

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner Fall is Just Around the Corner!

Ray Smith, Mayor

Hope you have all had a relaxing summer and enjoyed our parks and events.

Music in The Park has been wonderful this Summer. My wife and I have always enjoyed the events, visiting with friends and neighbors, bringing our dinner and enjoying the performances.

The one thing that stands out to us this year is the number of young families, and so many little children. It is so good to see new faces. Our city is growing and thriving. Thanks to our Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring such a wonderful community event.

The attendees at these events represent a cross section of Coburg. We all know Coburg is changing, and that is sometimes difficult, however, I have been approached by several people who have lived here for many years. They notice and comment on Coburg being a

great community. I also feel that excitement.

### **The last couple of years has shown our investments of time and money paying off.**

The new playground and shelter at Norma Pfeiffer park are constantly in use. The new path through the park is level, clean, and appealing. Many are enjoying our walking paths.

As this letter is published, the kids are going back to school. Please keep this in mind as you drive around town, remember we lack sidewalks so we share the road with pedestrians, especially the little ones!

More to come on fixing our streets. Please pay attention to city postings and mailings. The City Council will be holding a work session and the city will be providing



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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 2019

- Adopted Ordinance A-250 Creating the office of City Administrator and Providing their Powers and Duties
- Approved Intergovernmental agreement with LCOG for IT support and Telecommunication Services
- Adopted Resolution 2019-19 Adopting the City of Coburg Volunteer Policy
- Adopted Resolution 2019-18 Setting a ballot title and directing City Election Official to take all appropriate steps to place the question concerning an increase in motor vehicle fuel tax on the November 2019 General Election
- Entered into a Memo of Understanding with the Coburg Community Foundation and Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network
- First Reading & Public Hearing on Ordinance A-194-B Amending the Coburg Parks & Open Space Master Plan

## AUGUST 2019

- No meeting held



## Coburg FallFest: September 27

*Save the Date!*

Mix and mingle with your neighbors at this fun and inclusive Fall event! We'll welcome in the autumn season with all kinds of celebratory activities, including live music and a beer & wine terrace from Hayworth Estate Wines.

Coburg FallFest is a group effort and the contributions of many make this new annual event possible! Sponsoring partners include: The City of Coburg, Coburg Rural Fire District, Coburg Chamber of Commerce, Coburg Police Department, Coburg Community Foundation, Coburg Community Grange, Coburg Community Charter School, and Coburg Public Works.



# Coburg Committee Highlights

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

## Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

July/August

- Development Code (Highway Commercial Zone) – public hearing continued to next meeting date

## Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

July/August

- Johnny Diamond Park design in process

## Heritage Committee - Emma Vallillo

July/August

- New member recruitment
- Ongoing grant work – including historic district survey preparation

## Budget Committee - Anne Heath

July/August

- No meetings held

## Finance/Audit Committee - Tawnya Ellis

July/August

- 9/3 committee meeting scheduled



## Safety Swag!

**Be Seen. Be Safe.**

With shorter days approaching, more commuters may find themselves traveling to or from work in the dark. Point2point at Lane Transit District wants to help pedestrians and cyclists stay safe during the darker winter hours by distributing free bike, walk, and skate lights as well as other safety information during a “Be Seen Be Safe Light Giveaway” event.

Point2point will be in Coburg on Wednesday, September 27 from 5 – 8 p.m., at the Coburg Fall Fest. Whether you walk, bike or skate, you need to be seen to be safe. While supplies last.

# Thanks for Another Great Car Show!

This year's Car Show was a huge success, and we want to say thank you to the volunteers who did all the hard work to put the event together, as we could not do it without your help.

A special thank you goes to the "Lady Eagles" (Harrisburg Eagles Girls softball) for their help with our 50/50 raffle and their help with the barbecue chicken dinner. They were awesome!

Thank you to all the participants and spectators who attended, and for leaving our Coburg parks spotless when you left.

Thank you also goes to Coburg Public Works for all the work they do to make our parks look GREAT, and for their support with all the street closure signs, and the many

things they do for the community.

Also we need to thank the Coburg Fire District and the Coburg Police Dept for their continued support of this great event.

We had 216 classic cars this year and the biggest crowds we have seen in a long time. We gave out lots of raffle prizes and gift cards, with a special drawing for the kids only, hosted by the Lane Auto modelers.

We also gave out 37 awards to our participants for their beautiful cars that they entered. These awards were made possible by the Great Sponsors of our event. We want to say thank you to all of the sponsors, and we ask that you help us say thank you to them by stopping by their businesses and letting them know how much you enjoyed the show.



