

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner

### Enjoy the Summer!

*Ray Smith, Mayor*

September brings the onset of fall with a new school year and another football season. The summer has been eventful. Wildfires have been abundant and large. The eclipse was a nice diversion from the usual routine.

This fall also brings a new City Administrator to Coburg. Tom Boydell comes to our small town with an abundance of knowledge and experience. I look forward to working with him on building our future and keeping Coburg's government running smoothly.

I want to thank our Department Managers, and particularly Acting City Administrator/Finance Director Anne Heath for taking on the extra work during our transition to hiring a new City Administrator. Although we are a small town, we have a lot of projects that must move forward. These projects are above and

beyond the usual day to day work. Under Anne's guidance the staff did an outstanding job of planning and managing the work load for the last three months. Thank you!

It is a time of change in Coburg. New development is occurring and will continue for the foreseeable future. Our new visioning study gives us direction about what our community desires today and in the future. The next step is to create action toward these goals. One group that is moving forward with our vision is the Coburg Chamber of Commerce. They are working on a "tag line" that should lead to some ideas on the branding and marketing of Coburg. I am encouraged by the discussion in their last meeting.

The visioning study created our new vision statement. Please



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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.



## JULY

- Approved liquor license application for Farmfancy.
- Approved Resolution 2017-11 A resolution adopting the Coburg (20 Year) Visioning Statement.
- Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance A-195-A An ordinance adopting flood hazard regulations and repealing Ordinance A-195 and Ordinance A-164-B.
- Appointed Carol Lockard to Heritage Committee term.
- Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance A-199-F An ordinance expanding the Coburg Urban Growth Boundary for employment land. Public hearing is open until September 12, 2017.

## AUGUST

- No Council Meeting Held

## Coburg Planning Commission Vacancy

### HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE!

#### Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- All but two positions must live within Coburg City Limits

#### The Position

- Voluntary, two-year term
- Reappointments are made in October by Planning Commission recommendation & City Council appointment
- No term limits
- Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM, Coburg City Hall.



For More Information  
Contact  
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541-682-7858



Applications are  
available at Coburg City  
Hall, 91136 N Willamette  
St., Coburg or  
[www.coburgoregon.org](http://www.coburgoregon.org)  
under Planning  
Department



# Coburg Committee Highlights

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

## Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

July/August

- No Planning Commission meeting held
- Recruiting for vacant position

## Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

July/August

- No Park/Tree meeting held

## Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

July/August

- No Heritage Committee meeting held

## Budget Committee - Anne Heath

July/August

- No Budget Committee meeting held

## Audit Finance Committee - Anne Heath

July/August

- No Audit/Finance Committee meeting held



## Coburg Budget Committee Vacancies

### Help Mold Our Future

City of Coburg is accepting applications for two (2) Budget Committee positions with terms ending June 30, 2020.

Applicant must be a qualified elector and have resided in the City one year immediately preceding appointment to the position.

Applications available at [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org) or at City Hall, 91136 N Willamette St., Coburg, OR



### CONTACT:

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[coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org)

## From Vision to Action

Have you ever had a great idea that might improve our beautiful town? Now might just be the perfect time to share it.

Coburg's recent Visioning work has opened the next chapter of the process: action.

Energized by the new Vision, efforts are already taking shape. A mural project is underway, a new community tag line is being authored, and a process is being developed to keep the Vision present and projects moving forward. Watch for upcoming community gatherings to celebrate wins and plan for the next ones.

There are several ways to stay informed of upcoming Vision-related events and other happenings in Coburg:

- The City has created a page on its new website for reporting on Vision activities here: [www.coburgoregon.org/community/page/community-visioning](http://www.coburgoregon.org/community/page/community-visioning)
- The City also maintains a calendar on its site that lists both City and community events.
- This publication, *Our Town*, is an excellent way to stay abreast of local happenings.



