

MAYOR BELL'S SPRING UPDATE

April 2024

Time seems to be flying by! We have mostly recovered from the unprecedented January ice storm, whipped through February, watched March come in like a Lion and go out like a Lamb and now we're seeing if those April Showers lead to many vibrant May flowers.

I sometimes feel that so many things are happening at once that my head is spinning. I suspect I'm not alone in that feeling! With so much happening in the world around us, it's great to live in Coburg and to be able to celebrate what's right in our community.

I want to give you a quick overview of the many things that are happening in Coburg to help keep this a great place to live and work.



- The **Transportation Safety Committee** has been meeting monthly since early February after a slight delay due to ice. This is group made up of community members and supported by City staff, with a goal of keeping Coburg safe for pedestrians, cyclists and cars. Many ideas have been discussed including street redesign, crosswalks, traffic-calming strategies, safe pedestrian and school routes, speed limits changes and the addition of sidewalks where needed. Because both Willamette and Pearl streets are county jurisdiction, a summary of recommendations will be compiled and sent to Lane County Transportation this summer where improvements can be worked out, scheduled and implemented.
- **Main Street** is already planning its first event in Mid-May. Watch for more information on a homage to our dairy history. Moo!
- City Parks are looking great and being used regularly. I hope you've had the chance to enjoy the upgraded and nearly completed **Veteran's Memorial**. In a short time, it will be in full bloom and a wonderful place to honor all the heroes that have kept this country free. Work will be started on **Pavilion Park** in the next few weeks. This will include the installation of a new restroom and infrastructure to support phase 2 of the re-vamp. Construction will wrap up so that the park is available for summer activities but will resume in the late Fall.
- Street reconstruction of **N. Willamette, Macy and** parts of **N. Harrison** will begin in May or June with the intent of improving street conditions and creation of safer pedestrian routes.
- **Budget season** is in full swing with many volunteer and staff hours being devoted to ensure that there is enough money available to fund the many projects yet to be started as well as revenue to address the on-going operation of Police, Parks, Water and Sewer. More to come on that in future communications.



Thanks to the many volunteers and city staff that work many hours to keep Coburg such a special place- it truly couldn't be done without the teamwork of so many people! I hope to see you as I'm walking about and hope you stop to chat. In the meantime, take time to enjoy the flowers (not the pollen) and celebrate what's right with the world, or at least Coburg.

Nancy Bell, Coburg Mayor

