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## Friends and Neighbors,

We are at a crossroads in American history. This year we've had one crisis after another, and very little seems to be improving. Our so-called political leaders on both sides of the aisle have been less than useless in addressing the demands of the moment, and yet somehow we find ourselves bitterly fighting our neighbors over which political poison we prefer. I propose that as things get worse, we will need each other more and more, and politicians less and less. Here in Cottage Grove at least, when the  hits the fan, let's be ready to put aside our differences, truly see and hear one another, and come together as a community.

# LOVE

Do we **LOVE** our town enough to work with our neighbors to keep it safe, healthy, and beautiful? Can we find our common interests and walk together, past our prejudices and into an America that works for all of us?

# FREEDOM

We celebrate **FREEDOM**, and with that comes a great responsibility to respect the same for others, even if we don't agree with them. Even if we don't like them. That same old golden rule holds true: Do Unto Others...

# TRUTH

And yet we all see the hard **TRUTH** of our times. People are angry and frustrated, and seemingly ready to fight. We must make peace with ourselves and with each other. If we are to survive, these times demand that we move past hatred and suspicion, admit that none of us are perfect, and stand together as a human family despite our flaws.

Who wants to be mayor in this age of disgraceful, violent politics?

# VOTE JEFF GOWING

Written And Paid For By Ivan DelSol

## Right of Entry forms for hazardous waste clean-up, disposal due by Oct. 16

Before residents can rebuild, property must be cleared of household hazardous waste or other hazardous substances. Property owners can OPT IN for hazardous waste removal services at no cost to them (property owners' insurance may be billed if applicable).

Property owners need to sign an access agreement, called a Right of Entry form, by Oct. 16 to allow crews to clean up hazardous waste on their property.

The form is available online at [www.lanecounty.org/mckenziefire](http://www.lanecounty.org/mckenziefire).

Removing fire debris is a two-step cleanup process.

Step 1 is clearing properties of household hazardous waste to minimize exposure of hazardous materials to

the public.

Step 1 is being offered at no cost to property owners (although insurance may be billed if applicable).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will assess and remove household hazardous waste from burned properties.

This work will be funded by FEMA and the State of Oregon.

Step 2 is removal of ash, debris and burned-out structures.

State, county, and federal partners are actively working to develop options for ash and debris removal.

(This is likely, but not yet confirmed, to be available at no cost to property owners. FEMA is evaluating our application.)

Crews that specialize

in identifying and removing hazardous substances will visit affected properties, determine what hazardous materials need to be removed, and remove them for safe disposal.

Commercial or industrial properties are included in hazardous waste and debris removal efforts

Household hazardous waste removal timeline (approximate):

Property owners are asked to sign the property access agreement by Oct. 16.

- Boots-on-the-ground teams: Oct. 20-22

- Clean up complete by Dec. 31

For more information, call 458-239-2826 or email [roefirms@lane-county-eoc.net](mailto:roefirms@lane-county-eoc.net).

## Grove's Swinging Bridge garners engineering award

The Swinging Bridge project has been awarded the 2020 Project of the Year Award by the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Congratulations were extended to every citizen of Cottage Grove who had the vision to realize the dream.

Dana Merryday and the Friends of the Cottage Grove committee were thanked for their advocacy and fundraising for the restoration project, as were Mayor Jeff Gowing, the Cottage Grove City Council and other decision makers who were integral in applying to the

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for \$200,000 in grant funds.

The design and construction professionals at The Ausland Group and Hamilton Construction were recognized as well for assembling the bridge.

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