*Among the identified outcomes of the Visioning process is a Coburg tag line. This one, in development, is being discussed on the I Love Coburg, Oregon Facebook group.*

- The I Love Coburg, Oregon Facebook group has over 460 members and maintains an active discussion of Coburg life.
- The Coburg Chamber of Commerce and Coburg Grange Facebook pages regularly post local events.

Formulating the Vision was only the beginning. Now it's time for all of us to take this picture of our future and build it together. If you have ideas to share, join the conversation on Facebook at I Love Coburg, Oregon.

## 2017 Concerts in the Park



*photo by Daniel Bell*



*photo by Vicki Bell*

## Welcome Coburg's new City Administrator Thomas Boydell

Welcome to Thomas (Tom) Boydell, Coburg's new City Administrator. Tom will assume his position as City Administrator at City Hall in the first week of September. Tom is moving from Seattle and is excited to be near family in Oregon. Tom joins Coburg at a time when a Community Vision process has just been completed and an Economic Development process is just kicking off. This excites him because he is passionate about helping communities succeed.



*Thomas (Tom) Boydell  
Coburg City Administrator*

Tom believes it is important to follow guidelines that are community-centered. These guidelines reflect respect for the needs of the citizens and families, how members of the community like to communicate with the government and share information, and how elected officials serve the public in their leadership roles. Community-centered strategies can also establish a foundation that better empowers economic growth.

Tom was selected by a three panel committee with representation from the City Council, staff

supervisors, and the local community representatives. His expertise in Economic Development, Finance, and Community Development is the key reason for his selection.

At a time when Coburg is seeing new challenges with growth, planning and budgeting for infrastructure expansion, and a need to assess the capacity for City services, Tom brings positive leadership, expertise, and experience that will be

essential and valued as he assists the City to take positive steps to

become a thriving community. Tom has degrees in economics, business and urban planning, and he has worked in both government and business. He has traveled or performed volunteer work in nearly 30 countries and around the U.S. His hobbies include hiking, writing, and photography.

Please take the time to introduce yourself and make him welcome in Coburg.

## 2017 Coburg Car Classic



*photos by Robert Killen*

## Coburg Rural Fire District

On Thursday August 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Coburg Fire District was dispatched to a grass fire located off of Wilkins Road, northeast of the City of Coburg. The fire was started by a hay bailer that experienced mechanical failure while working in a field. Despite the great efforts of the farm crews to contain and extinguish the fire, it quickly spread through the dry hay field into brush and trees.

Being near the base of the Coburg Hills with the potential for rapid fire spreading into the neighborhoods in the hills, Coburg requested mutual aid assistance from fire districts across Lane County. Within minutes there were over 10 units and over 25 personnel assigned to the initial attack.



*A mutual aid unit with Bulldozer*

While this fire had the potential to grow larger, similar to the fires you see threatening homes in California, the quick actions of the farm crews and responding fire agencies kept the fire in check.

On route to the fire, one of Coburg Fire's water tenders experienced a mechanical issue and caught fire prior to arriv-

ing on scene. Luckily another apparatus was close to extinguish that fire with little delay. This apparatus will be out of service for the near future. The insurance company has opened a claim and is investigating the extent of the damage.

Coburg Fire would like to thank Mohawk Fire, Harrisburg Fire, Eugene/Springfield Fire, Santa Clara Fire, McKenzie Fire, Lane Fire Authority, South Lane Fire, Oregon Department of Forestry, Dexter Fire, Goshen Fire, Lowell Fire, Central Lane Dispatch, and the farm crews for responding and helping contain the fire to 32 acres. This was a great example of interagency assistance through mutual aid. Coburg Fire continued to patrol the fire line to check for hotspots for a week.

A week prior, Coburg also had a fire just south of the I-5 on-ramp. This fire was contained rather quickly and smoldered for days afterwards. Coburg Fire also patrolled this fire afterwards and extinguished multiple hotspots.

