

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Welcome New Councilors

Ray Smith, Mayor

The new year has brought two new City Councilors on board. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Councilor Mark Alexander was elected with write-in votes. Councilor Steve Stearns was re-elected for a second term. Unfortunately, he tendered his resignation in January for personal reasons.

Steve Stearns often travelled from distant work sites to attend Council meetings. He was an ardent spokesperson for trying to lower our utility bills and he brought common sense business experience to the Council. Taking on the role of City Councilor is a daunting commitment of time and energy. I want to publicly thank former Councilor Stearns for his personal commitment to the council and the citizens of Coburg.

Now, I would like to welcome Councilor John Lehman after being appointed by Council vote on February 12th. John Lehman retired from an extensive career in education and has lived in Coburg for about 20 years.

The Council had 3 applicants for

the vacancy; former Councilor Jerry Behney, former Councilor John Fox, and of course, John Lehman. Jerry Behney withdrew his application prior to the interviews.

I do not recall ever having 3 applicants for a vacant council seat. It's always difficult to pick one when you have such qualified candidates.

Thanks to all three candidates for your commitment to Coburg.

I continue to hear concerns from citizens about the growth in Coburg. I want to assure you that concern is well represented by our elected and appointed officials. Because Oregon state statutes force us to plan for growth, we recognize we can't stop growth, but we can control it. Planning Commis-



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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.



JANUARY 2019

- State of the City by Mayor Smith
- Oath of Office administered to elected Mayor Ray Smith and City Councilors Mark Alexander and Chris Page
- Appointed Nancy Bell as City Council President
- Approved Resolution 2019-01 Applied Annual SDC inflation
- Approved Resolution 2019-03 Updated the City Fee schedule
- Approved Resolution 2019-04 Grant funding application to Oregon State Homeland Security
- Approved Resolution 2019-05 National Incident Management System (NIMS)

FEBRUARY 2019

- City Council Retreat was held and Council Goals drafted
- Accepted the Audit Report through June 2018 for City and URA
- Oath of Office administered to John Lehmann
- Approved Resolution 2019-02 Adopting the Employee Policy Manual
- Approved Resolution 2019-06 Adopting Annex 1 - City of Coburg Lane County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Appointed Anne Heath as Budget Officer
- Adopted Ordinance A-247 & Ordinance A-248 vacating the Sanitary Sewer Easements and Public Utility Easements
- Annual appointment of Park|Tree Committee members
- Approved City Administrator to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County for water line replacement and sidewalk repair

Welcome New Staff!

Zach Bragg is also a Utility Worker in the Coburg Public Works department. He was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon. He's excited to grow with the City and is looking forward to meeting new people. In his free time, Zach enjoys camping, hunting and fishing. He says he is very friendly, so please stop and say hi if you see him around town!



Grant Richardson is a Utility Worker in the Coburg Public Works department. He grew up in the surrounding area and loves the City of Coburg and the local atmosphere. He has a deep connection with the country and its community, due to his family's farm (Malpass Farms) neighboring the fields of Coburg. He attended college at Lane and Linn Benton Community College briefly before changing focus in the past few years. He enjoys outdoor activities with friends and family and enjoying time with his girlfriend.

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

January/February

- No regular meetings held
- Economic Development with City Council Work Session on February 20th

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

January/February

- Joint Work Session with City Council and Planning Commission
- "Friends of Coburg Parks"

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

January/February

- CLG project selection and application submitted

Finance/Audit Committee - Anne Heath

January/February

- The committee met on January 29th. Finance Report as of December 31, 2018
- The 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed, both the URA and the City of Coburg
- The Finance/Audit Committee Bylaws were updated
- Committee recommended appointment of new applicant
- Committee will be reviewing the financial policies of the City

Budget Committee

January/February

- Budget Meetings scheduled for April 23, May 7 and May 21



Mayor Ray Smith and Anne Heath, City Administrator, at the State Capital in February voicing City of Coburg concerns regarding the I-5 interchange to State Legislators.

Citizen Thank You!

