

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner

### Enjoy the Summer!

*Ray Smith, Mayor*

Fall has arrived and brought beautiful colors to our fair city. The smoke-filled days of a tenacious fire season are already a distant memory. This new season also brings changes to City Hall.

Our new City Administrator, Tom Boydell, is trying to absorb the many facets of our small town and its government. I believe we are very fortunate to have Tom at the helm. His strong business and finance background is already paying off for our city. Our staff has continued to keep the tasks and projects on track.

I am constantly awed by how much work it takes to keep a small city going. We have 85 businesses and well over 400 homes in Coburg. Our staff is dedicated to maintaining the city infrastructure on a bare bones budget.

As we go forward, we will continue to seek efficiencies in our

work and processes. In one new practice, our key staff and the City Administrator are working together as a Leadership Team. This is meant to increase team work and sharing of expertise. Among other things, I have asked them to focus on keeping our government as streamlined as possible in order to keep expenses down. We must maintain effective and productive processes as the development of new homes and businesses continues add to the work load of our staff and the appointed and elected officials.

I am excited about Coburg's future and what is being created now by the community. We are especially grateful for citizens who are helping. Coburg gets a lot done with volunteers and donations and we leverage that leadership in our grant applications. We hope

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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.



## SEPTEMBER

- Welcome Thomas Boydell as Coburg City Administrator.
- Adopted Ordinance A-199-F: An ordinance expanding the Coburg Urban Growth Boundary for employment land.
- Approved the contract for the Municipal Court Judge Phillip Williams.
- Adopted Resolution 2017-12: Authorizing the City to seek state transportation funds through the special City Allotment grant program.
- Adopted Resolution 2017-13: Declaring surplus property and its disposal.
- Appointed Terry Dawson to an additional 3-year term on the Budget Committee.
- Council Proclaimed September 24-30, 2017 as “First Responder Appreciation Week.”
- Approved a 5-year farm land lease agreement with Egge Seed and Nursery, LLC.

## OCTOBER

- Appointed Jeffery Milam to additional 3-year term on the Budget Committee.
- Appointed Kyle Blain to 3-year term on the Budget Committee.
- Adopted Resolution 2017-14: Addendum to Summit Bank loan agreement.
- Appointed James Bell to 2-year term on the Planning Commission.



## Coburg 3rd Graders Visit City Hall

In a popular annual tradition, the 3rd grade class of Coburg Charter School visited City Hall on October 20. The bright clutch of 25 students plus teacher and two teacher-volunteers walked through the halls, asking questions and learning about city government. It was a welcome event for staff and students. The visit was capped off when students were given an opportunity to see the inside of a police car and hear the siren.

# Coburg Committee Highlights

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

## Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

### September

- Recommendation for new Planning Commissioner James Bell

### October

- Reappointment of Commissioner with expiring terms & election of officers

## Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

### September

- Work session held to discuss the parks master plan
- Park volunteer opportunities and project lists discussed

### October

- Work session held to discuss the parks master plan
- Volunteer opportunities discussed
- Norma Pfeiffer Park improvements
- Play equipment storage possibilities



## Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

### September

- Ongoing CLG Grant planning

### October

- CCCS historic photo coloring contest & CLG workshop in Canby, OR

## Audit Finance Committee - Anne Heath

*The Finance/Audit Committee is a five-person committee made up of Citizens, one of which is a member of the City Council. The Committee meets quarterly, or as needed otherwise. The purpose of the Committee is to review City financial documents including monthly and quarterly accounting, and to review the Audited Financial Statements at year-end. In addition, the Committee assists and participates in discussions regarding City finance with the Finance Director, and reports to the Council on a quarterly basis regarding the Finances of the City.*

- Year-end finances were reviewed by consultant Kathy Taylor
- The Finance/Audit Committee met on September 27th and reviewed the year-end financial reports.
- The Chair of the Finance Committee, Cathy Engebretson, provided a verbal report to the City Council on Tuesday, October 10th.
- The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th.
- There is one open position on the Audit/Finance Committee at this time. Interested parties can pick up and return an application to City Hall.



