

Season's (good health) greetings



Dick and Barb Gilkison sent in this photo of a display at a Cottage Grove residence offering well-wishes to passers-by in the neighborhood during this time of social distancing.

Climate Action Cottage Grove continues climate education presentations Friday

In March, with growing concern over the risk of COVID-19 infection posed by public gatherings, the organizers of the Climate Action Town Hall decided to postpone the event as well as a planned series of follow-up events and work sessions until the danger to the public had passed.

However, even during an ongoing pandemic, Climate Action Cottage Grove believes finding solutions to the environmental crisis facing the planet and its impacts on the local community is still essential.

Utilizing the virtual meeting technology of Zoom, the group will present the first in a series of educational talks on "climate collapse" this Friday, May 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"Climate Change Here, There, and Everywhere: Understanding the Science to Create A Regenerative Future for All," with presenter Tao Orion, will provide an overview of the science of climate change, looking at how humanity has impacted the environment and how that information can be used to chart a course towards a just and regenerative future for human and non-human communities in this region and beyond. Orion is the co-owner of Resilience Permaculture Design, LLC, a firm specializing in holistic farm, forest, water management and restoration planning. She is the author of "Beyond the War on Invasive Species: A Permaculture Approach to Ecosystem Restoration" (2015).

She holds a degree in agroecology and sustainable agriculture from UC Santa Cruz, and grows fruits, vegetables, seeds, nuts, animals and soil on her southern Willamette Valley homestead, Viriditas Farm.

Orion volunteers with the Cottage Grove Climate Action Group, the Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network, and serves on the Board of Directors of Aprovecho and the Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy.

Information on how to attend the Zoom presentation can be found in the event notice on Climate Action Cottage Grove's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Climate-Action-Cottage-Grove-113466063428924.

Crisis network to support senior needs

The Earth and Social Justice Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Cottage Grove, as part of a newly created community-led Crisis Response Network, will use a \$2,500 grant from United Way to provide food, basic supplies and prepared

meals to seniors. Partnering with the City of Cottage Grove, the Crisis Network sent postcards listing senior resources and the number of a volunteer staffed helpline to 3,743 households in South Lane. The postcard was a condensed version of

the South Lane Resource booklet put together by the city.

The goal of the Crisis Response Network is to support community needs during the pandemic by coordinating local resources and organizations.

Pet food drive Saturday at CG Community Center

This Saturday, May 9, a pet food drive will be held at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 Gibbs St., from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any type of animal food will be accepted. The event will be a social-distancing and

contact-free drive-thru drop, sponsored by Tucker's Cupboard and the Humane Society of Cottage Grove.



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