

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Growth In Our Small Town

Ray Smith, Mayor

Growth is happening and remains a big concern for citizens and staff. We have spent much time and money preparing for growth. Oregon Senate Bill 10 was passed in 1969. This established statewide requirements for all cities and counties to have a comprehensive plan. Senate Bill 10 and successive laws have helped to prevent urban sprawl and preserve our timber and agricultural lands that keep Oregon a beautiful place to live.

Oregon planning laws keep development where it belongs; in the cities.

I believe planning is also necessary to protect the livability of communities by requiring cities and counties to set guidelines that require developers to create a community that we want to live in.

The frustration I have with the state mandated planning is the complexity, and thus the huge expense to do this planning. Coburg has implemented public meetings and training sessions of Oregon's complex planning process to understand what it means to our city.

Many of the plans, ordinances, and codes that regulate how development now occurs in Coburg were formed after many public hearings and then decisions made by the Planning Commission and City Council. This process involves the oversight of State agencies and can easily be appealed.

One part of the required planning is Urban Growth Boundary process. It was a significant body of work that occurred in 2014 and 2015. The plan was presented to and accepted by the Lane County Commissioners. The plan was then appealed. While I do not begrudge the ability to appeal



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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.



MARCH 2019

- Appointed Jim Bell the City of Coburg Emergency Operation Coordinator
- Adopted Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2020
- Approved Resolution 2019-08 Amending the bylaws of the Finance / Audit Committee
- Approved Resolution 2019-08 A resolution Authorizing the City of Coburg to Apply for a local government grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of Phase II Improvements at Wetlands

APRIL 2019

- Approved Resolution 2019-10 Revised Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- Adopted Ordinance A-249 Noise Standards
- Adopted Ordinance A-108-J Nuisance & Abatement
- Approved Resolution 2019-09 Authorizing application for Resource Assitance for Rural Environments (RARE) for 2019-2020
- Approved Resolution 2019-11 Workers Comp
- Annual Appointments for Budget Committee Members

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 14, 7pm
- Tuesday, June 11, 7pm

Limited Income Assistance for Water and Wastewater

The City of Coburg offers a reduced fee to income-eligible customers who are having trouble paying their utility bills; Ord. A-224-A (11.8).

This is a voluntary, value-added service offered by the City. **If you are currently enrolled in the program you must re-apply every year during open enrollment.** All rates are reset on July 1st.

If you would like to apply, the Limited Income Assistance for Water and Wastewater Application and income verification must be turned into City Hall between June 1st and June 28th, 2019. The form is available online at coburgoregon.org or at City Hall.

To discuss any issues related to your income and ability to pay your utility bill, contact Coburg Utility Billing at 541-682-7850.



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

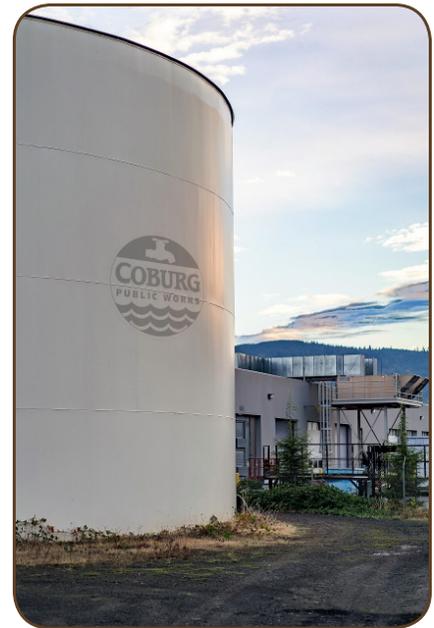
March/April

- Park & Open Space Master Plan work session with City Council
- CLG project selection and application submitted

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

March/April

- RFP released for a landscape designer to develop the new Johnny Diamond Park
- The new “Friends of Coburg Parks Group” is being created for volunteers to help in the Parks and Open Spaces, Coleen Marshall and Lonna Meston are coordinators
- Arbor Day event with Public Works and Coburg Community Charter School
- Earth Day workday with Cummins Northwest on the Booth Kelly Trail.



