

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Happy Holidays!

Ray Smith, Mayor

This has been a very busy year. Coburg has a number of substantial projects that have consumed a tremendous amount of staff time.

- We have improvements being done at the Trails End Park (wetlands) in the North Industrial area. This was primarily funded by a grant opportunity.
- The Parks and Tree Committee, Stangland Landscape Architects, and Staff, together with input from citizens have put forth recommendations for the design of Johnny Diamond Park. Work will begin in the spring of 2020.
- The water master plan projects that include; boring a waterline under I-5, an elevated water reservoir east of town, and locating a new well. Environmental assessments, engineering, and financing have been the bulk of the work so far.

The City Council received a recommendation for funding and prioritizing street repairs and maintenance from the Citizen Street Committee.

Those citizens include; City Councilor Chris Page (chair of the committee), Jerry Behney, a former City Councilor with a significant career background in streets and infrastructure, Paul Thompson, a Coburg citizen and regional planner that has been involved in many Coburg projects, and Jim Anderson, whose family owns the Truck N Travel and has been a representative for our commercial and industrial businesses many times over the past three decades.

I want to thank these citizens that stepped forward to eventually commit dozens of hours over



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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 2019

- Approved contract with Ryan Thomas Construction, LLC for construction of two office spaces at City Hall
- Approved to recommend to OLCC that Creswell Expresso, LLC liquor license be approved
- Adopted Resolution 2019-19 Adopting the City of Coburg Volunteer Policy
- Adopted Ordinance A-194-B Amending the Coburg Park & Open Space Master Plan

OCTOBER 2019

- Work Session was held October 2nd to discuss funding options for the improvement and maintenance of City Streets
- Adopted Resolution 2019-20 setting the structure of the water project team and process for evaluating and approving change orders
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-200-I Amending the Coburg Zoning Code
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-200-A Dog Ordinance



The 8th grade class from Coburg Community Charter School came to City Hall and held a "mock" City Council Meeting.

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 12, 7pm
- Tuesday, December 10, 7pm

Join City Council, Tuesday November 5th at 6pm for Work Session to discuss items related to the Comprehensive Plan update process. Items to be discussed may be: the Urban Growth Boundary, the Transportation System Plan, and annexation considerations.

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

September/October

- Development Code (Highway Commercial Zone) – recommended for approval to City Council, reappointment of commissioners to new terms

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

September/October

- Improvements to Trails End Park formally known as Wetland Park

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

September/October

- New member appointed by City Council
- Ongoing grant work – including historic district survey bid acceptance

Budget Committee - Tawnya Ellis

September/October

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee - Tawnya Ellis

September/October

- The Committee is currently reviewing the financial policies of the City



Planning Commission Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission. This position is for a two year term.

Duties of the Planning Commission include:

- To keep current the Coburg Comprehensive Plan, functional plans and refinement plans for the City adopted by the Council as official guides to public and private uses of land.
- To prepare City legislation that will implement the purposes of the Coburg Comprehensive Plan.

- To keep current zoning, subdivision and sign code ordinances and to make amendments consistent with required findings and the purposes of the Coburg Comprehensive Plan.



...And more! For more information and to apply, please visit City Hall.

Food Pantry News

The Coburg Pantry is under new management! Kathy Emerson did such a wonderful job of running the pantry over the years that it took two people to fill her shoes! Peggy Wells and Patty Yarr have taken over the task along with an incredible group of dedicated volunteers to keep the pantry running smoothly.

We depend on the various food drives throughout the year along with the donation barrel at the Post Office. We also greatly appreciate cash donations as that helps us pay our space rent and to supplement what's needed at the pantry. One of our biggest food drives is the Postal Food Drive, coming up on November 23rd.

Here are a few items that we are consistently in need of:

- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Canned fruits and vegetables (other than corn and beans as we seem to get a lot of these)
- Chili and other canned meals, such as spaghetti, ravioli, etc
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Soups
- Boxed Cereal

Our pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Monday from 2-4pm. Thank you for all your support that you give to fight hunger in our community! Please remember the Postal Food Drive on Friday, November 23rd!



CHETT Program

Coburg Police Department is always accepting donations

The CHETT Program (Community Help Easing Troubled Times) is a funding stream consisting of monies donated by the community intended to provide resources to meet the short-term emergency needs of the most vulnerable in Coburg. Funds from the account are to be used for victims of crime, those displaced by crime or critical incident (including innocent family members of perpetrators), or people in the community with little hope or few options.

