

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Enjoy the Summer!

Ray Smith, Mayor

Summer brings a slower pace to our City government. Councilors and Budget Committee members have completed the budget approval process for the FY 2017-2018 budget.

The Budget Committee recommended a budget to City Council that provides for the hiring of a third police officer. The Council vote was tied at three yes and three no votes. I supported the recommended budget and cast the tie breaking vote to approve the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. This will provide us with more hours of police coverage and better response in our community. With 85 businesses that employ about 2,000 people and the projected addition of over 70 new homes, I believe our safety is worth that investment.

I want to thank the Budget Committee members for the

time and input into our budget process. Particular thanks goes to Chair Linda Kroeger and Vice Chair Terry Dawson. They do a wonderful job of maintaining order and direction while dealing with a lot of information.

City staff members also deserve kudos for the work they put into this process. Each department head made a brief presentation of needs and issues in their respective departments. After each of the presentations, committee members were able to ask questions and discuss pertinent issues regarding the operation of their departments. This process worked very well towards the goal of educating our citizen committee members on the operation of our city. I believe this committee was one of the most well informed budget committees we've had for years.

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City Council Brief



Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed and issues likely to be discussed in the next couple of months.

MAY

- Approved Ordinance A-242 Vacating Public Right of Way Alley
- Approved Ordinance A-243 Not Allowing Transfer of Property on a Highway Road or Street
- Approved Ordinance A-163-0 Adopting the Oregon Criminal Code

JUNE

- Presentation on Drinking Water Protection
- Adopted Resolution 2017-05 & 2017-06 Receive State Shared Revenues
- Adopted Resolution 2017-07 Supplemental Budget
- Adopted Resolution 2017-08 Authorizing the 2017-18 City Budget
- Adopted Resolution 2017-09 Extending Workers' Compensation to City Volunteers for FY 2016-17
- Adopted Resolution 2017-10 Adopting the Salary and Classification Schedule for FY 2017-18



SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

Offering Café 60 & Meals On Wheels

Wednesdays at Noon

**Coburg Café 60 welcomes adults age 60 and older
To gather with our neighbors for lunch and a visit.
Donations for meals are appreciated.**

**Coburg United Methodist Church
91193 N. Willamette in Coburg**

**Contact - 541-682-4378 or
visit www.laneseniormeals.org**

Coburg Committee Highlights

Updates on what the Coburg Committees have recently accomplished or are currently addressing.

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

May/June

- No Planning Commission meeting, instead there was a Development Code Update Open House
- Planning Commission to provide code interpretation regarding maximum lot coverage clarification



Coburg City Hall looking north from Willamette St.

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

May/June

- Arbor Day celebrated with Coburg Community Charter School
- Set dates for summer work parties
- Work Session to review the Parks Master Plan
- No June meeting

Budget Committee - Anne Heath

May/June

- Budget Committee met May 2nd and May 16th
- Public Hearing on Resolution 2017-05 State Shared Revenues
- Recommended the Budget to City Council for approval

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

May/June

- Reappointed member Carol Lockard.
- Grant ongoing activities, including: coloring book editing, graphic artist recruitment.

The Coburg Food Pantry

Remember, the Coburg Food Pantry is open to all residents of Coburg who meet the income guidelines. These guidelines are available at the pantry, and on Food for Lane County's website foodforlanecounty.org. The pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, from 2:00pm-6:00pm.

Call for more information.

Kathy Emerson 541-434-6404



Coburg Honors Janel McPherson

On June 12, City Council President Sharyl Abbaspour honored Janel McPherson with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Mayor Ray Smith, the City Council, and Coburg residents for her six years of service as Coburg Community Charter School Board President. Janel is stepping down as Board President as of June 30 but will remain on the School Board for another year.

Janel was one of several dedicated Coburg residents who came together in 2010 to preserve a school in our community upon learning of Eugene School District 4J's plans to close Coburg Elementary School, which had been in continuous operation since 1865. During her six years as President, Janel patiently and expertly led the board in defining CCCS's vision and educational philosophy, hiring the school's administration and core educational staff, and establishing the ethical governance principles and policies that guide the school today.

In addition to her service as Board President, Janel contributed thousands of hours to the school directly by volunteering at school events, attending student assemblies, and leading community outreach events.



Janel McPherson (L) with City Council President Sharyl Abbaspour (R)

"Thanks to you, Janel, CCCS remains the heart of our city," commented Council President Abbaspour upon presenting the Certificate to Janel during the School Board's recent meeting.

Meet City Staff



Anne Davies is Coburg's new City Attorney. The City contracts with the Lane Council of Governments for her legal services. Anne has spent many years providing legal advice to individuals,

organizations and cities on planning and other issues involving local governments in Oregon.

She spent a short stint as a member of the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, deciding appeals of land use decisions from around the state. She is excited to use her experience to help Coburg manage how it will be growing in the coming years.

Anne likes to swim, hike, bike and camp. She enjoys these activities with her 16 year old son when she can convince him to go with her.