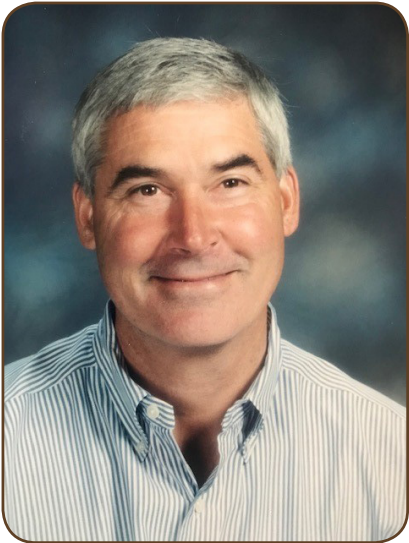
A grateful Bottom Loop resident came by City Hall in January to report a good deed done by an anonymous citizen. The Friday before Christmas, her wallet was found in town and returned to the Coburg Police Department who contacted her and the situation ended in its recovery.

They wanted to publically thank the person responsible. Thank you, Good Samaritan, whomever you are!



Meet Your New City Councilors!

John Lehmann



John Lehmann moved to Coburg in 2000 with his wife Cindy. John retired in 2006 after a 32-year career in education as a teacher, coach, principal, curriculum & special education director and school superintendent. Cindy also worked a 30-year career as a middle school teacher.

John has been involved in the communities where he has lived. Some examples: Kiwanis, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Health Clinic Advisory Board, United Way Volunteer Coordinator and YMCA Big Brothers / Big Sister Advisory Board.

At John's interview for the City Council he said, "We love Coburg... and we are not moving – EVER!" Born and raised in Oregon, at 67 years old, John looks forward to his new role on the City Council. John is impressed with the way that Coburg has grown in the past 20 years and would like to see that the future growth continues to be thoughtful and well planned.

They both like traveling, especially cruising. They recently returned from a cruise to Hawaii, Tahiti, and Bora Bora. John and Cindy enjoy yardwork, landscaping and their container vegetable garden.

Mark Alexander

For the past 24 years, Mark traveled to Europe and beyond finding success as a business owner, in the US and abroad. He spent his time focused on providing the highest quality food products along with his own photography and fascination in deep-rooted culture. He always tries to find the essence of where he lives by only eating local foods and making relationships with backbone type people giving him an original perspective of what values can look like. This approach opened many doors in many countries.

Then he met the Love of his life and quickly transitioned to a much simpler life so they could raise their little one in an ideal setting. Therefore, they waited patiently until their Home found them. You see, Coburg was the only choice for them. They have a small farm in their backyard growing the best heirloom seedlings they can find. Mark and his wife are world travelers who finally feel at home here and want to make it the best possible place to grow up for their little angel.



Citizen of the Year! Linda Egbert

Linda Egbert raised her family just outside of the city limits on Mt. Tom but operated her business, "The Pearl Street Shop," in Coburg. She moved into the city limits in 2000 and has been a very active citizen. Linda likes being involved and is a "worker bee" at many of Coburg's activities and events.



Her volunteer activities include (but aren't limited to): Coburg Budget Committee, 2007-2011; Coburg Food Pantry, at least twice a month; Coburg Senior Meals, every Wednesday; Coburg Elementary & Coburg Community Connections, volunteering with the kids and assisting with Community Connections; Parent's Night Out; Breakfast with Santa; Coburg Car Classic; Coburg Antique Fair.

Thank you Linda, for all you do!



IOOF Cemetery: A Year of Looking

The IOOF cemetery will be featured in each issue of Our Town in 2019. We'll share stories and photos to allow you to see the cemetery through all four seasons.

How often do we get to see the cemetery blanketed in snow? This snowstorm was one for the books, but surely some of the cemetery's residents have weather stories that would rival ours.

You can 'Adopt a Plot' — or be responsible for planting shrubs, flowers and maintaining a designated section of the cemetery. Many families still maintain their loved ones gravesites, but many original graves have been forgotten. If you'd like more information on how to participate in this program, contact Bill Guldager at 541-686-8057.

