

# Prospectors, Gold Diggers Club appeal to public for assistance

Most Grovers know the Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club for its famous Miners Breakfast on The Mountain during Bohemia Mining Days, or its unique Christmas Bazaar in the historic Dr. Snapp House on South River Road.

Or maybe its hosting of the Old Schoolmates Breakfast each August.

Or the annual scholarships it provides to Cottage Grove High School graduates.

The club also maintains the historic house year-round showcasing early medical practices in Cottage Grove and hosts the Singing Creek Educational

Center's history-focused activities for kids.

Club Secretary Alice Nowicki said the COVID-19 restrictions prevented these significant annual fundraisers from happening this year.

"For 60 years, the Prospectors and Gold Diggers club members have worked to preserve our local history and fulfill our mission to 'prospect better things for Cottage Grove,'" Nowicki said. "We hope the community responds generously to our request for end-of-the-year donations so we can meet our organization's basic needs in 2021."

Send a tax deductible

contribution to P.O. Box 415, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

Make checks and money orders payable to Prospectors & Gold Diggers Club.

For more information call Alice Nowicki at 541-942-6148.

**From left (from 2019): Board President Cathy Simmons, Festival Coordinator Cindy Weeldreyer, Board Members Dave Johnson, Wanda Mosegard, Jimmy Schaper, and Banner Bank Branch Manager Jim Gilroy, who was last year's Grand Marshal**



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## Urban Forestry Committee seeks to fill vacancy

The City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee currently has two vacancies. Committee positions are appointed by the city council.

The Urban Forestry Committee was created Dec. 12, 1994, by the city council for the purpose of assisting in developing an

urban forestry plan for the City of Cottage Grove.

The committee makes recommendations to city council and staff regarding urban forestry and seeks grants to improve the quality of our urban forests.

The committee meets once a month as needed.

Applications for the Ur-

ban Forestry Committee will be accepted through Jan. 7, 2021.

Visit the city's website at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org) or call the Public Works & Development office at 541-942-3340 for an application or other details.

## OSHA launches free online COVID-19 safety course

Employers now have a free and flexible resource to help them comply with rules aimed at curbing the spread of coronavirus in the workplace, thanks to an interactive online training course developed by Oregon OSHA.

The multimedia course, "COVID-19 Training Requirements," is designed to help employers meet certain employee training requirements found in Oregon OSHA's temporary rule, which addresses the risks of COVID-19 in the workplace.

"This course adds to a growing number of resources we're producing and providing to employers

to help them achieve success in complying with this rule," said Roy Kroker, consultation and public education manager for Oregon OSHA.

The temporary rule took effect Nov. 16, with certain parts phased in, and is expected to remain in effect until May 4, 2021. The rule requires employers to comply with employee training requirements no later than Dec. 21, 2020.

However, certain employers who have been particularly affected by the recent two-week freeze and newly adopted risk levels will have more time to meet the deadlines for the rule's training and related

provisions.

A Dec. 7 enforcement memo describes these decisions in more detail.

The multimedia course is available in English and Spanish. It is divided into four interactive modules and takes about an hour to complete. It provides an overview of the training requirements and explains the dangers of COVID-19.

It illustrates the signs, symptoms, and spread of the virus and shows how to reduce its hazards through physical distancing, face coverings, sanitation and proper ventilation. And it concludes by covering several more topics.

The course, which is also available as a PowerPoint for instructors, includes an opportunity to obtain a certificate of completion.

Other new resources include:

- Questions and Answers
- Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Temporary Rule for All Workplaces
- Fact Sheet: Provisions with Delayed Effective Dates
- Example Risk Assessment/Sample Items to Consider for Risk Assessment

The division also offers consultation services and technical specialists:

Consultation services — provides no-cost assistance with safety and health programs at 1-800-922-2689

## Walker Church Christmas

*Drive thru and see the Christmas lights and get a dose of the Christmas spirit as well as a bag of holiday treats!*

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
December 18, 19 & 20, 2020  
5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Then join us for  
carols and the  
Christmas Story!**

**Sunday,  
Dec. 20, 2020  
5:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Service every  
Sunday morning  
at 11:00 am**

**32904 England Rd. (old Hwy 99 S.) Creswell, OR 97426**

*Masks and social distancing observed.*

**Free Holiday  
To-Go Meal**

**Dec. 24th, Noon to 2 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church  
216 S 3rd, Cottage Grove**

**Drive Thru Or Walk Up**

*Everyone Is Welcome!*

Sponsored By Soup's On/  
The Rural Organizing Project

**Plus Free Pet Food!**

# Don't drink,

## if you're driving.

Have a good time, this holiday season. But, if you know you're going to drink, choose a designated driver, take a cab, or arrange to stay over. Getting on the road after even one drink can impair your judgment and reaction time, opening the door to a holiday disaster.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

This Important Safety Message  
Appears Courtesy of Your Friends at...

Starfire Lumber	Dave's Pump
Ray's Towing	Hitch Pro & Tow
Lane Electric	Homestead Furniture
Brad's Chevy	Boyce & Son's Landscaping & Building
Fountain Gutters	Materials
Lane County Sheriff's Office	State Farm - Matt Bjornn
South Lane Wheels	The UPS Store