*The picture is the back of this year's Car Classic T-Shirt with all of our sponsors listed. Thank them the next time you see them!*

## Coburg Rural Fire District Update

### Volunteers Needed!

Over the past few months, Coburg Fire District has been actively recruiting volunteers. Our District has three paid support staff, all other personnel who make emergency response possible are volunteers. Volunteers who dedicate countless hours to training and responding on emergencies. Last year alone, Coburg Fire responded on over four hundred calls for service. Those calls include medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills, brush fires and structure fires. Volunteers keep our community safe, and as a district, we need to ensure we can answer the call to those in need.

We continue our search for volunteers, and we are reaching out to the community for help. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer with Coburg Fire, come see us at the fire station, or on September 27th at the Coburg FallFest. We will

have a tent set up with information on becoming a volunteer, public education on Fire safety, and information on some of the things we do at Coburg Fire. At the block party, we will be giving away a Green Mountain Pellet Grill, two bicycles for kids and some fire prevention materials. We hope to see you there. Check out our Facebook Page for more information!



## Coburg Community Grange Update

The Coburg Grange has been very busy over the summer with all of the events going on. We had a successful Golden Years and Car Show!

We are asking if anyone has mistakenly picked up a table at Golden Years. It will be marked underneath with either "Grange" or "Car Classic" written on it. If you have it, please put it on the front porch of the grange. Thank you.

Fall is fast approaching, so we will be busy helping with the Antique Fair in different aspects and our parking fundraiser in the empty lot just North of City Hall. It's close and handy for the day and the monies raised will go directly to our building fund. As you may have noticed, the Grange has a new roof and paint job and we are working on cleaning up the east side of the Grange by putting down rock.

The building is a great community gathering place and is used for many different occasions. We look forward to seeing you at all the upcoming events and we are always looking for new members. Any info you may need about the Grange just call 541-228-8650.

Terri Morneau



## 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.*

Happiness is...a new storage building roof at the IOOF Cemetery. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. With special thanks to Kuri Gill – Grant and Outreach Coordinator and Jeremy at Two Rivers Roofing.



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.



# A Successful 51st Golden Years Festival

Coburg Golden Years was a whopping success this year thanks to a great planning team! A BIG thank you to Sue Manley, Linda Foster, Michelle Shattuck, Pat Cramer, Vicki Bell, Peggy Wells, Jeanine Cunningham, Michelle Freck and Joe Morneau! And thank you to everyone who showed up to set everything up and then break it all down after the event – you all worked so hard! Last, but not least, thank you to the City of Coburg Public Works Dept, for your help and for keeping our parks so beautiful and welcoming for events like this one.



Of course, the Festival would never happen without several generous local sponsors. This year we thank The Coburg Inn, Kast Construction, NW Natural, Hamilton Construction, Riverbend Materials, Coburg North Industrial Park, Carry-on Trailer, Truck 'N Travel, Ryan Thomas Construction, Reflections Salon, Rock Solid Remodeling & Construction, Serenity Lane, McDonalds, Coburg Veterinary Clinic, and Ponsse.

If you would like to join the planning for Coburg Golden Years 2020, please contact Patti Gianone: [coburg.patti@gmail.com](mailto:coburg.patti@gmail.com).

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## Oregon RAIN in Coburg

We are happy to announce the kickoff of Oregon RAIN in the City of Coburg. RAIN supports regional entrepreneurs by connecting them to strategic resources for launching and scaling growth-focused businesses, including mentor connections, educational and training programs, and access to capital. Ariel Ruben is the dedicated Venture Catalyst for Coburg and, as an entrepreneur herself, knows what it takes to grow a business. Come meet her at the Coburg Block Party on September 27th from 5-8pm and learn more about how to get involved. The next event, "Bring Your Business Idea Workshop", will be held on October 16th at Coburg Pizza from 5:30-7pm. Ariel will also begin mentor

hours in local coffee shops starting in October. For updates join our meeting group: [www.meetup.com/Startup-Coburg-Oregon](http://www.meetup.com/Startup-Coburg-Oregon). All RAIN resources and events are FREE to entrepreneurs and are made possible by partnerships with The City of Coburg and Lane County.

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### WHAT IS OREGON RAIN?

Oregon RAIN is a nonprofit organization run by experienced entrepreneurs that offer free support to rural entrepreneurs, businesses, and local investors.

### HOW DO WE HELP?

RAIN connects entrepreneurs & businesses with resources that

include: programs, training, people, mentors, connection to financial opportunities & physical assets. We're always available for one-on-one free consulting. Come to one of our events to say hi!

### WHY DO WE HELP?

RAIN's goal is to build strong business communities that encourage the growth of rural economies and create job opportunities.

