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reduces shelter-seeking traffic from outside areas.

With fewer than 10 people showing up to each Cottage Grove activation, shelter capacity is still far from any danger of overflow.

So far, people staying at the shelter have been content with its services, reported Fleck.

“What I’ve heard from all the clients I’ve spoken with is that it has been a very enjoyable,” he said. “This is a low-barrier shelter, meaning we don’t have any expectations about sobriety or any of those sorts of things.”

However, Fleck added, there are strict rules about what can be brought past the gate.

“No drugs or paraphernalia are allowed on site, period. No weapons are allowed on site. We check,” he said.

Fleck said that, so far, no issues related to drugs or weapons have arisen.

As the warming shelter ramped up for its opening over the past few months, some in the Cottage Grove

community expressed concern that the site would attract vagrants from other towns and bring a drug element into the area.

Fleck stated that he doesn’t believe droves of people coming from out of town should be a major concern and has so far seen no impact in Cottage Grove in that regard.

He noted that he has recognized many of the people using the shelter as people who use Community Sharing’s other services in the community.

“And at the end of the day, we’re here to serve folks,” he said. “We don’t want anybody being impacted by the severe cold.”

Besides the Pallet Shelter amenities, the warming shelter offers a range of its own provisions such as storage lockers, toilets and washing stations, a smoking area, access to first-aid supplies, donated clothing, referrals to other resource agencies and bike and car parking.

There is a “hospitality suite” in the center of the site with snacks, hot drinks, hygiene products

Shooting *from A1*

neighbor overheard calls for “help” coming from the 1063 Tyler Ave. residence on Valentine’s Day morn-

ing. When the neighbor approached the front door, they found the younger Schubkegel on a couch with a wound to his head and called 911.

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and donated clothing for all and pets are even allowed, though must be cleaned up after.

Community Sharing guarantees that all personal data collected will be protected as well.

A plan to include a mobile shower/restroom trailer at the site, also managed by Community Sharing, is currently in the works. However, ongoing construction of the trailer may delay its arrival beyond the shelter’s seasonal operation.

Keeping the shelter going will rely largely on securing feet on the ground during activation.

“One of the other factors to remember as well is we may not activate because of staffing or volunteer levels,” said Fleck. “Even if we do know that the weather is going to trigger [activation].”

Community Sharing has hired six people to help at the shelter and is looking at hiring two more in an effort to avoid such a situation.

Despite the constant need for personnel during activation nights, Fleck said many volunteers

have already generously donated their time to see to tasks such as laundry, sanitizing and food distribution.

While the help has been appreciated, Fleck is hopeful more will come forward to volunteer.

“We need people there when we set up, we need people there to man the hospitality suite, we need folks to help us tear it down in the morning,” he said.

The shelter also maintains a wish list of items on its website it is accepting as donations. In particular, clients who have used the shelter have been in need of cold-weather gloves.

Going forward, Fleck hopes to further refine the process and thus be well-equipped for the next season.

“We are certainly open to any suggestions on ways to improve,” he said.

For more information or to check if the warming shelter is active, go to communitysharing.org and click on the “Warming Shelter” tab. Call 541-674-3895 for activation updates.

Further details gleaned from canvassing the neighborhood and other interviews have not yet been released.

“There’s an autopsy scheduled for later in the week and we’ll know more details after that is complete,” said Shepherd. “We don’t know all of the details yet and we’ll be restrictive on what else we release until after the autopsy takes place.”

No other law enforcement agencies are currently assisting with the investigation.

Those with additional details about the incident are encouraged to call CGPD at 541-942-9145 and contact Detective Jason Cross or Sergeant Shawn Branstetter.

“Any information from residents would be appreciated,” said Shepherd.

suspected the head wound was from a gunshot and contacted CGPD.

Responding officers found Conrad in another room inside the residence.

CGPD confirmed through other family members that the two men were father and son.

No further information on the nature of the confrontation was released.

CGPD froze the scene and limited access to Tyler Ave. for most of the day on Sunday as 11 volunteers and staff conducted the investigation.

“In any kind of investigation like this, when we don’t know details, we assume it’s a homicide,” said Shepherd. “So, we freeze the scene; don’t let anybody in or out, monitor and document who goes in and out at what times so we can maintain scene integrity.”



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