Heritage Committee - Emma Vallillo

March/April

- CLG grant start; Initial work on Coburg Community Historic Art Contest & Show

Finance/Audit Committee - Tawnya Ellis

March/April

- The committee met on April 30, 2019: Reviewed Finance Report as of March 31, 2019; Reviewed and discussed Financial Policies of the City; Welcomed new City Councilor ex-officio, John Lehmann

Budget Committee - Anne Heath

March/April

- The Budget Committee met on April 23. Future Budget Meetings are scheduled for May 7 and May 21

Get Involved!

There are currently vacancies on the Budget Committee and Park|Tree Committee. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Sammy Egbert (sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us or 541-682-7852) for more information.



Coburg Community Foundation

Primrose Project Update

It has been a busy couple of months for us here at the Coburg Community Foundation. Community members were invited to attend a design workshop to help envision the future of the Coburg Community Center. Some really innovative ideas came out of this workshop, and a report is being generated by the Oregon by Design team of architects that facilitated the workshop that will capture these ideas visually and in writing.

Another invitation went to community members to participate in the design and implementation of a project in support of the

purchase of the community center under the guidance of the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments program (R.A.R.E.) at the U of O. Again many great ideas came to the surface. The group is scheduled to meet again on April 24th to continue to fine tune their plans. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact the Coburg Community Foundation at coburgcf@gmail.com.

In other news, the Coburg Community Foundation is now registered with BottleDrop. You can link your BottleDrop account to donate a portion of your bottle

returns to CCF through the BottleDrop website, or you can contact CCF to get a special Blue Fundraising BottleDrop bag.

Don't forget to stop by the CCCS library on May 18th from 10-11 am for Story & Craft Time (ages 3 and up with a parent). We look forward to seeing as many little faces as possible.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the efforts of CCF.

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Thanks to all who have made a financial contribution to the Primrose Project:

Amber Carl
Bud Seabrooke
Garrett Johnson
Jan King
Leah Claypool
Nanci McKibben
Rich Mosier
Steve Lee

Trivia Night Donors
Andrew Sunia
Butch Schmidt
Georgia Schmidt
Janet Swanson
Lily Claypool
Patrick Claypool
Robert Claypool

Sue Manley
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Sally Lee

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...and a special thanks to all those who have given their time and shared their skills in support of the Primrose Project:

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John Fox
Lily Claypool
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Anne Heath
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Architecture Foundation of Oregon

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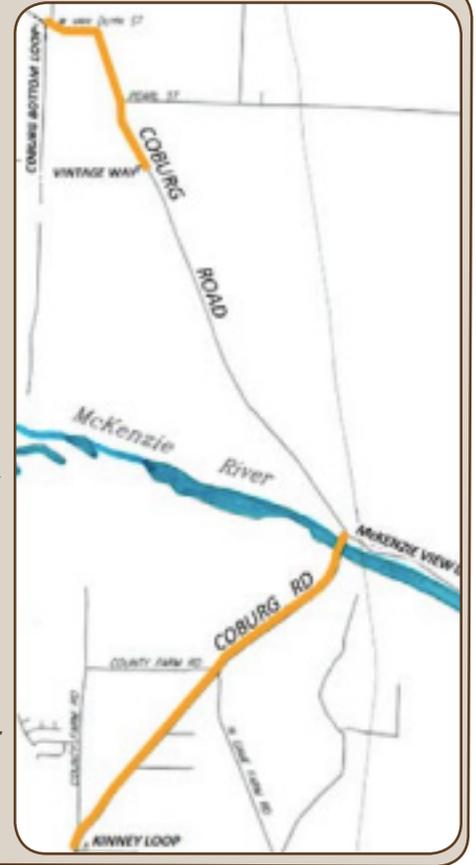
Coburg Grange
Emma Vallillo, RARE Intern
Joe Morneau, Coburg Grange
Leah Claypool
Marissa Doyle, Doyle Design Construction
Oregon by Design
Susan Bartlett
Tom Beatty

Lane County Roadwork

The ADA curb ramp upgrade portion of the Coburg Road Paving project has begun. Ramp construction will be sequenced to allow for the best pedestrian access possible considering the circumstances.

