

Candidates from A6

arch. New paint on the light poles would be nice. I love keeping downtown clean and planting flowers. But to me the real questions is, how can we get the 10,000 people who live here to come downtown?

**Savage:** I shop downtown frequently and see there are many vacancies. I believe this is a result of the housing crisis. People who open shops want to live in the town their shop is in.

With no housing availability there are very few businesses going in. The more people are shopping downtown the later the existing shops can be open.

The more disposable income we have in our community the more our local economy can grow. By solving the housing crisis, I believe downtown will be revived.

**Stinnett:** In recent decades, many American communities have lost the use and function of a centralized downtown where people can come together to work, shop and play. Cottage Grove is lucky in this regard — our downtown is a wonderful place that's full of potential. But that potential must be nurtured to be fully realized.

While successes can easily be found here, a future that includes a thriving downtown is far from certain. Supporting existing downtown businesses in the coming months will be crucial to their survival and to the viability of downtown Cottage Grove as a place to live and conduct business, and as a destination for visitors.

While keeping in mind

current measures designed to control the COVID pandemic, the city must nonetheless work with the citizenry and groups like the Chamber of Commerce and "Downtown Cottage Grove" — a group recently created by the merger of the Main Street Program and Economic and Business Improvement District — to promote downtown Cottage Grove as a wonderful place to gather to make purchases, partake in cultural activities and create community.

*Fires, snow and flooding have caused evacuations and states of emergency in the area for the past two years. Do you feel the city is playing a sufficient role in improving disaster preparedness?*

**Gowing:** I feel that the city has done a good job preparing for emergencies and natural disasters. I do think we need continued improvement. The city staff continue to learn from recent disasters and keep updated on emergency protocols. Communication about procedures with residents needs to be an ongoing goal.

**Del Sol:** The city, like most of the United States government, is in total denial of the true emergencies and disasters our society is facing. They did pretty good with the snowplows though.

**Roberts:** The city has an emergency plan, but needs some updating and modernization. It's important that the city be proactive and work closely with county, state and federal agencies to ensure that resources within the city are as adequate as possible to handle any emergency or disaster. Emergency plans should

be regularly updated. However, it is also understood that the city does have limited resources due to its size and relative isolation from a large metropolitan area.

Therefore, it's important that all emergency and disaster plans include and address community infrastructure and partnerships as much as possible.

I think it's important to form and train a volunteer force within the city and identify infrastructure that can be utilized for various emergencies and disasters.

The recent fires taught us a lesson that it is important for the community to have a plan to come together and assists where and when possible. Again, this can be easily implemented through specially trained community volunteers and partnerships with existing infrastructure.

The CERT program addresses some of this, but there are shortcomings, such as additional funding. I think there's an opportunity for the city to become more proactive and approach this idea in such a way as to be far reaching to all citizens of Cottage Grove.

**Savage:** I believe the city was very well prepared for these disasters but lacked communication to ease the fears of the community. I would take a survey and ask how residents want to receive this type of information. It could be in the form of a text, email, social media post or automated phone call.

During the different change of seasons, we could put together a short list of tips and tricks residents can do to stay prepared. Winter, flooding and fire preparedness all look different so each list would be slight-

ly different. List making is one of my favorite things to do and I would be happy to work on this.

**Stinnett:** Natural disasters seldom strike when we're truly prepared to handle them, and they often wreak havoc on the systems that make our day-to-day life possible. And yet, as recent emergencies have taught us, extremes of weather and other natural disasters cannot be dismissed and must be expected as a fact of life.

Thus, we must do everything in our power as a community to prepare for the worst.

The City of Cottage Grove has prepared plans to help safeguard the city's functions in the event of an emergency. It is now time to widely share those plans with local residents — including information about what agencies and systems can be counted on for assistance and information in emergencies.

The city can also undertake initiatives to encourage neighbors to reach out to each other to share their own plans and concerns. In times of trouble, it's often our neighbors that can — and must — reach out to help us when we need it most. Our city government can and should be a helpful "neighbor" when disaster strikes.

(More Q&A responses are available online at <https://cgsentinel.com/article/local-candidates-share-perspectives-on-future-of-the-grove>)

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<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm	<b>Hope Fellowship</b> United Pentecostal Church 100 S. Gateway Blvd. 541-942-2061 Pastor: Dave Bragg Worship: 11:00am Sunday Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday <a href="http://www.hopefellowshipupcc.com">www.hopefellowshipupcc.com</a> "FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"	<b>St. Andrews Episcopal Church</b> 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb "Church with the flags." Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome
<b>Church of Christ</b> 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am	<b>Hope In The Grove Baptist Church</b> 77820 Mosby Creek Rd Pastor: Wayne Husk Worship: Sunday 10:00am Evening Bible Study: Wednesday 6:30pm 541.649.1043	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> 820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: Kevin Miller Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00
<b>Cottage Grove Bible Church</b> 1200 East Quincy Avenue 541-942-4771 Pastor: Bob Singer Worship 11am Sunday School: 9:45am AWANA age 3-8th Grade, Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm <a href="http://www.cgbible.org">www.cgbible.org</a>	<b>Living Faith Assembly</b> 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Worship Services Sundays: 9a & 11a Youth Worship Sundays: 11a (all ages welcome) Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)	<b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups <a href="http://tlccg.com">tlccg.com</a>
<b>Cottage Grove Faith Center</b> 33761 Row River Rd. 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueff <a href="http://www.cg4.tv">www.cg4.tv</a> Full Children's Ministry available Services: 9:00am & 10:45am	<b>Non-Denominational Church of Christ</b> 1041 Pennoyer Ave 541-942-8928 Preacher: Tony Martin Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm <a href="http://www.pennoyeravecoc.com">www.pennoyeravecoc.com</a>	<b>United Methodist Church</b> 334 Washington 541-942-3033 Worship 10am <a href="http://umcgrove.org">umcgrove.org</a>
<b>Delight Valley</b> Church of Christ 33087 Saginaw Rd. East 541-942-7711 • Pastor: Bob Friend Two Services: 9am - Classic in the Chapel 10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium	<b>Old Time Gospel Fellowship</b> 103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999 Pastor: Jim Edwards Sunday Service: 10:00am Join in Traditional Christian Worship	<b>"VICTORY" Country Church</b> 913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913 Pastor: Barbara Dockery Worship Service: 10:00am Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"
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If you are interested in sharing your military story in the annual Veterans Day publication, or in updating information that we have published previously, please complete the form below and submit it to the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Service photographs are also welcome.


Submit forms and photos (preferably) by e-mail to [gmanly@cgsentinel.com](mailto:gmanly@cgsentinel.com); or by mail to Cottage Grove Sentinel, Attn: Gary Manly, PO Box 35, Cottage Grove, OR 97424; or drop forms off at the Cottage Grove Sentinel, 116 N. 6th Street, Cottage Grove.

Please be sure that all materials are carefully labeled with your name and phone number. **ALL FORMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 30, 2020.**

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Has your veterans information been published previously in the Cottage Grove Sentinel Veterans Publication?  
YES NO  
Do we have your military photo(s) on file? YES NO  
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