

City, NW Natural remind citizensof National Safe Digging Month

In recognition of April's National Safe Digging Month, the City of Cottage Grove and NW Natural want to remind residents, contractors, and landscapers to call 811 before digging.

If residents are planning a spring planting or an outdoor project that involves digging, call 811 at least two business days ahead to have underground utility lines located.

It's free; and it's the law. It can also prevent service interruption, thousands of dollars in damag-

es and the risk of injuries. "Whether you're a homeowner building a fence, a real estate agent posting a for-sale sign, or a contractor doing excavation, you must call 811 or use the free NW Natural safety app to have utility lines located," said Jaimie Lemke, NW Natural's damage prevention supervisor.

The most common cause nationwide of a natural gas pipeline damage is when someone accidentally digs into the pipe. Accidentally hitting an

underground utility line can interrupt service to entire neighborhoods and lead to serious injuries, fines and costly repairs.

Here are some planning guidelines:

- Regardless of digging depth or familiarity with the property, make a request at least two business days before a planned dig
- Call 811 or use the free NW Natural Safety App
- When calling 811, the Oregon Utility Notification Center notifies local utility companies of the intent to dig. Then a pro-

fessional locator visits the site to mark the location of underground utility lines. The OUNC says the contractors who come out to mark buried lines will follow COVID-19 safety precautions.

- Confirm with 811 that all lines have been marked
- Consider moving the project location if it's near utility line markings
- If working with a contractor, confirm a call to 811 has been made. Don't allow work to begin if lines aren't marked.
- If while digging a gas

line is accidentally hit, report it immediately by calling 911 or NW Natural's 24-hour emergency line at 800-882-3377.

No damage is too small to report; even a small dent could weaken a natural gas line.

Always remember: Smell. Go. Let us know.

If you smell natural gas, leave the area immediately, and then call us at 800-882-3377 and NW Natural will come over to check things out.

During COVID-19, NW Natural's crews are follow-

ing Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state health guidelines regarding face coverings, social distancing, and sanitizing protocols.

For more information, visit www.nwnatural.com/safety/call-before-you-dig.

If you accidentally hit a city water or sewer line during working hours call 541-942-3349 or after hours and weekends call the Cottage Grove Police Department non-emergency number 541-942-9145.

Learn about publicly funded health care during virtual panel discussion

Curious to learn how publicly funded health care can benefit your community? Join Health Care For All Oregon (HCAO) for a panel discussion. Panelists include: Monica Beilski Boris—AFSCME, Eric

Richardson—NAACP, Jacob Trewe—Democratic Socialists of America, Eugene, and Orion Fulvey—Orchid Health.

The panel will discuss how publicly provided universal health care

would benefit those they serve and all communities.

The discussion will take place Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

It will be a virtual discussion that can be accessed publicly on Zoom.

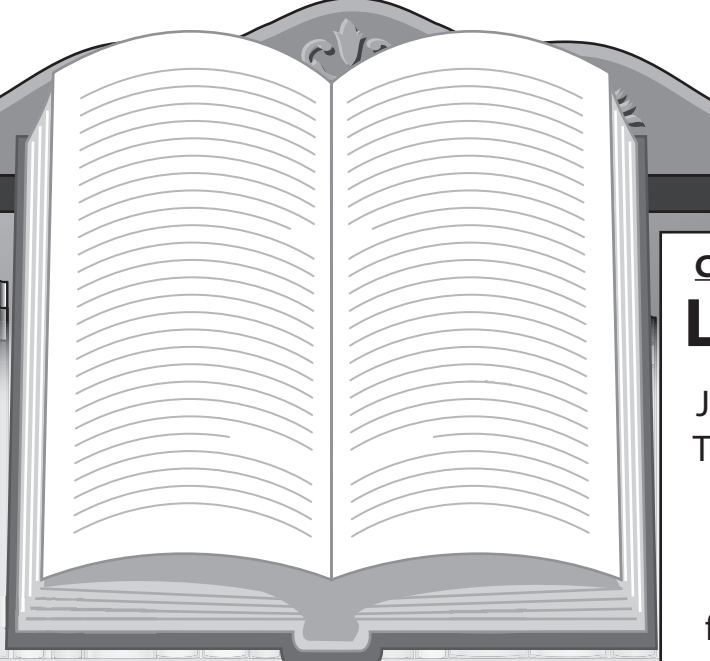
Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUodeutrjwpGtG77RPXDujGurbQvtQCGqL6>

HCAO would like listeners/readers from all communities in Oregon

to attend the panel discussion to learn about the current state of our health care system and how implementation of a publicly funded system would benefit communities that they live in.

There will be a Q & A session.

For more information, contact Barbara Harrison by phone at 607-279-6429 or email her at bcharri-son0921@gmail.com.



Due to COVID19 area Libraries are offering curbside, remote, Library2Go, and/or delivery options. Call or visit their websites.

Cottage Grove Public Library Presents:
Library in the Park

Join our Library Staff in the Park on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for Library in the Park at the Bohemia Park Pavilion. Staff will be bringing a selection of books for all ages to the Park that will be available for checkout. They will also be able to sign up library cards, help reserve items and will distribute curbside pickup items. Drop in and experience a StoryWalk®. Come and visit with your library staff and share ideas of what you might like at the next Library in the Park.

Cottage Grove Public Library
700 Gibbs
541-942-3828
cottagegroveor.gov/library

Creswell Public Library
64 W. Oregon Ave.
541-895-3053
creswell-library.org

Mildred Whipple Library - Drain
205 W. 'A' Ave.
541-836-2648
ndld.org

Yoncalla Public Library
194 Birch St
541-849-2128
yoncalla.biblionix.com/catalog

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FOUNTAIN GUTTERS
Cottage Grove
(541) 729-9515

"Where The Wild Things Are"
by Maurice Sendak

BANNER BANK
25 Gateway Blvd
Cottage Grove
(541) 942-3331

"Goodnight Moon"
by Margaret Wise Brow

LOOKING GLASS COMMUNITY SERVICES
508 E Whiteaker Ave
Cottage Grove
(541) 767-3823

"The Snowy Day"
by Ezra Jack Keats

STARFIRE LUMBER

"The Giving Tree"
by Shel Silverstein

DAVE'S PUMP & CONSTRUCTION
Cottage Grove
(541)942-9635

"Little Bear"
by Else Holmelund Minarik

OLD MILL FARM STORE
327 S River Road
Cottage Grove
(541) 942-3042

"Blueberries for Sal"
by Robert McCloskey

THE BOOKMINE
702 E Main
Cottage Grove
541 942-7414

"Owl Moon"
by Jane Yolen

MAGNOLIA GARDENS
1425 Daugherty Ave
Cottage Grove
541 942-0054

"Harold and the Purple Crayon"
by Crockett Johnson

BRAD'S COTTAGE GROVE CHEVROLET
2775 Row River Rd, CG
541-942-4415

"Make Way For Ducklings"
BY Robert McCloskey

KALAPUYA BOOKS
637 E Main St
Cottage Grove
541 942-6143

"Tuesday" by David Wiesner