busy schedules that they do adults, and that break should be as fun as possible.

Hobbies can enrich the lives of children. Finding the right activity may require some patience on the part of parents and youngsters alike.

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