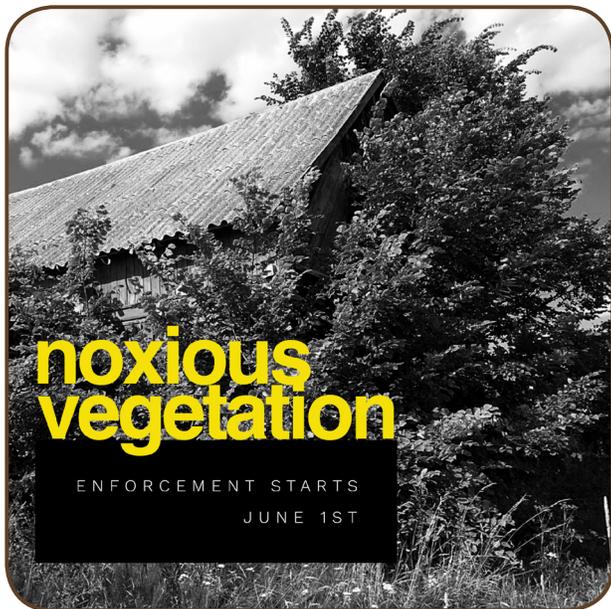
The City of Coburg Waterline portion of the project may also start near the end of April. Once the ADA ramps and waterline work is completed, which is currently expected to be mid to late May, the paving operations will begin soon thereafter. Please note the schedule is subject to change based on weather and potential unforeseen issues, however, the goal is to complete the majority of the City of Coburg work by mid-June in order to limit the local impacts during the peak summer months. Please be patient and follow the directions of the traffic control staff to ensure a safe environment for the contractor and local residents.

Please direct questions or concerns directly to Lane County, who is initiating and overseeing this county road project: Jeremy Somogye, 541-682-6929. Construction updates can be found at tripcheck.com.



Noxious Vegetation Enforcement

It is considerate to maintain your property/adjacent right-of-way all year, however between June 1st-October 30th it becomes enforceable.



Noxious Vegetation Ordinance A-108-J

No owner or person in charge of real property shall allow noxious vegetation on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property.

Noxious Vegetation includes:

- Vegetation that is or likely to become, a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare, or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.
- Poison Oak
- Blackberry bushes, bamboo, or ivy that extends into a public way, a pathway frequented by children, crosses a property line, or that is used for a habitation by trespassers.

To start enforcement, submit a Citizen Inquiry Form to City Hall.

IIOF 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.

The IOOF Cemetery is in bloom! We spent time for this issue wandering through the cemetery paying particular attention to the veteran gravesites. These are carefully marked by an American flag.

When the flags become too tattered, they're given to the Boy Scouts for appropriate disposal and new flags are purchased. Veterans from every war are buried at the cemetery, with more than a few Civil War graves.

The IOOF Cemetery will have new gates installed soon. They'll be shut on occasion for basic maintenance. Please respect these short closures, as they are

for your safety. Regular hours of the cemetery are dawn to dusk, daily.

Remember, you can 'Adopt a Plot' —or be responsible for planting shrubs, flowers and maintaining a designated section of the cemetery.

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.



Community Art Contest

The second annual Rooted Structures: Coburg Community Historic Art Contest is just around the corner! Works must feature a historic Oregon structure. These structures can be existing or no longer present. Visit the website coburgoregon.org/historicartcontest for more information and to sign up. The entry deadline is May 19, 2019. One winner will be selected.

Even if you don't submit an artwork, you're more than welcome to join us for the show on Saturday, May 25th. Hosted at City Hall by the Coburg Heritage Committee, light refreshments will be served and artwork will be on display.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Rooted Structures:
COBURG COMMUNITY HISTORIC ART CONTEST

Submissions will depict historic Oregon buildings. Structures can be existing or ones that are no longer present.