An Inspiring Vision



Optimism and resolve were in the air at City Hall on the evening of June 14. Approximately 40 local residents were on hand to witness the unveiling of a 20-year vision statement for our city. The statement, in final draft form, is the work of a Citizen Advisory Committee, several focus groups, and Rural Development Initiatives (RDI), which is headquartered in Eugene. Last fall RDI was contracted by the city to help build this 20-year vision, a requirement of our comprehensive plan and necessary to guide community development efforts for the coming years.

The evening included breakout discussions about the statement, which is in final draft form. The residents offered feedback which will be reviewed and, as appropriate, incorporated into the final version of the statement. The group also spent time discussing what actions might be taken quickly so that this vision becomes more than a thought exercise. Public murals, economic development strategies, expanded walking paths, a Coburg tag line and other outcomes are now moving forward, with champions to guide them.

A huge amount of thanks goes to RDI Executive Director Heidi Khokhar, Coordination Consultant Lindsay Hill and the entire RDI team for their extra effort and commitment to excellence. If we take advantage of the opportunity, this vision statement could serve as a launching point for a very exciting future here in Coburg, both economically and culturally. It is up to us to protect what we want to keep and create what we want to change. Join your neighbors as we shape our community into the best Coburg we can envision.

To stay informed about Vision 2017 related activities:

- Send an email to CoburgCOC@gmail.com to be added to an email list.
- Join the “I Love Coburg Oregon” Facebook group.
- Watch for updates and opportunities in future issues of Our Town.



2017 Coburg Car Classic

Once again it is time to circle your calendar for the 26th Annual Coburg Car Classic, which will be held Saturday, August 5th, 2017. Register your classic car or just come by to see all the fantastic classics and participate in the activities that are open to all.

As is our tradition, there are several events planned during the day, including a BBQ Chicken Lunch, Engine Blow, Model Car Building for the kids, Raffles, Poker Walk, great prizes and much more. Last year we had over 186 fantastic cars registered and thousands of participants!

Best of all, this event gives a direct benefit to our Coburg community. Proceeds from the Coburg Car Classic have provided support for our local Senior Lunch program, park bike racks and benches, the new shelter, and street traffic control barricades. This event also provides model car building and special



prizes just for kids. Coburg Community Grange, the sponsoring organization, is proud to again share this wonderful car

show with the public and dedicate all proceeds back to the Coburg community.

Traditionally awards are presented at 3:00 pm in the afternoon after being selected by the Coburg Car Classic sponsoring businesses with such fun themes (from past shows) as Classy Chassis, Topless Delight, Stylin' Color, and Back in Time.

If you are interested in entering a car in the show, contact Joe Morneau (541-228-8650) or Alice Brooks (541-520-3901) for a registration form. The registration fee is \$25.00 and includes a t-shirt, dash plaque and two free raffle tickets. Pre-register now and your registration materials will be ready when you arrive the day of the show; just use the Express Registration Line. Registration the day of the show begins at 8 am.



Summer Half Classic

On Sunday, July 16, the Summer Half Classic will feature the half marathon course that was the traditional Run In The Country. The half marathon starts at 8 am. All of the action takes place at Norma Pfeiffer Park in Coburg. Complete details are available at www.PinkBuffaloRacing.com.

CCCS Bronco News July/August 2017

CCCS has had quite the year obtaining a ten-year charter renewal contract from 4J, but that is not all! We are happy to have a law during our lottery process where Coburg can now have 100% enrollment priority compared to the previous law of only 50%. Representative

Phil Barnhart sponsored the bill this legislative session allowing CCCS and similar schools to ours



8th grade class playground

always be active during the lottery allowing CCCS to reach 100% Coburg students. This is a HUGE success for CCCS and Coburg. It allows us to serve more of the Coburg students with fewer limitations. We still have many hoops to jump through to meet charter school requirements, but

this success is one to celebrate!



Pumpkin patch

being viewed as a “replacement school” to no longer fall under the 50% rule. What does this mean for CCCS and Coburg? During open enrollment

families turn in applications for the next school year to have their child(ren) attend CCCS. CCCS holds a public lottery, drawing names of those who applied during open enrollment. Those who reside in the historical school boundary for Coburg will have priority during the lottery, which means they will be bumped to the top of the list during the drawing. They’ll have priority over 4J and others applying from other school districts.

The old law only allowed the Coburg priority up to 50% of the school, if CCCS hit 50% Coburg, the priority was no longer active. Now, the priority will

We hope you all are enjoying this warm summer and re-energizing for the 2017-18 school year! You may see some staff still at the school over the next couple of months completing much needed maintenance tasks. The first day of School is September 6th.



3rd grade Jogathon

We look forward to seeing many families at the Music in the Park during August. CCCS will again be selling baked goods made by Chef Sepulveda. We hope to see many of you on Thursday nights!

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

September 6th First Day of School



Two Confirmed Cougar Sightings in Coburg



There have been two cougar sightings in Coburg. Both cougar sightings were in the early morning hours between 3:00

am and 5:00 am. Both were caught on camera on Serenity Lane property.

The information listed below is from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Living with Cougars

Oregon is home to more than 5,000 cougars, or mountain lions. While cougar sightings and encounters are rare, it is wise to educate yourself about the big cats.