Coburg Fire District  
541.686.1573



*Helicopter assisting fire suppression*

These units were water tenders, brush engines, a bulldozer, and a helicopter. There were also farm crews from varying farm companies helping battle the fire.

While the units were working to contain the fire, there were two Structural Pro-

tection Task Forces assembled to protect the Coburg Hills. If the fire continued its unmitigated path, these task forces would be used to help evacuate people from their homes and protect the homes from the flame front. The task forces consisted of a command vehicle, two heavy brush engines, two light brush engines, and a water tender.

# CCCS Bronco News September/October 2017

School is back in session September 6th and we are excited about the new school year! We have lots of exciting events and learning planned for the year.

We welcome a familiar face to CCCS as our 5th grade teacher, Keaton Lovendahl. Congratulations on your new position! We also welcome Holly Campbell to our administrative team. Although no one can replace Laura Ralls on her sabbatical, we are happy to have a familiar face joining the team.

We want to thank the Coburg community and Chamber for allowing us to have another successful bake sale during Concerts in the Park. The concerts are one of the best community events in Coburg and we are lucky to be a part of it.

For the entire month of September we are happy to partner with the Shell fueling station in Coburg for a

fundraiser. Purchase your fuel at the Shell in Coburg, pay inside and mention CCCS at time of purchase. 10 cents for every gallon sold goes to CCCS! This is an easy fundraiser for everyone to participate in and will help us greatly!



*Students learn about local businesses with guest speakers*



With a new school year comes the opportunity for the community to be a part of the students' educational experience. Background checks are required every new school year. Forms are available on the school

website and just inside the front doors of the school. If you have questions regarding a background check please contact Jen Kelley. There are lots of ways to volunteer at CCCS including reading and sharing a hobby or skill you enjoy. Contact Jen Kelley at [j.kelley@coburgcharter.org](mailto:j.kelley@coburgcharter.org) to find the right opportunity for you.

## Upcoming Events at CCCS:

September 6th	First Day of School
September 29th	Jog-A-Thon
October 2nd-17th	Johnson Brothers wreath and poinsettia orders
October 6th, 20th, 27th	Community Days
October 13th	No School
October 27th	Community Harvest Festival



# Donations to the Coburg Police Department

The Coburg Police Department is excited to announce that the department has been the recipient of a few generous donations this year. The first donation came in the form of an anonymous \$22,000 check to be used towards the purchase of a new police vehicle. The anonymous law enforcement supporter made the donation citing they

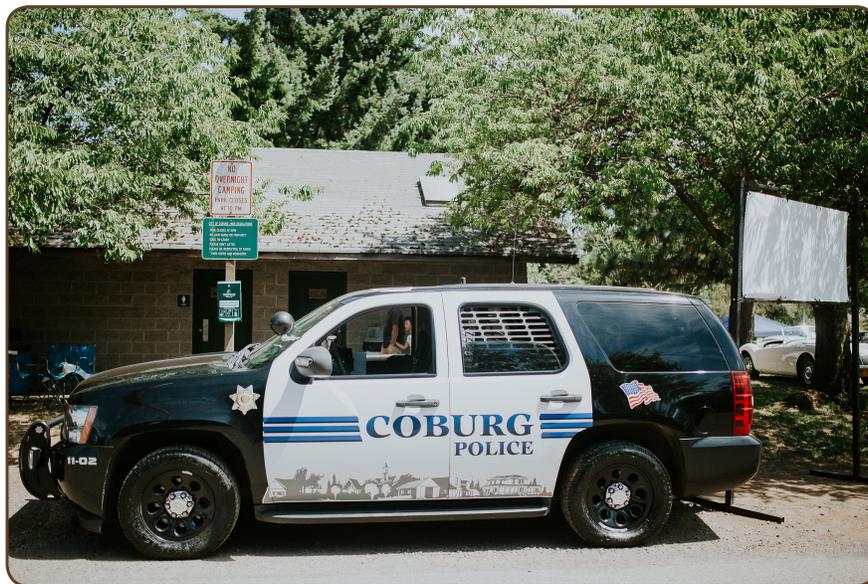
were aware the department had in use several older police vehicles with high mileage and wanted to make the donation towards the purchase of a new, safer police vehicle to better serve the community. With that donation, the police department purchased a new 2017 Dodge Charger police cruiser that will soon be put in use once fully equipped.