ART SHOW at COBURG CITY HALL
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

SUBMIT ART PROPOSALS by FRIDAY MAY 19TH, 2019

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: www.CoburgOregon.org/historicartcontest
AND AT COBURG CITY HALL: 91136 N. Willamette St. Coburg OR, 97408
CONTACT: (541) 682-7862 • emma.vallillo@ci.coburg.or.us

Local Business Spotlight: The Dipper Food Truck

Located just next door to the IOOF Hall on Willamette Street, The Dipper is a welcome addition to Coburg's culinary options. Claudia Harmon opened The Dipper in 2018 and jumped at the chance to try out a "permanant location" in Coburg. this year. She loves Coburg's quaintness, saying that "it's such a neat little town!"



The Dipper serves lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11am-2pm.



Booth Kelly Trail Signs

Hey Coburg, notice any new signage around town? Wayfinding signs have been installed on city streets to connect the Coburg Loop Path. These signs connect the bike boulevard section at Abby Street through the center of town to Spores Park. Thank you to our hardworking Public Works staff for installation and HEAL Cities Campaign for funding this project!



Get Excited for Coburg's Summer Events!



Thursdays this summer, beginning
July 11 through August 29
4:00 til 7:00
Pavillion Park
Enjoy music, food, and local artisans
and farms!

Coburg Golden Years Festival
July 19-20, 2019



CCCS Bronco News May/June 2019

Spring is here and we are excited for the growth all of our students have made this school year!

Our 8th grade class will soon be moving on to high school and we are so proud of everything they have accomplished at CCCS!

CCCS has another first with graduating seniors this year...the first class to be promoted from our 8th grade will be graduating high school in June! Good luck to our first 25 8th graders, we are excited for what the future holds for you!

CCCS has been a common topic at the Eugene 4j school board meetings. Currently, during the lottery for CCCS, Coburg residents who live in the traditional school boundary have priority after siblings, but only up to 50%. Once the student population of CCCS hits 50% those residing in the traditional Coburg school

boundary no longer have priority during the lottery over anyone in the 4j school district. CCCS has not hit the 50% but is being proactive and asking for a change to be made allowing more than 50% priority during the lottery. CCCS needs the community's help with this, House Bill (HB) 3313! Write and email the 4j board members showing your support for the change! Attend the 4j board meetings! The 4j school board will make their final decision at their board meeting in June.

A big thank you to Serenity Lane and Johnson Brothers Garden Market from the CCCS Safety committee! CCCS has been proactive in planning what to do if a disaster occurred with the help of Coburg Police and many other volunteers and businesses. Serenity Lane and Johnson Brothers have played key roles

allowing us to ensure our students safety!

Join us for our annual Open House and Book Fair this spring! Take a tour, visit with students, staff and friends and see what students have been learning all year!

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

May 3	No School
May 10,17,24	Spring Skill Days
May 23	Band Concert
May 27	No School
May 30	K-4 Spring Concert
May 31	Open House & Book Fair
June 7	No School
June 10	8th Grade Promotion
June 11	5th Grade Promotion
June 12	Last Day of School

Circus in Town: May 18th!

Coburg Community Grange is hosting the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Saturday, May 18th. There will be two performances: 2pm and 4:30pm, both on the lot behind Coburg City Hall.

On the morning of May 18th, you can watch the Big Top go up between 9:30-10:30am, then stay for a free tour.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Coburg Community Charter School for educational programs.

Our goal this year is to raise enough money to send all 225 students from Coburg Charter School to the circus. For ONLY \$105.00 you can send 15 kids to the circus.

Please send donations payable to "Coburg Community Grange" to P.O. Box 8041 Coburg Oregon 97408.

Prices for advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors (65+) and children ages 2 to 12. Children under 2

are always free.

Day of tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children.

Tickets sales will start on May 3rd. For tickets, please contact Joe Morneau @ 541 228-8650, or email @ cnh_iron@yahoo.com.



America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Town!