Donations are gratefully accepted and can be mailed to IOOF Cemetery, PO Box 8543, Coburg, OR 97408.



Coburg Community Foundation

Primrose Project Update

The Primrose Project is an initiative to purchase the Primrose Lane Antiques building (also known as the historic Pollard House) and convert it into a multi-use community space. Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) has taken the leadership on this project and is currently fundraising. To date, CCF has raised \$53,000 towards the total fundraising cash goal of \$200,000 needed to apply for capital grants to purchase the property. Any donation helps. Join the Foundation's efforts to bring a community center to the Coburg area by visiting the CCF website, coburgfoundation.org, and clicking on the Donate Now button. Donations also can be sent to Coburg Community Foundation at PO BOX 8104, Coburg, OR, 97408, and pledges are gratefully accepted for future donations. If you have questions or would like more specific information about the project, please e-mail CCF at coburgcf@gmail.com or call (458) 215-1189. Join the Primrose Project team and donate now!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In January CCF partnered with

the Architecture Foundation of Oregon and Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps to host a town hall to start shaping ideas for the transformation of the Primrose Lane Antiques building into a true community space for Coburg. A follow-up workshop was held on February 23 to focus on design ideas. In March RARE AmeriCorps will be leading a workshop and planning session to develop a community project in support of the creation of the community center. If you are interested in attending the March workshop, please contact Emma Vallillo at emma.vallillo@ci.coburg.or.us.

Trivia Night has been a big hit! CCF hosted team trivia nights in January and February at the Bronco Saloon. Six teams competed at the January event, and that number increased to sixteen teams at the February event! Congratulations to the "O.G.s" and

the "Rainbow Cougars," the first two team champs! The next Trivia



Night will be March 13, 7 p.m., at the Bronco Saloon. Come spend a fun evening with your friends and neighbors!

Thanks to everyone who participated in these recent "friendraising" events and for your continued support of CCF's work in our community.

Leah Claypool, Jen Mosier, Nanci McKibben, Jeanne Schapper, and Michelle Sunia

Coburg Community Foundation Board of Directors



Local Business Spotlight: Natural Life Chiropractic

Take care of yourself right in town! Just south of Coburg Pizza Company, Natural Life Chiropractic is the new wellness hub in Coburg. Drs. Nicole-Marie Westbrook and Maria Dorski are both graduates of the Palmer College of Chiropractic. They love being located in Coburg.

Natural Life Chiropractic is a full family service office, spanning the entire lifespan from pregnant mothers to geriatric care. They also specialize in sports injuries and performance enhancement. If classic chiropractic isn't your thing, you can sign up for a whole host of other services like massage therapy, physio therapy, soft tissue treatment, deep



tissue stretching and even cupping!

They want to give people the care they want. Dr. Westbrook says "we know we can provide a whole range of services, but we can always be adaptive to what the client wants and needs."

Give Natural Chiropractic a call or visit their website online: naturallifechiropractors.com or 541-505-6645

2019 Golden Years Festival: Volunteer Meeting

Hot on the heels of the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Years Festival last summer, it's time to start thinking about the 2019 rendition. As many of you know, this festival is not the work of one person, but rather a dedicated team working together to make it a success!



A meeting to discuss the 2019 Golden Years Festival is scheduled for Monday, March 18th at 3pm at the Coburg Community Grange (32663 E. Mill Street). Please attend if you'd like to contribute to this wonderful community event.

For more information, please contact Emma Vallillo, (541)

682-7862 or emma.vallillo@ci.coburg.or.us.

CCCS Bronco News January/February 2019

Skill Days

We wrapped up our first set of Skill Days at CCCS and are looking for volunteers to be a part of Skill Days this spring. Students enjoyed hands on learning in a variety of classes including sewing, musical theatre, dog training and more! Please contact Christine Shepard to find out more about this program and how you can be involved. c.shepard@coburgcharter.org

Auction

Thank you for supporting CCCS during our annual auction! We are so fortunate to be in such an uplifting community that fully supports CCCS. The auction is our biggest fundraiser put on by the parent club and the outpour of donations from the community is greatly appreciated! Our attendees enjoyed a fun evening with a

large variety of items to purchase and it showed! Thank you to all the businesses, individuals and organizations new and old for supporting CCCS!