The second donation was the donation of a lightly used, fully equipped 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe

police SUV. The donation was made by the University Oregon Police Department. The Chevrolet Tahoe has already been put in use.



Both vehicles are invaluable assets and the purchases of both vehicles, come at no cost to the taxpayers of the City of Coburg.



Both vehicles have been adorned by the department's new police graphics depicting our city town scene. We like the new look and hope you do too.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns regarding the donations, please feel free to contact **Chief Larry Larson at (541) 682-7853.**



# 2017 Coburg Volunteer Appreciation

On a perfect summer evening in late August, we hosted an Appreciation Picnic at Norma Pfeiffer Park for the volunteers of Coburg, organized expertly by City staff members. Attendees numbered around 60 volunteers and their families. This event is held annually to honor the efforts and contributions of the Mayor and City Council, Heritage Committee, Audit-Finance Committee, Police Reserve Officers, Planning Commission, Budget Committee, Parks/Tree Committee, the Fire District and the Chamber of Commerce.

A focus of the Mayor's speech that evening was the City of Coburg Information Kiosk that now sits on open green space right in the middle of town. As part of the final task of moving City Operations to their new location on Willamette Street, the Information Kiosk needed to be relocated after Ryan Thomas purchased the former



City Hall property. Because of the cost involved, the City was resigned to dismantling it.

When Mr. Thomas was informed of its demolition, he wouldn't hear of it. With a bit of help from Planning and Public Works, he undertook the financial and logistical burden of giving our town's kiosk its new home. Mayor Smith thanked Mr.



Thomas for his contribution, saying, "Ryan Thomas took on the project to save that kiosk for us. I think everyone is appreciative of that, as it's an element that we need."



Discover healthy, green travel options for work, school, errands, and play that can save you money and time, plus add some fun into your daily routine. Join the Oregon Drive Less Challenge Sept. 16 – 30! Burn calories instead of gas by biking to work, or walking to the store. Divide the ride and cost by carpooling or vanpooling. Take the bus and let someone else do the driving so you can listen to music, or read that page-turning book.

Every trip counts for better health, happiness, and livable communities. Plus, win weekly and grand prizes for logging your trips during the challenge at DriveLessConnect.com.

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check the City website or come by City Hall to see the results. Citizen participation created this statement. It is now up to the citizens to work towards fulfilling that vision. The information gathered from this process will help guide our City Council in setting priorities for staffing and budgeting.

I look forward to a fresh perspective with our new City Administrator, Tom Boydell. He is anxious to get to know Coburg. I think he will greatly reward us with his skills and attitude. I am excited about the transitions ahead of us. May our future be bright and adventurous.



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



# Coburg Antique Fair

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free Admission

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250+

Antique & Vintage  
Dealers

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Live Music

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Great Food on Site

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Wonderful Park Setting

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I-5 exit #199  
3 miles north of Eugene

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For more information visit...

[www.coburgchamber.com](http://www.coburgchamber.com)



## Noxious Vegetation

It's STILL that season!

Please do your part and manage noxious vegetation — weeds/grass more than 10", blackberries that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line, and any plants that are a health, fire, or traffic hazard.

Our ordinance is in effect through September 30th, but we imagine your neighbors would appreciate year-round attention to unkempt vegetation.

**Please contact Coburg City Hall with questions at 541-682-7850.**



# 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

2nd Thursdays

### SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP

6:30 pm, Coburg Community Grange

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](mailto: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](http://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*

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