## 2017 Antique Fair a Rousing Success

Each year we invite people from all reaches of the north-west to Coburg for our Annual Antique and Vintage Fair. It is our largest event of the year and for several local stores it is their biggest day of the year. This year was no exception.

Our parks were packed with vendors selling a startling variety of wares, from tools to treasures. Cars lined the streets for the day. Our local shops were bustling.



But it wasn't easily accomplished. This year changes in and around the parks created a new challenge for organizers Denise and Tim Johnson, owners of The Rusty Porch in Springfield. Many vendors have come year after

year and grow accustomed to their spots. Changes can create tension. But in their second year as the event organizers, the Johnsons handled these challenges and others with exceptional professionalism.

Robert Killen, Coburg Chamber president said, "We have heard nothing but excellent reviews from this year's event, from both vendors and attendees. Denise and Tim have done a fantastic job building on the wonderful tradition of this event!"

The Antique and Vintage Fair is an event to be proud of. Thank you to all who volunteer and to all who participate for making it such a wonderful time.



## Visioning Update

As we enter into the next phase of the Visioning Project begun right around this time last year, we're exploring an exciting new partnership with The Ford Family Foundation of Roseburg, Oregon. We think there are great opportunities to work together in building community.

Upcoming events include some face time at the upcoming Harvest Festival at the CCCS. We're also hosting a community dinner during the first week of December. (See the invitation below for more information)

## Mark Your Calendars! Celebration Dinner!

It's time to celebrate the completion of Coburg's 20-year vision! Find out what's been happening over the last few months, and how you can get involved in creating our future!

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED!\*

\*Sponsored by The Ford Family Foundation



## From Vision to Action

If you could help create something new for our town, what would that be? Public art? A new business? A new event? A community center?

Coburg's 20-year vision is now in place. The next step is action.

Efforts already underway include:

- a mural project involving multiple locations and an exciting variety of approaches,
- entry signage that is being developed in collaboration with Hayden Homes,

- a community dialog initiative project in development,
- an updated Coburg Coloring Book, and finally,
- a new community tag line – “Deep roots. Deeper friendships.” – that is already beginning to find its way into our conversations.

A vision leadership team is forming and anyone interested in helping shape the future our community is strongly encouraged to participate. More information will be available at this year's Octoberfest at the Charter school, and at the Community Visioning Dinner at City Hall on December 5th. Contact the City for more information.

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## Food Pantry



The holidays always seem to be a time when food drives are popular. I am often asked what the food pantry needs, so I am enclosing a list of those items. These can be left in the donation barrel at the Coburg Dairy Mart in the post office area, or left with your mail carrier during the postal food drive on November 18th. Or you can call up 541-221-5055 to have donations picked up. The pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in November as usual, but due to Christmas, will be open on December 11th and 18th, and closed on December 25th. We will resume our normal schedule in January.

Needed items:

- Peanut butter
- Jams (not homemade)
- Salad dressings
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Olives
- Soups
- Vegetables other than corn and green beans (we always seem to get lots of these 2)
- Chili and other canned meals such as spaghetti, ravioli, etc
- Boxed dinners (Mac and cheese, rice-a-Roni, etc
- Boxed cereal

As you can see, almost anything!

We currently serve over 100 people from our community each month. We have over 20 volunteers that work a total of about 50 hours each month. We receive about 700 pounds of donated food from FFLC each month, and 150 pounds or more from our community. Thank you all for the support you give to fight hunger in our community! And please remember the postal food drive on Saturday November 18th!



## Coburg Community Grange News

Once again, it's that time of year when the Grange gets busy with winter projects. We want to invite everyone to be part of the goings-on when we do breakfast with Santa on December 9th from 9-am to 12 noon. Also, December 10th is the Parade of Lights starting at 7 pm with a bonfire at 6 and a free (we do accept donations) chili feed after the parade. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these events. Can you flip pancakes or serve up chili? Why, yes you can.

It's a fun time to socialize and to give back to the community. December 15th the Coburg Police Department holds its annual "Parents Night Out." Due to the previous event's extremely large turnout, this Parents Night Out will be moved to Coburg Community Charter School. It is from 5-10pm and



you can bring your kids and then go shopping or out to dinner or grab a nap. What better, safer place to bring your kids and your donation goes to their Reserve Program. Last year was a big hit and they have stuff to do for all ages.

As always, we are looking to add to our membership. Come check us out and see for yourself what we are about. Its only \$60 for a single membership per year or \$100.00 for a family. With your membership you get one (1) day per year to use the Grange. You may want to use it for a birthday party or a wedding or maybe a family get together. We have a full-size kitchen

and tons of space. We are growing our building fund. The roof needs to be replaced and the outside of the Grange needs some new paint. So look for our improvements and any help would be greatly accepted and appreciated,

whether you can scrape, pressure wash, or help spruce up. Please contact Alice Brooks if you are interested in becoming a member or even interested in renting the Grange at any time. Her number is 541-520-3901. Any info you need about the Grange you can also call Joe at 541-228-8650. We know there will be lots to do this coming holiday season so we look forward to seeing you.



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**  
**5:30-10:30PM**  
**@Coburg Community Charter School**  
Drop off the kids. Go shopping, grab a movie or grab a nap!  
Enhancing Our Community

## Welcome New Officer Kevin Wilson

Please join us in welcoming Kevin Wilson as a full-time Coburg Police Officer. Kevin joins us after serving four years as a reserve officer. Kevin lives just outside Coburg on a farm, where he spends a lot of time doing what he loves: farming and being outside. Kevin has been a Pastor at Valley River Life Church for 14 years.

As to why he wanted to work as a full-time Police Officer in Coburg, Kevin says, "I love the close personal contacts, the small town feel and the historical charm of the city. Meeting business owners and getting to meet all kinds of people is my favorite part of the job."

You've probably seen him around town, but please make him feel welcome by saying hello the next time you meet!



*Officer Kevin Wilson*

## A RARE Opportunity

The City of Coburg is adding another member to the team this month! As part of an AmeriCorps program (RARE) through the University of Oregon, Emma Vallillo will assist with the Visioning Project implementation and planning efforts. You'll see Emma around town and interacting with the community, so let's all make her feel welcome!

RARE is an AmeriCorps program administered through the University of Oregon's Community Service Center. RARE AmeriCorps has been supported over the years by grants from the Corporation for National & Community Service (AmeriCorps), The Ford Family Foundation, the University of Oregon, the Oregon Food Bank, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and other agencies.

A poster for the 2017 Leaf Pick-Up event. The background is a field of fallen yellow and orange leaves. At the top right is the Coburg Oregon logo. The text reads: "2017 LEAF PICK-UP", "Leaf piles only", "No garbage or yard debris", "Pick up will occur between December 11-January 19", "Leaf piles must be accessible on City right-of-ways", "Questions? Call 541-682-7857", and "CITY OF COBURG 91136 N. WILLAMETTE STREET www.coburgoregon.org".

**2017  
LEAF  
PICK-UP**

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91136 N. WILLAMETTE STREET  
www.coburgoregon.org



# CCCS Bronco News November/December 2017

We have had a wonderful start to the 2017-18 school year and boy, have we been busy!

Our staff has changed:

- Mrs. Shara Mondragon is now the Principal of CCCS.
- Mrs. Holly Campbell joins CCCS as the Assistant Principal.
- Mrs. Molly Rust joins CCCS as the new Administrative Specialist.
- Mr. Keaton Lovendahl is now the 5th grade teacher.
- Mrs. Jen Kelley is the now PE teacher and Community Coordinator.
- Mrs. Jamie Parks is an Education Assistant.
- Mrs. Christine Shepard is an Educational Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator.

We are excited for the change and new additions to CCCS, our first two months have been fantastic!

Students ran their way around the CCCS track raising over \$14,000 for the annual Jog-A-Thon the end of September. They not only reached the school goal, but exceeded it by \$2,000! In celebration, students dunked staff during the soggy event and Mrs. Campbell kissed a pig!

The Fuel Fundraising Event wrapped up the end of September and CCCS raised over \$1,500! This was a great event. Thank you Coburg Community and businesses for your support during the month of September! A big thank you to our sponsors Coburg Market Crossing, Edward Jones in Coburg, Quality Inn & Suites, AOK Ranch and Elite Realty. We look forward to this event in the future!

As this holiday season approaches, we are grateful to not only be a part of this community, but to be able to give back. CCCS will be holding the second Free Community Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day in the cafeteria. Volunteers and donations for the event are needed. Last year was an amazing day filled with gratitude, we hope to grow the event this year. Please contact Chef Sepulveda for more information. [j.sepulveda@coburgcharter.org](mailto:j.sepulveda@coburgcharter.org).



## Upcoming Events at CCCS:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| November 10           | No School         |
| November 13           | Board Meeting     |
| November 4-24         | No School         |
| December 11-15        | Book Fair         |
| December 14           | K-2 Music Concert |
| December 18-January 2 | Winter Break      |
| January 5, 12, 19, 26 | Skill Days        |



## Shop With a Cop

The Coburg Police Department is accepting donations for its annual Shop with a Cop program. This is the sixth year the Coburg Police Department will hold this event that seeks to develop positive relationships between underprivileged children and police officers. The activity pairs up the children with our officers and sends them on a Christmas shopping spree. The officers get a chance to interact and begin building relationships with the kids while they help them select Christmas presents for their families. They spend the rest of the afternoon wrapping presents and eating pizza together.

It's our goal to give each child a \$100 gift card to spend, but the amount of money we can budget is



partly determined by the donations we're able to raise for this worthwhile program.

If you would like to help, please make a donation before the event occurs on December 9th. All donations are tax exempt and donors will receive a tax receipt in the mail. 100% of your donation will be used for Shop with a Cop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by or call and speak with Chief Larry Larson at 541-682-7853.

Make your donation to the: Coburg Police Department Shop with a Cop Program, PO Box 8306, Coburg, OR 97408

## Proclamation of Emergency Responder Appreciation Week

In recognition of their brave and selfless work, The City of Coburg declared September 24-30, 2017 First Responder Appreciation Week. If you didn't get a chance to thank a First Responder during that time, take the next opportunity you see!



### First Responder Appreciation Proclamation

In recognition of Oregon first responders, both career and volunteer, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, 911 dispatchers, and search and rescue personnel who bravely and selflessly risk their lives every day to protect Oregon families, visitors, and businesses; and

In recognition, Oregon first responders do not hesitate to risk their own lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and interagency cooperation make them prepared to serve, protect, and rescue our citizens 24 hours per day, 365 days a year; and

In recognition, Oregon first responders are a vital part of every community, maintaining safety and order in times of crisis, and volunteering in our schools and community organizations; and

Acknowledging that acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens provided first responders needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day.

The City of Coburg does hereby proclaim September 24-30, 2017 to be

### FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION WEEK



Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2017

  
Kay Smith, Mayor

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to do more to enable our citizens to move forward on projects and ideas that were discussed in our Community Visioning Project.

We are blessed with many talented and dedicated citizens that make Coburg a wonderful place to live. I hope we can initiate some coordination and movement that will turn ideas into working projects.

Our effort to join with the Charter School for the Harvest Fest on October 27 is an example of this. The community dinner on December 5 will be another example. The local leadership's efforts for a murals project and creating a partnership with the Ford Family Foundation are still more examples.

I feel the energy and hear many great ideas. It is time to put some action into those words and ideas. I want

to see some tangible products created from the discussion and ideas brought out by the Visioning Process. With the help of the Coburg Chamber of Commerce, Committee, Commission and Council members, and the citizens, organizations, and businesses of Coburg, we can take those ideas to the next step. Time for commitment and action.

It is my goal to help make that happen.



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg  
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**IN**  
*coburg*

December 9  
Breakfast with Santa  
9am-noon  
@The Grange

December 10  
Parade of Lights  
7pm

December 10  
Community  
Sing-a-Long  
5:30pm-6:30pm  
@Coburg United  
Methodist Church



# Calendar



## STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

### ODDFELLOW MEETING

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

4th Mondays

### COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire 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

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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