Examples of uses could include, but are not limited to: meals, lodging, transportation, crime scene damage repair, and/or other immediate short term emergency assistance.

Inspired by a program initiated by the Springfield Police Department, Coburg's Chief Larson received an unsolicited donation to the Coburg Police Department from a Coburg citizen. At that time, a decision was made to use the money to start a Coburg-specific CHETT program in the community.



Coburg Community Grange Update

It's that time of year again where the Coburg Grange gets busy. Look for the flier about all of the activities we have going on in December. It's a magical time of year and we are looking forward to helping out in the community and have lots of things for you to enjoy. As always, we are looking for new members. We have our Grange meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Come check it out. I promise it will be painless and we try to keep them at about an hour. Remember also that The Grange is available for rentals for almost any occasion. If you have any questions about The Grange or any of the events going on please call Joe @ 541-228-8650.

Coburg Community Foundation Update

The Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) is excited to announce that our new office will be opening in late October. The Coburg United Methodist Church is graciously partnering with CCF to offer space for our new office as well as for activities and programming offered through CCF. Thank you, Coburg UMC! Sincere thanks also to Full Breath Yoga and Coburg Fit Club for supporting wellness in our community and for supporting CCF through your donations.

Meet the CCF Board!

In the next several issues of Our Town, we will spotlight a different member of the Foundation's five-person board of directors. In this issue, we wish to spotlight:

Nanci McKibben, Board Secretary

Nanci's heart for Coburg and spirit of volunteerism comes from a long family history of community building. Nanci is a fourth-generation community member. Her parents and grandparents demonstrated their support for our community through their volunteer work throughout the years, and Nanci started helping her grandma with volunteer projects around town when she was in grade school. She was a Golden Years teen princess (just a few years ago) and has been involved with many Golden Years celebrations in years past. Nanci taught Sunday school, and she held the positions of outreach coordinator and wedding coordinator at the Coburg United Methodist Church. She volunteered

many hours at Coburg Elementary School. Nanci was part of the group that started the annual auction, which became the biggest fundraiser for the school. Later she served on the board of Coburg Community Charter School. She also has served on Coburg's Parks Committee and Golden Years Committee. And Nanci is a founding member and current board secretary of the Coburg Community Foundation.

Nanci would like to create a place in Coburg for a library and museum. She hopes to help create a community space for learning, connecting, and celebrating together. Nanci hopes to help bring many wonderful opportunities for Coburg's newest members to learn from the past and its oldest members to embrace the future.



Upcoming Events:

November 9th: Open House for CCF at the Coburg United Methodist Church 2-4pm

December 10th: Holiday Craft Night starting at 6:30

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.

Good Vibrations and a Smooth Road Ahead...

The road through the IOOF Cemetery has been improved and we have a new parking area. Special thanks to Vern Egge of Coburg Road Quarry. The road improvements and new shed roof were made possible by a grant from the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Appreciation is also extended to Kuri Gill, Grant and Outreach Coordinator.

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.



Coburg Leaf Pickup Program

We want to get a jump on getting you involved with the Leaf Pickup Program. City Crews will be getting started on Dec. 10th and working through late January. As we did last year, the City is split into zones for leaf pickup.

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 from 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 go 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 20, we may not be able to pick that pile up.



Also we 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!!! So please do not park in front of or near piles as crews will need to get to them easily.

If crews encounter any of these issues, we will not pick up your pile and it will be your responsibility to remove the leaves. City crews will be working diligently to get the leaves picked up.

If you have questions, please call Coburg Public Works at (541) 682-7857. (See page 9 or watch our Facebook page for zone dates)

Coburg United Methodist Church Update

Holiday Bazaar - November 23, 2019

9:00am-1:00pm

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Enjoy homemade hot doughnuts and coffee with friends. Purchase items from our bakery. We also have jams & jellies, pickles, and many crafts for sale. Our Cookie Walk is fabulous. For more information, contact Marilyn at (541) 797-3297.

Community Carol Singalong

Coburg United Methodist Church invites everyone to celebrate the holiday season with us. We are once again hosting the Coburg Community Carol Singalong, featuring the fabulous Sheldon High School Dublinaires. This all-ages event includes free cookies and hot cocoa and begins at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 – just before the 7 p.m. Light Parade.

We also welcome all to our family-friendly **4 p.m. Christmas Eve service**. The church is at the corner of North Willamette and East Van Duyn streets at the north end of downtown Coburg. Our motto is “Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds.” We welcome you to come as you are.



Scarecrows Around Town

A wonderful display of creativity, town pride, and community!

