

Jingle Rush 5K offers fun, healthy start to holiday season

Cottage Grove tradition returns as an in-person holiday happening

COTTAGE GROVE — For over a decade, area runners and walkers have kicked off their holiday season with the Jingle Rush 5K, and they'll be lining up again this year on Saturday morning, Dec. 4.

These days, fun traditions that can take place safely are more important than ever. With this in mind,

the folks at Run CG Run — a Cottage Grove-based group of running/walking enthusiasts that organizes events that showcase their community — will host this year's Jingle Rush, which starts and finishes at Cottage Grove High School.

A true family event, the Jingle begins at 8:30 a.m. with a choice for kids of either a one or two-lap warm-up run around the high-school track. The 5K begins at 9 a.m.

The event begins and ends behind the Cottage Grove High School track.

Participants are encouraged to work some of their COVID stress out in a way that will benefit participants (exercise reduces stress, after

all) while helping others (this year, the proceeds will benefit the Cottage Grove area Tree of Joy and CGHS Key Club, and they will support Run CG Run's efforts to provide positive, healthy events for the community.)

The course offers a loop of mostly paved roadways in surrounding neighborhoods, and Run CG Run would love to have participants tag them and post their times and photos on Facebook and Instagram.

The 5K walk/run is 'economy priced' at \$5 or \$10 for participants 18 and younger.

Participants can sign up at cg-jinglerush2021.eventbrite.com.

For questions about the race, call Jim at 541-968-2392.

Economic and Business Improvement District notices sent out

Assessment notices were mailed last Friday (Nov. 12) to property and business owners located in the Economic and Business Improvement District.

On Dec. 13, 2021, a public hearing will be held by the Cottage Grove City Council at 7 p.m. for the ordinance extending the district for an additional five years.

The district has been in

existence since 2001 and has worked on numerous projects over the years focusing on the economic vitality of business in Downtown Cottage Grove.

If property owners or businesses in the district have questions regarding the proposed assessments or district, call the Public Works and Development Department at 541-942-3340.

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mation Officer for Lane County Health and Human Services Anne Marie Levis, however, later that day clarified that the pro-

tests were only partially to do with the clinic's cancellation.

"We've had protests at every one of our vaccine clinics," she said, downplaying the impact of such protests on staging the

clinics. "So, if the protesters were shutting it down, we'd be shutting down each one."

It was more so the case, she said, that a vaccine clinic in Thurston also taking place on Tuesday had an overwhelming response with appointments, requiring the agency call in more of its limited pool of volunteers.

The Harrison School clinic, on the other hand, had a smaller turnout of scheduled appointments and the agency tried to contact those people and direct them instead to Thurston where the resources were consolidated, Levis said.

However, she noted that concern over protests still registered.

"There's always some

worry when we do have protesters and we don't have a good area to have them in that keeps them separated from people," she said. "Part of what we do is we want to make sure people are safe. And so, that means making sure that people can come in and get a vaccination and feel safe."

The sense of safety is a point of concern for some of those in Cottage Grove who attended Saturday's Chamber clinic.

Chamber President/CEO Shauna Neigh called the event "embarrassing and heartbreaking" due to the intensity of the protesters. Using a bullhorn to mock the clinic and intimidate people on their way in was unacceptable, she said.

"I absolutely 100 percent believe in my body, my choice. I believe in the right to assemble. If people want to get the shot, they should be able to get the shot. If people don't want to get the shot, they can

protest or hold their signs up. But they don't have the right to bully, harass and create fear," she said.

Sara Secord, a regular participant in the weekly protests said she did not see anyone on either side behaving badly toward each other and stressed that protesters follow a general rule of being "calm, collected and nice."

"I do not feel we were intimidating," she said.

In a September article on the weekly demonstrations by *The Sentinel*, many protesters and organizers emphasized that while they were "anti-mandate" and "anti-force" when it comes to the COVID vaccine, they considered themselves "pro-choice," meaning the decision to get the vaccine should be left up to each individual.

Protesters have also repeatedly countered the claim that they are an "anti-vax" group because many in their own group are vaccinated.

Regarding choice, some

who attended the Chamber vaccine clinic on Saturday have pointed out that their choice to get a vaccine should then be respected and, if protests have caused the cancellation of the Harrison clinic, the group is not living up to its "pro-choice" ethos.

In the meantime, there are currently no future clinics scheduled in Cottage Grove, but Levis said the county is actively looking for more opportunities and pointed out that there are other resources such as pharmacies people can use.