If you would like to find out more about Oregon RAIN visit us at [www.oregonrain.org](http://www.oregonrain.org) and follow us on Facebook @oregonrain.org

## Local Business Spotlight: The Blingy Barn



The newest addition to Coburg's wonderful selection of antique and vintage stores, The Blingy Barn, opened in February of this year. While it's been under a year since operating out of the 91003 South Willamette Street location, owner Rick Morgan has been in the industry for 13 years. Born and raised in the Eugene/Springfield area, Rick is glad to be doing business back home.

It's not his first foray into the Coburg antique and vintage scene. Rick has had a booth at the annual fair on occasion and always shopped it in the past. He says it's "a great show with great vendors. You always see something there that you haven't before."

Stop by The Blingy Barn to see the neat collection of wares, including the attention-grabbing cat (pictured right), a find from a vintage PetSmart



## Join the Get There Challenge Oct. 7-21!

You can Get There better—and get recognized for driving less. It's easy:

1. Use Get There to log your carpool, vanpool, transit, biking, and walking trips — as well as teleworking days.
2. Find carpool buddies and compete with friends to see who can Get There without driving alone.
3. Find carpool buddies and compete with friends to see who can Get There without driving alone.

### *Weekly Prizes*

Over \$1000 in Chrome Merchandise, \$100 Black Star Bag Gift Cards, \$100 Fred Meyer Gift Cards, \$100 Portland Design Works Gift Cards, \$20 Dutch Bros. Coffee Gift Cards, Hydro Flasks, \$25 TREW Gift Card, Sisters Coffee Company Gift Bag.

Plus scores of local prizes!

### *Grand Prizes*

One \$1,000 Bike Friday gift card, Two \$500 cash cards, Two \$250 cash cards,

Make your ride count! Learn more and sign up at [GetThereOregon.org](http://GetThereOregon.org).

## Coburg Chamber of Commerce Update

### *Welcome New President!*

The Coburg Chamber of Commerce elected a new President this month. Sharyl Abbaspour will now lead the local business group responsible for so many of the wonderful events that make Coburg such a unique and friendly place to live. Sharyl is no stranger to civic duty, she previously sat on Coburg City Council from 2012-2017.



# CCCS Bronco News September/October 2019

We are back in session and excited to have the hallways filled with laughter and energetic minds! We want to thank all the community members and 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 a few changes this summer and would like to introduce our newest employees!

**Katie Brushett - Volunteer & Community Coordinator**

**Maddison Rust - Custodian**

**Yasmin Staunau - 6th Grade Teacher**

As always, thank you for supporting CCCS during the summer at Music in the Park & the Antique Fair! You can now pick up blue Bottle Drop bags at the school, fill them up at home, and turn them into any Bottle Drop location to raise money for the school!

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.

## Upcoming Events at CCCS:

Ongoing	Blue Bag Fundraiser *Pick up bags at CCCS*
September 4	First Day of School
September 6	PCS Meeting after drop off
September 9	Board Meeting
September 10	Back to School/Volunteer Training 6-7:30pm
September 24	Picture Day
September 27	Fall Fest *City of Coburg event*
September 27	Jog A Thon Fundraiser
October	Johnson Brothers Fundraiser
October 1	Papa's Pizza Fundraiser
October 4	PCS Meeting after drop off
October 4, 18, 25	Community Days
October 11	No School - Inservice Day
October 14	Board Meeting
October 25	Harvest Festival

Find more information at [www.coburgcharter.com](http://www.coburgcharter.com)

PCS Questions? [pcs@coburgcharter.org](mailto:pcs@coburgcharter.org)

Volunteer & Community Questions? [community@coburgcharter.org](mailto:community@coburgcharter.org)

## Celebrating Recovery

On Sunday, September 8th, Serenity Lane will host our annual alumni and family reunion barbeque. This is an opportunity to reconnect our alumni with their personal recovery experience, visit with the staff here and – most importantly – meet and inspire our current patients.



Our alumni barbeque is a chance to show just how much fun you can have in sobriety. This year

we're expecting more than 500 guests to attend. We'll have food, live music, entertainment, activities for kids and a photo booth.

To ensure the privacy of our patients and alumni

guests, this event is not open to the public. But we hope that you will let us know if you have questions about our programs or just want to come take a tour of our campus.

We are proud to be a part of the Coburg community and have enjoyed watching it grow we opened our residential campus here.

If you have questions about the event or need to contact us on the day-of, call 202-904-3113. This is a cell phone, so you may call or text this number. And if you'd like to learn more or set up a tour, call us at 541-687-9061.