Pictured: Cyclists from City Hall, Gilligan and Skipper at Ryan Thomas Construction, Horsing Around at Coburg Antique Mall and some sports fans at Country Java.



CCCS Bronco News September/October 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped us during the fall with events and helping our students learn about the community! We are getting ready for a busy winter season at CCCS with events and breaks. Thanksgiving break along with conferences will begin November 25th. There will be no school for the entire week, but staff will be busy working! Winter break will begin December 23rd and run through January 6th.

We want to hear about your skill or hobby! Our Skills Days are meant to bring in special skills from our community members for our students to learn. Please contact Katie Brushett at community@coburgcharter.org to see if it's a good fit and be added to our list of Skills Days volunteers! As always, we love our community and the continued support you all give every school year.

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions? pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions? community@coburgcharter.org

Shop with a Cop

The Coburg Police Department is accepting donations for its annual Shop with a Cop program. This is the 8th 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 7th. 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



Upcoming Events at CCCS:

Ongoing	Blue Bag Fundraiser *Pick up bags at CCCS*
Nov/Dec	Holiday Johnson Brothers Gift Card Fundraiser*
November 1	PCS Meeting @8:15am
November 3	Daylight Savings -- Fall Back!
November 11	No School - Veteran's Day
November 25-29	No School / Conference & Thanksgiving Break
December 6	PCS Meeting @8:15am
December 23- January 6	No School / Winter Break

*Holiday Johnson Brothers Gift Card Sales Fundraiser: e-mail pcs@coburgcharter.org to order yours or with questions.

Christmas in Coburg 2019

Friday, December 6

Parent's Night Out

5:30-9:30pm

Coburg Community Charter School

Contact :Coburg Police Department, 541-682-7853

Saturday, December 7

Breakfast with Santa

8:00-11:00am

Coburg Community Grange

Contact: Coburg Community Grange, 541-228-8650

Coburg Christmas Market

1:00-5:00pm

Coburg Community Grange

Contact: Michelle Freek, darlingmechelle@gmail.com

Sunday, December 8

Community Singalong

5:30pm

Coburg United Methodist Church

Contact: Coburg United Methodist Church, 541-683-1466

Tree Lighting

6:00pm

Pavilion Park

Contact: City of Coburg, 541-683-7280

Light Parade

7:00pm

Coburg

Contact: Coburg Community Grange, 541-228-8650

*come by The Grange after the parade for the annual chili feed and bonfire!



Shop with a Cop

afternoon

Coburg/Walmart

Contact: Coburg Police Department, 541-682-7853

Before you go...Don't miss out on important Leaf Pick-up dates!



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several months to become essentially "street experts." Several meetings with staff, an outside consultant, and residents provided the information that the committee used to make their final recommendation to the City Council in an October work session.

Part of the committee recommendation was to increase our local gas tax by three cents a gallon. This issue was referred to the voters by City Council. It is on your November ballot. If approved, it would create approximately \$80,000-\$90,000 of additional revenue annually for the street fund. Please make an informed vote, recognizing that the funds can only be used for street repairs. It is estimated that Coburg needs over \$2.5 million to bring our streets up to an average condition.

City Council will be holding public meetings for educating our citizens and gathering citizen input for setting priorities for the repairs and creating a financial package to implement our street plan.

As Mayor, I strive to get the community more involved

in our government decision making process. The Streets Committee is a great example of citizens giving input and giving City Council recommendations that allow different perspectives for our Council to consider.



Please take some time to read future mini newsletters in your utility bills and let City Council know your concerns and preferences so we can make a solid community based decision.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at the many events planned for Coburg as we close out 2019.

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

Trails End Park

In 2018, the City of Coburg decided that an upgrade to the Wetland Park now known as Trails End Park was needed. Phase I funding was awarded in a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The grant from OPRD was awarded for \$75,000, with the City utilizing SDC funds at \$43,268 for a project total of \$118,268.



The upgrades include a new handicapped accessible paved surface path, 1 picnic table, 2 park benches, garbage and recycling receptacles, parking, and many tree and

shrub plantings.

The park is now open and signs will be installed by Nov 1st.

This park has been a great area for birders and wildlife watchers

for many years and

now everyone can enjoy the peaceful atmosphere it provides. Eventually, the Coburg Loop Path run down to the newly updated park for citizens to walk to each park the City owns and operates. Please feel free to go down to Trails End Park and see what it has to offer. It is located at the end of N. Coburg Industrial Way off of Pearl Street.



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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

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