

Cottage Grove to begin Local Foods, Local Places virtual workshop

The City of Cottage Grove invites the community to participate in its Local Foods, Local Places Workshop being held virtually Nov. 5 and 6.

Cottage Grove was one of 16 communities selected from across the nation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Local Foods, Local Places pro-

gram in 2020 to help revitalize Main Street and the surrounding community through food systems and place-making initiatives.

Registration for the upcoming workshop is free and will be a two-day brainstorming session, leading to a plan of action for better integrating local foods systems into Cottage Grove's economic recovery.

The city is asking farm-

ers, producers, growers, restaurant owners, entrepreneurs, business owners, tourist organizations, non-profits, local government officials, etc. — all of whom have a stake in the local food system's future — to help.

With an overarching theme of building a resilient local/regional food system, four topics have been identified by the Local Food, Local Places steering committee:

- Identify strategies to support and enhance existing commercial kitchens and food incubator spaces.
- Improve food security and public health in Cottage Grove.
- Increase the involvement of Cottage Grove's underrepresented/immigrant populations (e.g. youth, BIPOC representatives) in local food and place-making initiatives.
- Build stronger sup-

ply chain connections for farmers and food producers with both local and regional markets.

There will be time in the sessions to discuss and refine the topics if necessary.

Participants will brainstorm potential actions or next steps necessary to advance each goal and there will be breakout rooms to detail the actions selected by participants as highest priority

for each goal.

The workshop will consist of a series of seven virtual sessions leading up to the completion of a draft community action plan framed around the community goals for this technical assistance process.

For full details and to register, visit bit.ly/LFLP-CottageGrove. For more information, contact City Planner Amanda Ferguson at 541-942-3340.

Lane County Sheriff's Office arrests suspect in September Creswell shooting

On Sept. 15, at 10:20 p.m., the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report of a man with a gunshot wound at the 81000 block of Davisson Road in Creswell.

Deputies arrived and located the victim, a 59-year-old male from Springfield, outside of a residence bleeding profusely.

Deputies provided first aid on scene to slow the

bleeding until medics arrived. The victim was transported by ambulance to receive medical attention for multiple wounds sustained from a gunshot.

Detectives investigating the case identified 40-year-old Wesley Fredrick Roy Jr. as a suspect in the shooting. Roy was also a suspect in multiple unrelated cases involving felony crimes.

On Oct. 12, shortly after 1 p.m., Lane County Sheriff's Office detectives received information that Wesley Fredrick Roy Jr. was at an RV Park on the 82100 block of Davisson Road in Creswell.

Detectives and Creswell Contract deputies arrived and observed a silver sedan that Roy was associated with parked nearby. Roy was positively identified by detectives

getting into the sedan.

Due to the nature of the crime, it was believed that Roy may be armed.

To avoid a confrontation that may involve a weapon in the densely populated RV Park, deputies staged to the north and south of the RV Park and waited a few minutes for Roy to leave.

A spike strip was used just south of the RV Park causing the two front

tires of the vehicle Roy was driving to go flat.

Roy attempted to elude deputies by increasing his speed to over 100 mph until he reached a curve in the roadway and eventually slowed, then stopped.

Roy was taken into custody without further incident on charges from multiple different cases including Assault in the first degree asso-

ciated with the Sept. 15 shooting and Assault in the second degree from a domestic violence case where the female victim suffered serious permanent injuries.

This case has been forwarded to the Lane County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Halloween Howl Cruise coming to Cottage Grove Oct. 31

The Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Cottage Grove and the city will be holding the Halloween Howl Cruise on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. on Main Street from River Road to Seventh Street.

The cruise will be a drive-thru Halloween Trick

or Treat event providing safe activity in regard to COVID-19.

Trick or treaters will remain in their vehicles. Vehicles will line up on South River Road and then drive through Main Street and receive treats from participating businesses or orga-

nizations.

The treats will be packaged and presented to the children as they pass by on Main Street.

Organizers are encouraging people to drive through and not walk through the event as pedestrians will not receive candy.

Cloth face masks are highly recommended, but not required when driving through the event.

Participants may also dress up and send a picture to the 'CG Candy Gram' Facebook page to participate in the costume contest.

City manager seeks Youth Advisory members

City Manager Richard Meyers is recruiting youth grades 7 through 12 to be on the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

This year's YAC will be in the unique position of navigating COVID-19 issues.

The YAC plans to have their first meeting for 2020-21 virtually on Monday, Oct. 19.

Any youth interested should contact the City Manager's office at 541-942-5501 to apply.

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NATIONAL FOOD BANK WEEK



During National Food Bank week, it's important to remember our neighbors struggling to provide their families with enough food to eat. In Cottage Grove, and the surrounding areas, lower income families can find help at Community Sharing Program. Community Sharing is a local non-profit that provides community members basic needs, life-skill tools, and resources towards self-sufficiency. Each month an average of 775 emergency food boxes are distributed by Community Sharing's pantry. Emergency food boxes are meant to supplement SNAP assistance (previously called food stamps) with a 3-5 day supply of food. As a partner agency, Community Sharing gets over half of its food from the county's food bank, Food for Lane County. The rest is donated by local individuals, organizations, and businesses.

Historically the need for emergency food in the fall and winter is significantly higher than in the spring and summer. Our current record month served 836 food boxes. Following this pattern, the fall and winter months might see even more record-breaking numbers of families in need.

In addition to the increased number of our neighbors facing food insecurity. That means local food donations are critical, now more than ever, to meet the basic needs of an ever increasing number of

eligible families.

In addition to food, Community Sharing accepts donations of essential non-food items, such as hygiene items, clothes, and cleaning supplies, to provide to its client families. These items aren't covered by SNAP assistance, but clothes, toilet paper, diapers, and soaps are almost as vital for day-to-day living as food.

Community Sharing also relies on local volunteers to operate effectively. Our board of directors is composed of dedicated community leaders who volunteer many hours supporting this organization. In the pantry, volunteers help sort the donations, stock the shelves, and assist clients through the pantry process. Office volunteers are needed to give out critical information, help clients fill out necessary forms, and provide a kind ear to clients on the edge of crisis. In addition to our current support from local volunteers, we are always looking for volunteers who would be willing to help stop local hunger by organizing a food drive, or fundraising event in Community Sharing's honor.

During the coming holiday season, Community Sharing will be offering food box clients a special food box for December holiday celebrations. Clients will begin signing up for the special food box in November. The box contains seasonal foods and a frozen turkey or chicken for each family. Community sharing will be

selling buttons to support our holiday food boxes over the next two months to help put on this special event. We will be selling these buttons for \$10 each, please call one of our board members or come by our office to purchase a turkey button and provide a holiday meal to one of your neighbors. In December volunteers from all over the community will help distribute the holiday food boxes at OLPH Catholic Church. The event is an amazing, nondenominational display with concerned community members coming together to give back.

There are also a number of annual donations drives this time of year, such as the local U.S. Postal Service's food drive, Boy Scouts' door-to-door donation collection and the South Lane School district's food drive. Please consider supporting these organizations in their efforts.

The directors, staff and volunteers at Community Sharing would like to thank the Cottage Grove community for their continued support. Together we are able to provide desperately needed basic needs services to our community as a result of your generosity.

To find out how you can help, call Community Sharing at 541-942-2176 Monday through Friday from 11am- 3:30pm.

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