Native to Oregon, cougars range throughout the state, the highest densities occur in the Blue Mountains in the northeastern part of the state and in the southwestern Cascade Mountains. Their primary food source is deer, but they will also consume elk, raccoons, bighorn sheep, and other mammals and birds. Cougars are territorial animals and maintain home ranges of up to 100 miles. Most active at dawn and dusk, cougars are lone hunters. They are generally solitary animals, except for mothers who remain with kittens for about two years. While actual cougar sightings have increased, coyotes, bobcats and dogs are often mistaken for cougars. A cougar can be identified by its large size, cat-like appearance,

consistent tan or tawny body color, and long tail. An adult cougar's tail is nearly three feet long and a third to a half of its total length. Cougar tracks can be differentiated from dog tracks by paying attention to detail.

Report any cougar sighting or encounter to a local ODFW office or Oregon State Police office.

Guidelines

If You Live in Cougar Country

- Learn your neighborhood. Be aware of any wildlife corridors or places where deer or elk concentrate.
- Walk pets during the day and keep them on a leash.
- Keep pets indoors at dawn and dusk. Shelter them for the night.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Don't leave food and garbage outside.
- Use animal-proof garbage cans if necessary.
- Remove heavy brush from near the house and play areas.
- Install motion-activated light outdoors along walkways and driveways.
- Be more cautious at dawn and dusk when cougars are most active.
- Do not feed any wildlife. By attracting other wildlife, you may attract a cougar.
- Keep areas around bird feeders clean.
- Deer-proof your garden and yard with nets, lights, fencing.
- Fence and shelter livestock. Move them to sheds or barns at night.

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If You Recreate in Cougar Country

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Leave your dog at home or keep it on a leash. Pets running free may lead a cougar back to you.
- Hike in groups. Make noise to alert wildlife of your presence.
- Keep children close to you. Teach them about wildlife.
- Keep campsites clean. Sleep 100 yards from cooking areas.
- Store food in animal-proof containers.
- Carry deterrent spray.
- Be cautious at dusk and dawn.
- Never feed any wildlife. Prey attracts predators.
- Do not approach any wildlife; stay at least 100 yards away.
- Steer clear of baby wildlife. Mother is likely nearby.
- Be alert when sitting quietly or stopping to rest.
- Be especially alert at dawn and dusk when cougars are most active.
- Be aware that animal calls and animal kills can attract a cougar.

If You Encounter a Cougar

- Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Leave the animal a way to escape.
- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.
- Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an attack.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.
- If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any items available.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Chief Larry Larson

541-682-7853

Coburg Police Department

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The Budget Committee recommended research into new revenue. Yes, this means taxes or fees. It is an unsavory task for us all. One of the biggest shortfalls is money for our streets. Our streets are in poor condition and citizens voice their concern often. The significant failure of the gas tax increase is particularly frustrating, as that increased tax would have provided needed funds for street repairs and upgrades.

We have many dedicated and knowledgeable citizens that participate in the oversight of our government. We have a strong City Council with diverse opinions and I do everything I can to allow those opinions to be heard by all. This allows constructive dialog which creates strong decisions. In addition to the Council, we have committees that are staffed by very qualified citizens that perform more in-depth oversight of many aspects of government operations. I will specifically cite the Budget Committee and our

Finance and Audit Committee.

These are staffed by accountants, business people, citizens and professionals from a variety of backgrounds. These citizens are about a dozen of our neighbors that volunteer to help give direction and oversight to our City government. My thanks to all of our elected and appointed officials for the work they do for our city. I hope we can continue to build on the openness and trust of the community in our government.

I look forward to being outside, visiting with neighbors, and enjoying our wonderful community.

Enjoy the Summer!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg
541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us



Noxious Vegetation

It's that season again! Certain types of vegetation need to be managed to address health, fire, traffic, and overall visual impact to our community. Please note the following:

Between June 1st- September 30th, all "noxious vegetation" in Coburg must be maintained by the property owner including;

- Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Grass more than 10 inches high
- Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line
- Vegetation that is:
 - Health hazard
 - Fire hazard because it is near other combustibles, or
 - Traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous

Please contact Coburg City Hall with questions at 541-682-7858.

Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

ODDFELLOW MEETING

6:30 pm, I.O.O.F Hall

2nd Tuesdays

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 pm, Coburg

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

3rd Tuesdays

PARKS/TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

4th Tuesdays

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire Hall

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

6:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Noon, City Hall

1st Thursdays

METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or Springfield library)

Contact, City Administrator

541-682-7871

1st Fridays

POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm game begins
Coburg Community Grange

541-746-8655

Do you have a community event to share?

Call 541-682-7852

or email sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us

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Questions About City Happenings?



We work for you! The City wants you to get the information you need and care about. Currently, Our Town, the Coburg website coburgoregon.org, the 'City of Coburg, Oregon' Facebook page, 'Coburg Police Department' Facebook Page, monthly utility bills, the Post Office (Dari-Market), and City Hall are all places to get information about what is happening in and around Coburg. Council and committee meetings are also great resources.

What do you want to hear about? How do you like to get information? Let us know.

- Coburg City Staff