Disaster Preparedness

by J. Bell, Emergency Operations Manager -Coburg

The recent snowstorm and rains reminded me that emergencies can occur in our area. Although most people got through the events only mildly inconvenienced, another day of snowfall or heavy rain would have ground normal life to a halt. Some people lost electrical power, others lost school days, and others were stuck in their houses for a couple of days.

I am advocating that all residents of the Coburg area be prepared for future disaster events. I do not think we all need to become "preppers," but simply having the ability to take care of your needs for a week or two goes a long way to being ready.

What do you need? Think camping and you will have a good start. Water, food, lighting, sleeping, medicines/first aid kit, are all needed.



How to get started? You don't have to go out and buy up a store. Start gradually and work a little each month. Start with clean

drinking water (1 gallon per person per day, 3 days max). Then get a water purifier/filter so you can get more if needed.

Learn More!

Open — and brief! — meetings about Coburg Area Emergency Preparedness will be held at the Coburg Fire Department Training Room on these dates/times; ll are invited:

- **Thursday, May 16th, 5-6pm**
- **Friday, May 24th, 7-8pm**

Then buy canned or freeze dried foods, enough for a week or two, a little each month. Most government agencies advise us in Oregon to have two weeks supply.

A first aid kit, and lighting might be next. Aim to complete the disaster supplies buying over the span of 6 to 12 months, make sure to put it in a safe, dry location. Some people use backpacks, others waterproof plastic containers.

Here in Coburg, the normal utilities and transport can be down and not available during some emergencies, and we are far enough away from major cities to be impacted. Having a week or two of supplies will make a big difference.

For more information check out the Red Cross website, and the FEMA website online.

Coburg Conversations

Join your friends and neighbors for a community expo to celebrate Coburg and to converse with the businesses, organizations and programs that make Coburg the special place it is!

Stop by Coburg City Hall on Saturday May 4th between 11am-2pm for an open house-style chance to mingle and connect with the people behind your favorite local storefronts, services and events.

Did we mention there'll be snack and door prizes? You won't want to miss this community building afternoon!

Presented by the Coburg Chamber of Commerce

COBURG Conversations

snacks! **door prizes!**

Saturday, May 4th
11am-2pm
Coburg City Hall

A networking and informational opportunity for the Coburg Community!

Learn about our:

- community organizations
- events in town
- local businesses

To reserve a table, RSVP to Emma Valillo (541) 682-7862 or via email emma.valillo@ci.coburg.or.us

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planning issues, I find it so frustrating to go through a very complex and involved public process with the oversight of a State agency and then be appealed and have all of that work remanded back to the city. This process has already cost our city well over \$100,000 and will cost much more.

I carry this frustration to our state legislators at every opportunity. I don't believe we will see any financial relief from this for years, if ever.

While I do believe the complex planning laws have preserved the agrarian economy and charm of Oregon, I continue to lobby for relief of the huge financial burden for small cities like Coburg.

The appropriate action now is to be educated to the requirements and the benefits of proper planning. Coburg hosted a presentation on Oregon planning laws that was attended by Coburg elected and appointed officials as well as representatives from Lowell and Florence.

The most significant point I want to relay to you is this; If we do not have properly adopted plans and building codes in place before development occurs,

the developers are free to do what they want. We do have those safeguards in place and developers must follow them. Some may not agree with some elements of our development code but it was created with input from many citizens to try to address the concerns of most, but usually not all, people.

I am constantly thankful to residents and business owners that have participated in many meetings and hearings to create the best outcome.

Enough on government activity! Time to enjoy Spring! I look forward to better weather, seeing more of our neighbors and enjoying the wonderful city we live in.

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

Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

Coburg Colossal Clutter Clearout



Saturday, June 15th
Rain or Shine

It's that time again! Join your community in Coburg's City-wide garage sale, the Coburg Colossal Clutter Clearout. Your trash might be someone's treasure!

Contact the Coburg Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Our Town is a publication of the City of Coburg. If you'd like to be added to our quarterly mailing list, email Alexis Koran (alexis.koran@ci.coburg.or.us.)

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

6:00 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