As far as protests influencing future clinics, Levis emphasized that safety is the main concern, but that protesters were free to express themselves at events.

"You know, the good thing about a democracy is people can have difference of opinions," she said. "And so that's what we're experiencing here now is people have a difference of opinion who want to share their information."

NOTICE OF CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The City of Cottage Grove Planning Commission will have three vacancies at the end of this year. The Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. The Planning Commission meets twice a month on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings. Incumbents are eligible to reapply. Individuals interested in applying for these positions need to complete a Planning Commission application available at the Public Works & Development Department at City Hall or online at: [www.http://cottagegrove.org/pc](http://cottagegrove.org/pc). The deadline for receiving applications is **December 13th, 2021 at 5 pm**. For further information please contact the Public Works & Development Department at 541-942-3340.



COTTAGE GROVE: 6th & Gibbs Church of Christ 195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822 10:00am Christian Education: Pre-K through 5th Tim Baker, Senior Minister www.6thandgibbs.com	First Presbyterian Church 3rd and Adams St 541-942-4479 Rev.: Karen Hill Worship: 10:00am Sunday School: 10:00am fpcgrove.com	St. Andrews Episcopal Church 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb "Scripture, Tradition, Reason" Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome
Calvary Baptist Church 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm	Hope Fellowship United Pentecostal Church 100 S. Gateway Blvd. 541-942-2061 Pastor: Dave Bragg Worship: 11:00am Sunday Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday www.hopefellowshipupc.com "FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE"	Seventh-day Adventist Church 820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: James D. Boram Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00
Church of Christ 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am	Living Faith Assembly 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Worship Services Sundays: 9a & 11a Youth Worship Sundays: 11a (all ages welcome) Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)	Trinity Lutheran Church 6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups tlccg.com
Cottage Grove Bible Church 1200 East Quincy Avenue 541-942-4771 Pastor: Bob Singer Worship 11am Sunday School: 9:45am AWANA age 3-8th Grade, Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm www.cgbible.org	Non-Denominational Church of Christ 1041 Pennoyer Ave 541-942-8928 Preacher: Tony Martin Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm www.pennoyeravecoc.com	United Methodist Church 334 Washington 541-942-3033 Worship 10am umcgrove.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center 33761 Row River Rd. 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett www.cg4.tv Full Children's Ministry available Services: 9:00am & 10:45am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi Catholic Churches 1025. N. 19th St. 541-942-3420 Father John J. Boyle Holy Mass: Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm Sunday – 10:30 am For weekday and Holy Day of Obligation schedule see website OLPHCG.net Confession: 4 PM to 5 PM Saturdays or by appointment St. Philip Benizi, Creswell 552 Holbrook Lane Sunday 8 am	CRESWELL: Creswell Presbyterian Church 75 S 4th S • 541-895-3419 Rev. Seth Wheeler Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am website www.creswellpres.org
Delight Valley Church of Christ 33087 Saginaw Rd. East 541-942-7711 • Pastor: Bob Friend Two Services: 9am - Classic in the Chapel 10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium	First Baptist Church 301 S. 6th st • 541-942-8242 Pastor: David Chhangle Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Youth Wednesday 6:30pm cgfirstbaptist.com	



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The City of Cottage Grove Public Works Department will be conducting its annual Leaf Pickup during the following weeks:

**October 25th – 29th • November 15th – 19th
 December 13th – 17th**

Tips for Leaf Placement in Street

- ✓ Only piles of loose leaves will be picked up
- ✓ Pile leaves on the street surface near the gutter, keeping gutter and catch basins free of leaves so storm water is not obstructed
- ✓ On streets without curbs and gutter, pile the leaves near the street surface away from ditches
- ✓ Stack the leaves so that they don't block bike and traffic lanes
- ✓ Leaves should be piled in rows so they do not block the flow of water along the curb and do not encroach on the traffic lane
- ✓ Do **not** place leaves in the streets where curbside parking does not exist. You may bring those leaves to the designated area outside the Row River Water Treatment Plant at 3300 Row River Road
- ✓ Do **not** place your leaves in plastic bags
- ✓ Branches will **not** be picked up
- ✓ Shrub prunings and blackberry vines will **not** be picked up
- ✓ Do **not** include rocks, metal or other debris in your leaf pile
- ✓ Lawn clippings will **not** be picked up

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at (541)767-4100 during working hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM.