

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner As Summer Winds Down

Ray Smith, Mayor

As autumn nears, I reflect on a busy summer for Coburg. We enjoyed a successful 50th anniversary of our Golden Years celebration. Music in the Park was well attended every Thursday night in August. The Coburg Car Classic showed over 200 cars on a beautiful day.

All of these events have something in common; they occur through the efforts of many volunteers with funds from sponsors and donations. The willingness of so many community members to give their time and money to organize and work these events is one of the things that makes Coburg special. As Mayor and a resident for over 30 years, I want to recognize these volunteers at every possible opportunity. Not only to thank them, but to inform our neighbors so we all

know what is behind these events.

At 6pm on Wednesday, September 5th, I will sponsor an Annual Volunteer Picnic dinner to recognize our volunteers that give to Coburg in many more ways than just the events listed above. We have City Councilors, Committee and Commission members, firefighters, and an amazing number of people in many organizations that help make Coburg such a unique community.

I want to mention one organization this month in my letter; The Coburg Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber sponsors our Music in the Park and the Antique Fair. Music in the Park has been a wonderful event that brings local musicians out to Coburg where we can visit with neighbors and enjoy some good music. In addition to



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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 2018

- Approved the renewal of IT Service Contract with LCOG
- Approved Resolution 2018-17 A Resolution authorizing grant funding application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Small City Allotment program
- Appointed Gary Danner, James Anderson and Ramon Fisher to the temporary Employment Lands Committee
- Approved the IGA with Junction City for Building Permit Program Services

## AUGUST 2018

- No meeting held

## Welcome New Staff!



**Tawnya Ellis** has several years' experience in Finance as she and her husband have owned multiple companies. She is excited to join the City of Coburg and become one of the resources available to Coburg residents at City Hall. During her free time, Tawnya enjoys working out with her husband, kayaking and hiking, and coaching her daughters in volleyball and basketball.

Tawnya is our new Accountant. She'll assist with payroll, invoicing and budgeting.

**Erin Brown** was born and raised in Harrisburg. Growing up she loved spending her summers working on a local grass seed farm. In Erin's spare time she enjoys spending time with her family. She has a love for the great outdoors with hunting, fishing, and exploring new places. Erin loves working for the City of Coburg because the town has a very family oriented feel to it, and she adores small towns.

You can find Erin at the Front Desk Reception where she'll handle a number of administrative duties in addition to Utility Billing.



**Raymond Stevenson** was born in Klamath Falls. He recently moved from Portland to Harrisburg to be closer to family. In his free time he enjoys running as well as listening to and playing music.

Raymond is assisting with Planning and Court projects.



# Coburg Committee Highlights

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

## Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

July/August

- No meetings held
- Preparing for Comprehensive Plan update meeting

## Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

July/August

- Seeking input on two upcoming Parks projects
- Work Party scheduling in process
- Wetlands Grant confirmed
- Finalizing Parks Master Plan

## Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

July/August

- Historic coloring book went to print
- Recommendation of new member to City Council

## Finance/Audit Committee - Anne Heath

July/August

- No meetings held

## Budget Committee

July/August

- No meetings held



## Coburg Police Update - CHETT Program

The Coburg Police Department started a CHETT program in December of last year. The program was originally launched by the Springfield Police Department in 2015. The program is named after Chester "Chet" Martin, a local retired Coast Guard veteran who wanted to donate money to the Springfield Police Department to help ease troubled times for veterans and those others in need of temporary assistance in circumstances of crisis or critical need encountered by law enforcement officers.

Here in Coburg, officers have often paid out of their pocket to

help those they find in need. Officers have bought baby formula, gas, food, bus fares and even motel rooms. Seeing a need for such a program in Coburg and after receiving a donation, Chief Larry Larson decided to take the idea of the CHETT program before the Coburg City Council. With the approval of the City Council, the program is now in place.

Most recently, officers used the funds to help a female victim of domestic violence. Her boyfriend was arrested and she was stranded in Coburg. Officers paid for a motel room for one night and helped make arrangements to get her back to Pendleton, Oregon.

Last week, Chief Larson met with

Carolyn Martin, the widow of Chet Martin. Carolyn was thrilled that we started a CHETT program in Coburg and graciously made a donation to the Coburg Police Department's CHETT program.

Donations to the Coburg Police Department's CHETT Program can be made at Coburg City Hall, the Coburg Police Department or mailed to the Coburg Police Department (checks can be made payable to the Coburg Police Department). If anyone has any questions about the CHETT program they can feel free to call

Chief Larry Larson at 541-682-7853.

## Chamber Update

We would like to welcome our new Chamber President, James Korth. James grew up in Coburg, attended Coburg Elementary, and has served



previously with the Coburg Grange and as the Coburg Golden Years Director. He recently brought his business, Feisty Fudge, to Coburg. It's the big red truck at the North end of the Grange!

We look forward to having James as our leader and expect great things from him.

In other news, the Coburg Antique Fair is coming up on September 9th. We hope to see everyone there!

Our regular meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 12pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



**Coburg Antique Fair**  
Sunday Sept. 9, 2018  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free Admission  
250+ Antique and Vintage Dealers  
Live Music \* Great Food on Site \* Wonderful Park Setting  
Vendor information available March 1 at: [www.coburgchamber.com](http://www.coburgchamber.com)

I-5 Exit #199, 5 miles north of Eugene

## The Primrose Project: Making a Place for All of Us! An update from the Coburg Community Foundation

Coburg Community Foundation is excited to announce the launch of The Primrose Project. Our community has the opportunity to purchase the current Primrose Lane Antiques building for use as a community center. Everyone can be a part of this amazing project.

Our new Community Center will be a flexible multi-use space for things such as: small group meetings, after school tutoring and activities, local history displays, a small local library, showcasing the works of local artists, a community gathering space for potlucks, movies, and

community celebrations. The Primrose Lane building will also be the future home of the Coburg Community Foundation.

businesses as well as submitting grants to government agencies and private foundations. We currently have local businesses who have

committed their support as well as the invitation to submit grant proposals to Lane County and a regional private family foundation.

Want to help? Go to [www.coburgfoundation.org](http://www.coburgfoundation.org) and click on the **DONATE NOW** button.

Invest in Coburg's



**With your help, this will be the future home of the Coburg Community Center.**  
"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Tomorrow!

*Thank you for your support.*

## New Signs Posted on Booth Kelly Trail

Our Public Works department recently posted new signs along the Booth Kelly Trail. This was in response to a concerned citizen who raised concerns of fire safety practices along the trail following a nearby fire.

We should always be careful to extinguish any flames in open spaces, but particularly during fire season.



## Coburg Leaf Pick-up Program



We want to get a jump on getting you involved with the Leaf Pick-up Program. City crews will be getting started on December 10th and working through late January. We are going to be working this season on splitting the City into zones.

- ZONE #1 is Pearl St. South and S. Willamette St. East.
- ZONE #2 is from W. McKenzie St. South and S. Willamette St West.

- ZONE #3 is Pearl St. North and S. Willamette St. East.
- ZONE #4 is W. McKenzie St. North and N. Willamette St West.

It is very important that you have your piles ready to be picked up because we are only going through each zone twice. If you do not have your pile out to the right-of-way by January 20th, then we may not be able to pick that pile up.

We also ask that you understand and help us out by following these simple rules:

- **Nothing But Leaves!** Please no branches, rocks, grass, and trash;
- **Put piles where they can be reached safely!** They should be located in the right-of-way and not in the street;
- **Do not block the piles!** Please do not park in front of, or near piles, as crews will need to get to them easily.

If crews do encounter any of these issues, then we will not pick up your pile, and it will be your responsibility to pick up the leaves. City crews will be working diligently to get the leaves picked up this year. We know that there are some changes, but we need to try and be as efficient as we possibly can be.

## Coburg Golden Years: 50th Anniversary Celebration



### Thank you, Coburg!

Heartfelt thanks to all who made the 2018 Coburg Golden Years Festival happen, including the organizers, volunteers, participants, attendees and neighbors. Looking forward to another great event next year!

## The Arts in Coburg

Are you interested in promoting the Arts in Coburg? We are planning on getting together a team this fall! We've had our first successful Art Show, and the planning for murals is underway. If you're interested, please email Patti Gianone: [coburg.patti@gmail.com](mailto:coburg.patti@gmail.com), or call 541-485-1235. With our new Coburg Community Foundation in place, the possibilities are endless!

*An artist submitted a concept of a wonderful mural for the Willamette Street side of our local Dari Mart. We've raised more than half our goal, but we still need about \$2,500 more. Call or email Patti Gianone to donate!*

# Local Business Spotlight: Coburg Inn Groundbreaking

We were excited to witness the momentous groundbreaking of the Coburg Inn Project on July 11, 2018! This project will bring more opportunities for community, business and housing to N. Willamette Street. As of today, it is also the future home of Blue Valley Bistro, formerly Creswell Coffee.

The expected completion of this project is April 2019.



## Coburg Rural Fire District Update

Every year members of the Coburg Fire District are deployed on conflagrations for up to fourteen days. When incidents such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, or—most commonly— fires become too big for local resources to handle, the Governor declares a conflagration and task forces are assembled from around the state. When a task force is assembled for a fire, various fire districts of the same county work together to provide protection for various structures including homes and businesses. Task forces are made up of crews with at least three fire personnel. This includes an officer, an engineer, and at least one firefighter. To be able to be a part of a task force, firefighters must have at least one year of experience and certain wildland qualifications. An engineer must have at least three years of experience and specific engineer and wildland training to qualify. Officers must have five years of experience, engineer training, and more wildland certifications. Crews from Coburg Fire District have already been deployed to multiple conflagration



*The Graham Fire in Central Oregon. Crews from Coburg Fire District were deployed to this conflagration fire.*

fires including the Graham and Taylor Fires. It is unusual for Lane County to send out multiple task forces this early in the year. Our conflagration season typically does not start until late July or even early August. Before a conflagration is declared, volunteers from

# CCCS Bronco News September/October 2018

We are back in session and excited to have the hallways filled with laughter and energetic minds! It took a small village to get the school ready for the first day of class. We want to thank all the community members, The Bridge Fellowship and Countryside Fellowship for helping get our school ready for a new year, it took many helping hands and hours of pulling weeds to get the school grounds ready!

We had several changes this summer and would like to introduce our newest employees!

## **Anthony LaGoy, School Counselor**

Anthony comes to us with an M.S. in School Counseling and experience working at Jasper Mountain SAFE Center and Prairie Mountain School. He completed internships at the Bethel School District and the Department of Human Services.

## **Skip McFarlane, Technology Coordinator and Technology Electives Teacher**

Skip completed his Master's in Visual Design at the University of Oregon. Skip will be balancing his time between both our building and the work he does as an IT Manager at the U of O.

## **Allison Young, 6-8th Grade Spanish Electives Teacher**

Alyson will be joining us as our new middle school electives Spanish teacher. Along with being a member of our parent community, Alyson comes to us

with a teaching background. Her most recent work was with the Bethel School District.

## **Macey Putnam, Educational Assistant**

Macey, a Coburg native, comes to us with a degree in Social Science focused on Family & Education coursework. Her experience includes working for the Eugene Montessori School and the Vivian Olum Child Development Center.

## **Lisa Jager, Executive Director**

Lisa will be joining our team as our new Executive Director. In her most recent role, Lisa served as the Superintendent and Principal of Hydesville Elementary School in California. While at Hydesville, Lisa was involved in all aspects of school leadership including fundraising, administrative reporting, facilities management, and teacher and staff management. Prior to her role at Hydesville, Lisa co-founded Redwood Preparatory Charter.

As always, thank you for supporting CCCS during the summer! CCCS is happy to sell baked goods during Concerts in the Park, enjoy the music and catch up with the community! We will be selling water during the Antique Fair and hope to see many familiar faces at the information booths. We are also continuing a fundraiser started last year, the Fuel Fundraiser! Purchase your fuel from the Shell in Coburg and CCCS receives 20 cents per gallon back. You must pre-pay inside and tell the cashier at time of purchase you are supporting CCCS. We are

excited to partner with Coburg Crossing again and making it easy for those who drive to support CCCS!

Coburg Community Charter School (CCCS) is a public non-profit charter school. We receive 80% funding compared to other public schools in the area. The reduced funding is over \$300,000 less every year. We rely on donations from community members like you, local businesses and families to help reduce the funding gap.

If you are interested in finding more about CCCS, please visit our website [www.coburgcharter.com](http://www.coburgcharter.com). On the website, you can find information regarding our lottery procedure for enrollment, how to become a volunteer and how our school was started from a grassroots effort.

## **Upcoming Events at CCCS:**

September 1-31	Shell Fuel Fundraiser
September 5	1st Day of School
September 21	Jog A Thon Fundraiser
October 5,19,26	Community Days
October 1-11	Johnson Bros. Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser

# The Oregon Drive Less Challenge Is Back!

**JOIN THE  
OREGON  
DRIVE  
LESS  
CHALLENGE**

Not making it to the gym? Need some fun in your daily routine? Looking to reduce your carbon footprint? Want to save up for that vacation? Discover healthy, green travel options that can save you money and time. Join the Oregon Drive Less Challenge Oct 1 – 15, and you could WIN PRIZES! Weekly prizes include Hydro Flasks and Dakine and TREW sportswear, plus Dutch Bros, Unique Eugene, and local gift cards. You could also win a grand prize \$1,000 gift card to Bike Friday, or a \$500 cash card. Over 50 statewide and hundreds of local prizes will be awarded! Challenge yourself to drive less—every trip counts! Get details & sign up at [DriveLessConnect.com](http://DriveLessConnect.com).

Our monthly mini-newsletter is mailed out with Utility Bills. All information contained within our monthly mailings is also available online by visiting our website and clicking on “Share Your Voice.” From there, a list of current projects is available.

## City of Coburg

monthly mini-newsletter



### Implementing the Water Master Plan in Coburg

The City is in the early implementation stage of the Water Master Plan. This project addresses the need for water for all City properties while ensuring that a water system is in place that protects public health, ensures compliance with federal and state requirements, responds to emergencies, and generally improves water infrastructure resiliency.



#### Why are these updates necessary?

- The City owns and operates the municipal water system which currently serves 1200 residents. We must plan for population increases.
- With the recent and anticipated residential growth, the expanded Urban Growth Boundary (108 acres on the east side of I-5), and the flourishing industrial zone, the City must consider its water source and storage needs now and in the future.
- There is a portion of the City that continues to be served by wells on residential and commercial properties that have a history of coliform bacteria contamination as well as taste and odor issues.
- The City's water storage is not meeting the current fire storage needs during peak conditions.

#### What work will be completed under Phase I & II?

- Drilling and development of a new well field, possibly including the purchase or lease of property, and construction of a pump station. The well would be an addition to the current water source and would be available for ALL USERS.
- Rehabilitation of existing wells.
- Transmission lines that will be installed under I-5 to the eastside properties.
- Construction of a water reservoir on the hillside east of I-5 for more balanced pressures, reduced energy consumption, and emergency water and fire storage.

#### Why is this work necessary?

The current City well field consists of two wells located fairly close together. The water master plan identified the need for an additional source to keep up with future demand and to diversify risk for contamination. Developing a third well in another area of town provides for an alternative water source, and additional water available to address the unserved, current and future growth.

The City staff welcome questions and comments on this project. Please share your voice by signing on to our website at [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org) and click on the “Share Your Voice” tab, and then click on “Public Works.” Here, you will find this article and have the ability to share comments and questions with the City staff.

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#### How will it be paid for?

The City applied for funding and has been approved \$5,530,000 through the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program. In addition, we have applied for grant funds.

- Debt service is paid from the revenues received from users.
- The City currently has two water loans, one of which will be retired in 2023. This is about the same time as the total completion of the project and when the City will begin paying the full loan payments.
- The City qualified for \$780,000 in loan forgiveness which will leave the final loan at \$4,750,000 on a 30 year term at 1% interest.
- It is anticipated that the new users over the next few years will cover the cost of the future loan payments.
- How this will affect water rates really depends on the growth between now and 2022. It is too early to give a concrete answer as there are many factors to be considered before the final water rates are set at the end of the project. However, it is anticipated that the planned growth will be sufficient to pay its share of the water debt. Early predictions, while considering the rising costs of managing the expanding water department, could be in the \$55 range for 700 cubic feet which converts to 5,236 gallons per month. Currently, the cost is \$53.00.



#### Mill Street Update

The Mill Street project is scheduled to wrap up toward the end of August. This project will address drainage issues in the streets, parking lots and alleys downtown. In addition, it will provide a beautiful and safe walking experience from the downtown to the park. The City very much appreciates the patience of businesses and residents. Please remember the businesses most affected at this time and shop locally. Please stop by Design Works, Farm Fancy, and Lucky Paws to let them know how much you appreciate their presence in the community. Perhaps it is a great opportunity to get ahead on your Christmas shopping! For more information, please see the City's website.

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*from page 1 - Mayor's Corner*

sponsoring local events, I consider the Coburg Chamber of Commerce as a resource for our city government when we are dealing with issues that affect our commercial and industrial properties. I encourage business owners and operators to consider being active members of the Chamber. There are 85 licensed businesses in Coburg, becoming members of the Chamber of Commerce is one way to be better informed on what's happening in Coburg that may affect your business.

In closing, I would like to invite you to communicate with me. If you have questions about our city government or the community in general, I invite you to email me at Mayor @ci.coburg.or.us with your questions and



I will do my best to answer them. I may incorporate these into our newsletter.

I hope you had a wonderful summer! Fall is coming, keep an eye out for the school kids.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ray Smith".

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

*from page 7 - Fire District*

Coburg Fire pack their bags and prepare to deploy for an unknown amount of time. These firefighters have to make arrangements with their work to take some time off their regular jobs to be able to go work on conflagrations. They leave behind their families and often times don't know when they will be reunited with their loved ones. Despite all this, these firefighters are happy to help whenever they are needed and will gladly answer the call when a fire turns into a conflagration. Your Coburg Fire District works hard to ensure that while our volunteers are out working on fires, there is still adequate coverage for those living in district. The state ensures that the Coburg Fire District, and other fire agencies that step up to help on conflagrations, are reimbursed for the costs that are incurred so that the local communities do not lose vital resources.

## Share Input on the Future of Coburg Parks

The City of Coburg's Parks Committee is looking for input on what kind of features you might want to see in the City parks now and in the future. The Committee is made up of citizens just like you! They meet monthly and serve as an advisory committee to the City Council making suggestions to them on anything related to the parks.

In 2004 the Committee worked with the community to develop a Parks Master Plan. This included a survey that helped develop the plan. Through the survey, the community was able to share their voice regarding their ideas for future community parks. The Parks Committee is asking for the community to **SHARE YOUR VOICE** again. The Committee wants your input as they update the Parks Master Plan. This plan will be submitted to City Council for adoption and become the guide for the development of parks in Coburg. Please **SHARE YOUR VOICE** by signing on to the City website at [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org), click on the "Share your Voice" tab and then click on Parks Input. Here, you will find this article and you will have the ability to share comments and ask questions. Your input will be sent to our Public Works Director who will respond and share your input with the Parks Committee. This is your opportunity to influence the future in your community. We encourage you to share your ideas.

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# Calendar



## STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

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

### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

### PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 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

3rd Saturdays

### ODDFELLOW MEETING

11:00 am, I.O.O.F Hall

*Do you have a community event to share?*

*Call 541-682-7850*

*or email alexis.koran@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*