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# Free workshop to put Main Street in 'new light'

To help recover from the doldrums of the winter and find the light at the end of the COVID tunnel, the City of Cottage Grove is partnering with Downtown Cottage Grove and the State Historic Preservation Office to offer a free workshop on exterior building and retail lighting to all interested parties.

This workshop, titled "Seeing Main Street in a Whole New Light," will be taught by Seanette Corkill, the owner of Front-door Back, a store design and visual merchandising firm.

The workshop will be held at the Cottage Grove Armory, socially-distanced in the Drill Hall, on March 29 from 6:30 to

8 p.m. Successful downtown districts know that lighting is crucial to creating a sense of safety, but great lighting goes further and promotes and delights visitors and citizens, helping them create meaningful connections with their cherished places.

Great lighting also helps shoppers open their wallets for retailers and service providers when a place has that certain je ne sais quoi that lighting can provide.

Choosing and placing lighting can be confusing and getting it wrong can be costly.

The workshop will cover the seven layers of light that need to be present for a district to have the 24/7

vitality that today's consumers are looking for.

It will cover the incremental steps that businesses and property owners can take to make improvements and will de-mystify and clarify the numerous technical terms and qualities of lights that are often confusing.

After attending, participants be more discerning about what constitutes good versus poor lighting, be more confident making purchasing decisions and will have a better understanding of where to begin making investments.

Corkill is a frequent Main Street event speaker and presents on store design, building facades, window displays and vi-

sual merchandising to retail groups and business districts across the country.

She also provides custom training and design solutions for store owners.

After the workshop, Corkill will be providing her services to four Downtown Cottage Grove business owners to give them a customized list of prioritized recommendations for what their property or storefront needs to create meaningful and comprehensive lighting solutions.

Interested businesses should contact City Planner Amanda Ferguson for more information at 541-942-3340 or [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planner@cottagegrove.org).

# Candidate applicants sought for Downtown CG Board

The Downtown Cottage Grove Board of Directors has three board positions open and ready to be filled by members of the community.

All three positions are in Tier 2. Two of these positions are one-year and

one position is three-year. Board candidates must be participating members of the tiers and in good standing with all assessments paid in full.

Anyone interested in being a candidate can go to [\[cottagegrove.org/get-involved\]\(http://cottagegrove.org/get-involved\) to find the candidate application and more information about Downtown Cottage Grove, or come to the Public Works and Development Department at City Hall by Monday, March 15.](http://www.downtown-</a></p>
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If an election is required, ballots will be sent out via email in late March.

For more information, contact Executive Director Molly Murai at 541-767-4129 or [downtown-cottagegrove@gmail.com](mailto:downtown-cottagegrove@gmail.com).

# Shooting from A1

who had also been shot."

Ware confirmed that the female is the residence's landlord and the male a tenant.

Captain Conrad Gagner at the Cottage Grove Police

Department (CGPD) said that two CGPD officers responded to the location shortly before the LCSO and state police arrived at the scene.

The male was then contacted and detained in handcuffs shortly before being transported by am-

bulance to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend.

The female was transported to the hospital via Life Flight.

"The extent of the injuries are still unknown," said Ware. "And how the argument started is still unknown."

Neither individual is believed to have life-threatening injuries.

"They were both con-

scious and talking to us when we arrived," said Ware.

Ware added that there is no safety concern to the community as all parties involved are accounted for.

A law enforcement investigation is currently underway.

This is a developing story and will be subject to updates as more information is made available.

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