Lastly, we also have a reporting form on our website if you ever wish to notify us with concerns or suggestions: <https://serenitylane.org/good-neighbor-report/>



# Coburg Scarecrows

By Terry Dawson

I grew up in Talent, Oregon, which at the time was a very small, historic town much like Coburg. One of my enduring memories of growing up there was our annual Harvest Festival. From first grade when I rode my bike as part of a float in the parade, through my young adult-years playing water-ball as a fire department volunteer, the Harvest Festival made Autumn a very thankful season, and Talent a bountifully special place.

However, in Coburg, after a summer full of fun celebrations, most of our community-celebrating ends at fall with our great Antique Fair.

Enter the scarecrows.



With just a little impetus, I was curious (and hopeful) to see if we Coburgians might experience the season of thankfulness that Talent participates in annually. So, I asked my daughter to brainstorm a couple of special scarecrows to get us started, and she along with some of our friends helped create the first creative scarecrow ideas. Then,

during the summer, I invited five friends who also happen to be merchants in Coburg, to join us in officially welcoming fall by adding their own creative scarecrows to our downtown landscape. I had hoped, and still do, that this might give us the opportunity to celebrate fall in a bigger way in the future, and have a lot of fun doing it.



It has been an encouragement to see our community catch the Scarecrow-bug. And it seems, from reading *I Love Coburg!* and the rest that we've been having a lot of fun as Scarecrow-fever has spread.

Coburg is always special, but this fall is being made even more special as neighbors join together to be thankful and celebrate. There's still plenty of time to join in.

We're already thinking about next year's scarecrows...

*This article ran in last year's Our Town just as the scarecrow wave caught on. We're hoping for another year of inventive and creative displays and want everyone to know about the origin of this (fun) new tradition.*

## Oregon Scenic Bikeways Celebrates 10 Years

Did you know that 2019 marked 10 years of Oregon's Scenic Bikeways initiative? The Willamette Valley Bikeway, the inaugural route, begins in Champoeg State Park and follows its namesake river, eventually



passing right down Willamette Street to end in Armitage Park. The Bikeways program now spans 17 breathtaking rides throughout Oregon in a partnership between

the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, Travel Oregon and Cycle Oregon. It is the first and only program of its kind in the United States.

Bicycle tourism, or dollars resulting from involvement in "bicycle-related activities," is a \$400 million industry in Oregon. Besides the investment back into local business along each route, the designated Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway is a wonderful way to enjoy the history, agricultural bounty and idyllic scenery of the region many of us call home. People all over the country —and world— travel to Oregon to ride this route, the first of its kind, and right in our backyard.

If you're not up for committing to the entire 134 miles of this route, you might want to explore a small section over the course of a day. More information, including maps and cue sheets, can be found at [TravelOregon.com/scenicbikeways](http://TravelOregon.com/scenicbikeways).

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information on possible revenue sources so streets can be fixed. The City Council wants to hear from you. Come to our meetings and make a statement, or write or email us with your ideas and concerns.

In a related issue, we will probably be looking at reducing the speed limit on our residential streets. A new state law allows cities to lower speed limits by 5 miles per hour. We have had several comments regarding drivers being unsafe on our streets. Please remember

we share our streets with pedestrians! Drive safely!



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 Community Foundation Update

We are so lucky to live in such a vibrant community as Coburg, and our community had quite a busy summer. We enjoyed music, food, games, and fun of all sorts! While I am sad to see another summer coming to a close, I also am excited to see what the rest of the year will bring. I am looking forward to the Fall Block Party on September 27th, the Harvest Festival at Coburg Community Charter School in October, and all the fun stuff leading up to the holidays. The Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) would like to say thank you to all of you who volunteer in our community and make all these great things happen!

The CCF Board of Directors has been busy as well this summer. We enjoyed participating in the parade and running the dime toss at Golden Years; and we gave away popsicles at the concerts in the park and provided free hot dogs during the final concert of the

summer. Mostly we just enjoyed the opportunity to be out in the community participating at these events and visiting with everyone who stopped by.

CCF also has been looking for a place to call home, and we hope to have news about a physical location soon. Check in with us at [coburgfoundation.org](http://coburgfoundation.org) or join our Coburg Community Foundation Facebook group for updates and announcements.

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

### *Leah Claypool – CCF Board Chair*

Leah is a third-generation Coburg community member and has been a volunteer in the community for many years. She was a Connections volunteer and active at the former Coburg elementary school. Leah was instrumental in helping start

the Coburg Community Charter School (CCCS) and served on its board for several years. She participated in the Ford Institute Leadership Program in the first and only Coburg cohort whose group built the picnic shelter in Norma Pfeiffer Park. Leah also served as a facilitator in other communities that participated in that program. Leah's hope for Coburg is that as the community grows, we continue to grow together by creating and maintaining strong connections.



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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](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