

CG Art Walk canceled

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Lane County and resulting change in risk level, the Art Walk originally scheduled for April 30 has been canceled.

Organizers hope to announce the return of the monthly event in May, subject to updates to the county risk level.

City offering yard sale 'sign' option

Residents are reminded that yard/garage sale signs are not allowed within the city rights-of-way, on traffic signal, street light, street sign or utility poles.

Yard sale signs in the right-of-way can be a distraction to drivers, pedestrians or cyclists.

Signs on private property, however, are fine.

The City is providing a way of promoting yard/garage sales. Follow the "Community Resources" menu on the City of Cottage Grove webpage and go to the "Yard Sales" link. There, you can enter in yard sale information and the city will post the list on the page of all yard or garage sales by Friday morning each week.

Anyone wishing to take a tour of the yard sales in town can access the site on their device or print out a list and then shop till they drop.

USAF Band of Gold West postpones performance

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West has contacted the City of Cottage Grove and re-

scheduled its performance, which was originally scheduled for June 7, 2020 and was cancelled then because

of the pandemic.

The band will instead be visiting Cottage Grove on Wednesday, Aug. 25, from

6:30 to 8 p.m. in Bohemia Park.

The Chamber of Commerce has allowed for this

event serve as the final Concert in the Park event for 2021.

Magnolia Gardens, Chamber to host Working Women's Wednesday

Magnolia Gardens and the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce are excited to be co-sponsoring Working Women's Wednesday in Cottage Grove.

The first meet up will be hosted by Covered Bridge Brewing Group on Wednesday, May 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited

to come and join the fun. Connect with others in a relaxed environment and make new friends.

"We want to celebrate women and all that they do

in our community," said Executive Director of Magnolia Gardens Tara Blount.

The event is an opportunity to network with other women in the area in a fun

environment.

There will be music, door prizes, drink specials and a full dinner menu. There is no cost to take part in this event.

City of Cottage Grove receives 27th consecutive Tree City USA award

Cottage Grove received Tree City of the Year this year for the 27th year in a row and the Growth Award for the fourth consecutive year from the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Arbor Day Foundation established the Tree City USA program in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters.

More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA.

Cities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

The Tree City USA Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities which demonstrate higher levels of

tree care and community engagement during the calendar year.

The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories that combine to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term.

Each activity has a value between 1 and 10 points, and communities must document activities that total at least 10 points, from any of the subcategories, to receive the Growth Award for

the calendar year.

The subcategories are: building the team, measuring trees and forests, planning the work, performing the work and the community framework.

City staff, the Urban Forestry Committee, and citizen volunteers work diligently each year to improve the health of trees in the community.

Trees are trimmed, new trees are planted, tree assessments are performed, and support for Arbor Day helps in improving the health of trees.

April is Arbor Month and staff are preparing a proclamation for Cottage Grove City Council adoption at its upcoming April 12 city council meeting.

There are currently two vacancies on the Urban Forestry Committee.

Those interested in participating on this volunteer committee may contact Assistant Planner Eric Mongan at 541-942-3340 or visit the city's website for a volunteer application at www.cottagegrove.org.

Summer restrictions continue at city wastewater treatment plant

The Wastewater Treatment Plant has gone into the summer thermal limits required by the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Now through May 15, limits are 13 mil-

lion Kcals/day. This is the allowed increase in Coast Fork River water temperature caused by treated water being released into the river by the treatment plant.

Due to the restriction, the City is unable to discharge all its treated effluent into the river. This

is to keep the river cooler for fish migration.

The limits are usually attainable until May 15 when the limits are again reduced to accommodate the fish spawning season. The restriction is then reduced to a limit of 9 million Kcals/day.

On May 1, the sum-

mer permit starts, which increases the testing requirements for phosphorus, nitrite, nitrate, and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen.

The increased testing runs through the end of October.

From June 15 through Sept. 15, the NPDES permit has a very strict or-

thophosphate limit.

The City's limit to achieve is under one pound per day.

With the new pond project, the city will have more treated water storage, which will help stay in compliance with the DEQ guidelines.

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