Lottery

CCCS is a public charter school and we must follow charter law, therefore not all students in Coburg or those who are interested in attending are able to get in. Our school cannot exceed 225 students (25 per class) as per our charter. For Coburg students to have the best opportunity to get into CCCS applications need to be turned in during our "open enrollment" window. Applications received during this time will go into the lottery held on April 10th. Currently those who reside in the traditional Coburg school boundary have priority during the lottery after siblings. For more information on our lottery please visit the school website.

Coburgcharter.org.

**When this newsletter was written, 4J had not held their board meeting regarding the 50% priority for Coburg. Stay tuned for an update!

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

March 1	PCS meeting
March 1&8	Skill Days
March 12	Papas Pizza Fundraiser
March 15	LOTTERY APPLICATION DUE
March 21	Talent Show
March 22	No School
March 25-29	Spring Break
April 3	School Resumes
April 5	PCS meeting
April 10	CCCS Public Lottery
April 26	Science Fair
May 3	No School
May 10, 17, 24	Spring Skill Days

Coburg Market in the Park returns Thursdays in July!



City of Coburg

COMMUNITY SHRED-A-THON AND FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
10am-2pm

City Hall
91136 N. Willamette Street
Coburg, OR 97408

For more information, please
call City Hall at (541) 682-7850

- Canned or dry goods or
monetary donations will be
collected to benefit the
Coburg Food Pantry.

- This FREE shred event
is a joint effort in
reducing fire hazard
behaviors and
protecting yourself from
identity theft!

Sponsored by the Coburg Police Department
& Coburg Rural Fire District



Shred-a-Thon — April 20th

Hosted by the Coburg Police Department and the Coburg Rural Fire District, this *free* shred event is your opportunity to protect yourself from identity theft as well as get rid of unwanted paper clutter that is a potential fire hazard.

Some suggestions for shredding:

- Documents containing financial information
- Documents containing personal information
- Documents containing account information
- Junk Mail
- Child and School related mail

If you have any questions, please contact the Coburg Police Department at (541) 682-7853.

Coburg Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 10am
Coburg's Norma Pfeiffer Park

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sioners and City Councilors have spent many hours in public meetings and work sessions to implement controls that our residents want. We live work and play in Coburg. Maintaining the safe, small town feel is a top priority to all of us.

Staff and Council are working hard to make information easily available to everybody. We are focusing on learning opportunities for Council, commission and committee members so we can understand the extended consequences of the decisions that we make. Workshops on Land Use Planning and Economic Development will help us make informed decisions when

developers approach the city.

Outdoor activities are right around the corner. I'm looking forward to Spring.

Stay informed by checking the city website at coburgoregon.org. Check our Facebook page also.



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

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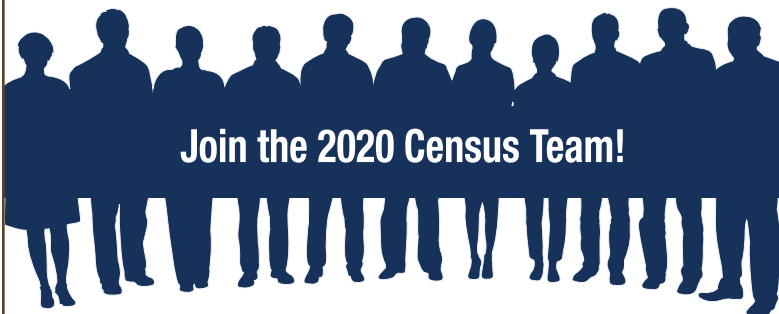
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give blood, give life

march 27, 2019
coburg city hall
91136 n willamette

Sign up for the Blood Drive on March 27th!

Visit the website below and use 'City of Coburg' to see available times. Or, contact Erin Brown (541-682-7850 or erin.brown@ci.coburg.or.us) to schedule.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

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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, 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