

Here's your weekly update for week ending 7/24/20.

Community Development Department:

Building

- Building Permits continue to come in for small home improvement projects.
- A tenant improvement permit for a credit union has been applied for to take the place of the long vacant "Blockbuster" space in the Waremart shopping center.

Code Enforcement

- Staff has been busy dealing with citizen complaints and managing open cases.
- Ben was able to successfully address a neighborhood complaint regarding a woman who was living in her car by coordinating with the Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency (MVCAA). We are encouraged by the MVCAA response and hopeful that we will be able to continue connecting folks in our community to the resources provided by their agency.
- An ongoing noxious weeds property on Filbert was taken care of this week as a culmination of collaboration with Code Enforcement, Keizer PD (CRU), and the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). Through the code compliance process, it was learned the resident has underlying mental health issues that are not being addressed. Ben reached out to a family member who had been trying to get the property cleaned up, but had been unsuccessful due to the fact the resident would not allow him to cut the grass, and was refusing to get the help he needed. Ultimately, the Keizer PD (CRU team) and Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) responded to the property. With the help of all involved, the resident is on his way to getting the help he needs, which also allowed the family member to have grass and weeds cut.

Planning

- The staff recommendation is being completed and will be put on the website for the Area D masterplan amendment in preparation for the August 3rd public hearing. Signs are being put up today at the property to identify the time and place of the hearing.
- A public hearing for a new subdivision proposal on Sunset Avenue has been scheduled, with request for comments sent out.
- A Conditional Use Application for the construction of a new single family home in the UT zone was applied for this week.
- Staff is working to prepare proposed floodplain ordinance modifications to take to the August 12th Planning Commission meeting.

Public Works Department:

Parks & Facilities Division:

- The contractor is doing additional mowing work at Wallace House Park today. We requested them to do 2 more days of work and we will evaluate how much they accomplish because this work will take longer due to the terrain in the area.
- The dog park is closed today for fertilization and weed control, and will reopen late this afternoon.
- The Splash Fountain is scheduled to open next Wednesday and will operate Wednesdays through Sundays from 1:00pm to 7:00pm through Labor Day.

Environmental & Technical Division:

- Staff spent time late this week investigating a water quality complaint along Labish ditch. At this point we determined the problem is associated with a business on the north side of the

ditch at 35th Avenue which is in Marion County. We have contacted County staff to follow up on this issue.

Street/Stormwater Operations Division:

- The Shoreline Dr. and Cummings Ln. storm drain project is nearing completion. Paving is complete and the contractor is adjusting manhole lids and performing cleanup in the project area.
- The River Road paving work was completed last night. The contractor will be raising the manholes and placing the pavement markings next week. Marion County is scheduled to stripe the road early next week.

Water Division:

- The Water Management and Conservation Plan has been resubmitted to the Water Resources Department for final review

Administration:

LOC Weekly COVID19 Conference Call:

- ***Governor's Office:*** New Safety measures and restrictions. Rise of cases that can't be contact traced which means community spread. Mask requirement for kids 5 and up, outdoor mask requirement where social distancing can't be maintained. Venues now restricted to 100, down from 250. Some counties may be rolled back to lower stages of reopening. Tourism restrictions from neighboring states may be implemented and complete lockdown is on the table if numbers don't begin to decline.
- ***Oregon Health Authority:*** Another big case day coming today. Resurgence of cases is continuing with 26% increase this week from last week. State-wide cases still below peaks seen in the Spring and below hospital capacity. Seems to really be community spread...small family gatherings, birthday parties, etc. There isn't a one size fits all solution for every community to help take care of individual cities. Keep staying updated on County information to determine best course of action as local jurisdictions.
- ***Oregon Dept. of Education:*** Not a static situation and conditions/knowledge/attitudes are shifting constantly and guidance is following these shifts. Regular weekly meetings between OHA and the Dept. of Education to help plan next year. Teachers are in working conditions that are tighter than most given class sizes. Hygiene, cohorting, physical distancing, are all being looked at. Three models being looked at: On-site; Comprehensive distance learning which is more thorough than the end of last year; Hybrid of the two. Face coverings being required for all students and teachers all day. Cohorting means keeping a group of students together in groups that stay together all day every day so that if an outbreak occurs it only effects a small group. Transportation is extremely difficult to overcome because 84-passenger busses can only hold about 12-people for social distancing requirements. Sports are also being worked on strongly and updates will come out soon. Schools are required to determine which model they will adopt based on statistical factors in their districts...healthcare safety criteria. Broadband is being worked on to provide appropriate bandwidth and devices for all kids to do distance learning...\$20M in COVID Relief funding is being used at the state level to expand broadband capacity and \$100M in CARES funding for schools to buy devices for kids and expand broadband and connectivity, plus \$28M of additional funding to help schools get

ready for this next year. Mental health is critical to keep focused on due to lockdown impacts.

- ***Oregon Emergency Management:*** Still activated. Distributing masks to grocery stores and restaurants. Electronic alerts now available through OEM for a wide variety of emergencies, including COVID19 cases and deaths. Focusing now on commercial fishing and seafood processing operations to provide guidance against COVID outbreaks.
- ***LOC Advocacy:*** Cities need to get registered on the Corona Virus Relief Portal through DAS so that we can get reimbursement funding distributed.
- ***National League of Cities:*** Negotiations are still ongoing for local government stimulus but the Senate is still at a standstill. Aid for local governments is not universally thought of as a good idea between Republicans and Democrats, thus it is a sticking point on legislation being proposed. Advocacy is continuing by the NLC. Next week is shaping up to be the critical point for discussions on proposed bills.