

# CG Community Center and Library set to re-open

With the statewide removal of the mask and distancing requirement, the city has set a date for the re-opening of the Cottage Grove Community Center and Library.

The Community Center and Library will re-open on Monday, Aug. 2, 2021.

The Community Center remodeling and repairs are not complete and will still be underway when it re-opens.

Staff met and coordinated ways to accommodate re-opening and the ongoing remodeling.

Until the new space for Senior and Disability Services is complete, they will be working from the Reception Hall. The Senior Center will not be ready for operations yet, either.

South Valley Athletics and the Cottage Grove

Genealogical Society Library will be able to open on their schedules.

The Shepherd Room and limited other spaces in the Community Center will be available for community use as well.

Anyone wishing to use the meeting room should contact Teresa or Jessica at 541-942-1185.

The library will open Aug. 2 with the temporary hours of 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Expanded hours will begin in September.

During July, the library will continue to hold Library in the Park on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the curbside pickup from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Staff looks forward to seeing people in the Community Center and Library again.

# City conducts mobility hub survey

The City of Cottage Grove is looking to design a mobility hub that meets the transit needs of its community. As part of our research, the city is reaching out for feedback about mobility hub needs.

A mobility hub is a centralized location where many different forms of transportation meet up to make using

transit even more convenient.

The study that is being created will be separated into three parts. The first part is to identify what a transit hub generally would need – as well as identify what the Cottage Grove community would want in a centralized transit area.

The city will then analyze Row River Trailhead

Park and identify its current, proposed, and long range uses and how the mobility hub could work within these plans.

Lastly, it will examine how these two overlap and decide how to properly build this for the community.

The public is asked to participate in a survey to gain the community's input on what kind of ad-

ditional transportation modes the public would like to have access to in the community.

The survey will be available until the end of August.

For more information, contact Abby Gisler at agisler@southlantransit.com.

The online survey can be found at: forms.gle/XQwuBxEbVa4zwEyw7.

# Gov. Brown directs state agencies to conserve water

*Direction comes as a response to drought conditions*

Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 21-20 on July 7, directing state agencies to curtail nonessential water use, implement water conservation measures, and encourage drought resiliency.

The directive comes as a result of 19 Oregon counties already in declared drought emergencies, and the rest of Oregon facing threats of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

“Oregon has a strong history of managing and caring for water, but climate change and chronic drought require water conservation and a commitment to working together,” said Gover-

nor Brown. “Many state agencies already have taken steps to improve the sustainability of their operations, including actions to reduce water usage. Through this Executive Order, state government can respond to this growing crisis, lead by example, and show Oregonians that drought is a serious issue — but one that can be managed if we all work together. At the same time, it is critically important that we keep in mind how curbing water in public places may affect vulnerable Oregonians who may turn to public sources of water for relief from hot weather and adjust as appropriate.

“Many local governments have also curtailed water use on city and county facilities. I appreciate their leadership and encourage all local governments in drought-stricken counties to conserve water and begin implementing drought resiliency strategies as we face a worsening drought together.

“Oregonians can do their part as well. I encourage everyone to be conscious of water usage and to take steps to reduce water use whenever possible.”

The Executive Order, effective July 7, directs state agencies that own or manage land or facilities to:

- Implement actions that curtail or end the non-essential use of water for landscaping and other exterior features of buildings and grounds, including lawn watering, fountains that do not re-circulate water, and window washin;
- Institute a moratorium (where allowed) on the installation of new non-essential landscaping projects that require irrigation at state-owned buildings; and
- Develop and place signs and other messaging within state-owned buildings to encourage state employees to reduce their non-essential uses of water inside state-owned buildings.

# Genealogical Society re-opens library

The Cottage Grove Genealogical Society Library, located in the Community Center, will be re-opening Wednesday through Friday starting Aug. 4, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

“We are excited to re-open and show the public our new space,” said Debbie Monsive, assistant librarian for

the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society.

The library can be found in the Community Center at 700 Gibbs Avenue.

Volunteer opportunities are available and the society encourages those interested to call 541-942-9570 for more information.

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