

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Happy New Year!

Ray Smith, Mayor

2019 was a year of significant growth for Coburg. Oregon state laws require cities to plan for growth. I learned many years ago that you cannot locally mandate a "no growth" policy. However, we do have control over how that growth occurs. That is what motivated me to join the Coburg Planning Commission over 30 years ago. I believe our planning and subsequent adoption of ordinances and codes have worked quite well in trying to maintain the desired small-town livability of Coburg.

The City Council moves into 2020 with some big decisions ahead of us.

One of the first issues we will tackle is upgrading the condition of our streets. An astounding 80 percent approval of a local gas tax increase is a major step to-

wards financing about \$2.5 million of deferred repairs needed to bring our streets to an acceptable standard. The next step is to look at the possibility of charging a small monthly fee to residents and businesses. This was part of a recommendation presented to the council by a citizens committee. This committee was made up of residents and business representatives that spent about a year learning about our streets and what was needed to repair them. That recommendation brought two suggested revenues sources; the gas tax and a Transportation Utility Fee or TUF. The TUF will be the subject of public hearings and an opportunity for the public to give input on this potential revenue. The City Council and I want to hear from the residents. The city staff will be gathering and distributing information to our citizens and council. City Council will then receive and review input we



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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.



NOVEMBER 2019

- Adopted Ordinance A-200-I Amending the Coburg Zoning Code
- Adopted Ordinance A-200-A Amending the licensing of dogs and regulating the behavior
- Approved the City Administrators Employment Agreement
- Welcomed Megan Winner the RARE participant who will be working with the City
- Speed zone reduction to 15 MPH on Lincoln Way and McKenzie Street between Miller Street to Skinner Street

DECEMBER 2019

- Adopted Resolution 2019-21 Accepting the November 5, 2019 Special Election certified results on the Measure 20-303 Gas Tax
- Adopted Ordinance A-211-B An Ordinance Imposing the new gas business tax on motor vehicle fuel dealers
- Approved Liquor License Application for Hayworth Estates Wines LLC
- Approved property lease with Coburg Rural Fire District

Committee Vacancies

There are current vacancies on City Council, Planning Committee & Heritage Committee.

Stop by City Hall for more information!

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday, January 14, 7pm
& State of the City

Tuesday, February 11, 7pm

Economic Development Committee

The Coburg Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Coburg is hosting an Economic Development Committee that will be made up of our local partners, regional partners, local business owners and citizens. The purpose of this committee is to develop a strategy and design a workplan to address topics such as Business Retention and Expansion; Business Recruitment; Workforce Development; Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Festivals and Events.

The Chamber is currently seeking business owners and citizens with an interest in these topics to

become members of this committee. This temporary committee will meet monthly and is anticipated to finish in the summer months with the result of an actionable workplan.

If you have an interest in the economic health of our community and would like to participate, please request an application by email from Chamber President, Sharyl Abbaspour, at coburgcoc@gmail.com or RARE participant, Megan Winner, at megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us. There are openings for 5 committee members. Extended deadline to apply is January 10th, 2020.

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

November/December

- No meetings held

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

November/December

- Updates on Trails End and Johnny Diamond Park
- Interview and recommend Tom Beatty be appointed to Park/Tree Committee
- Reviewed the 2019 Park Rental revenue

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

November/December

- Historic district survey work started

Budget Committee - Tawnya Ellis

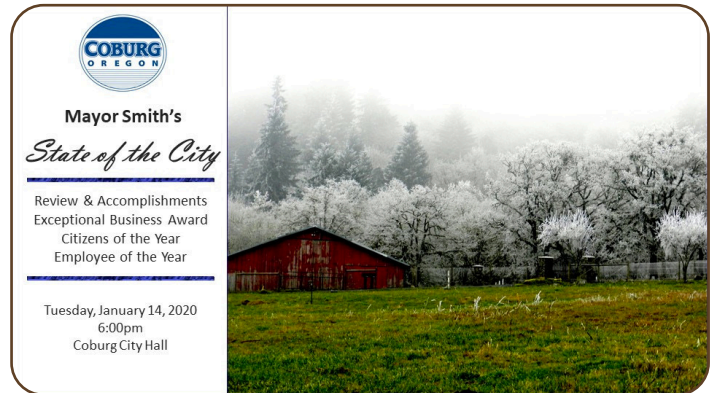
November/December

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee - Tawnya Ellis

November/December

- Overseeing financial policies of the City
- Next meeting January 28, 2020 at 5:30pm.



Trails End Park Now Open

The new Trails End Park is now open!

This park is located at the end of Industrial Way.

There is parking, park benches, and a picnic table. An informational kiosk will be added in January or February.



This Park is great for viewing a variety of birds

including migratory birds such as Mallards, Wood Ducks, Great Egret, and Lesser Yellowlegs.



Please come by and use the Park to relax and enjoy the outdoors and the birds. We ask that you use the trash and recycle bins that are located throughout the Park.

Food Pantry News



First of all, we want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone in our wonderful Coburg community for

your generosity with the postal food drive. We received 1,137 pounds of food!

This generous donation will help support many folks right here in our community. We'd also like to thank Beth Monterrosa and her wonderful 8th graders at Coburg

Community Charter School for helping us sort and weigh all of this food. Their help was invaluable. Thank you so much!

We have also been thrilled with the Dari Mart barrel donations! Thank you so much for your generosity! It truly makes a big difference in Staying up with the growing challenge of keeping the folks in our community fed. Keep it up!!

One more huge thank you goes out to the wonderful ladies at the church for the beautiful crocheted

blankets! As the cold winter months approach these will be greatly appreciated. We are truly grateful for their donation.

If you have some time on your hands, we are in need of volunteers to help out a few hours, one day a month, with our dairy and cooler shopping. Please call Peggy if you are interested.

If you have any questions or comments give us a call.

Patty Yarr: 831-345-3866

Peggy Wells: 541-345-6645

Who's That Employee?

A RARE Opportunity: Megan Winner

The City of Coburg is adding another member to the team! As a participant of the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program, Megan Winner is here through September to coordinate economic development efforts in Coburg



among other projects. She recently received a Master's in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon and is very excited to be serving in Coburg. You'll

see Megan around town and interacting with the community, so let's all make her feel welcome!

RARE is an AmeriCorps program administered through the University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement. RARE AmeriCorps has been supported over the years by grants from the Corporation for National & Community Service (AmeriCorps), The Ford Family Foundation, the University of Oregon, the Oregon Food Bank, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and other agencies.

Local Business Spotlight: The Coburg Inn



Recently completed, Phase 1 of the Coburg Inn brings three exciting, new businesses to the heart of downtown

and the growing vibrancy is a joy to experience! Come and check them out – take a stroll, ride or

drive and find plenty of parking in the back of the building. Stay tuned - we'll feature the Coburg Inn's resident business individually in the coming months!



Coburg Community Grange Update

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We would like to thank all of those who were involved in the Christmas season. It means so much and we can't thank you enough!

As we start a new year, the Coburg Grange is asking that you come check us out. We need new members to join and be active. We are not getting any younger and need new blood. The Grange is a huge asset to the community as a venue for weddings, showers, memorial services and used all year long. If we don't have enough active members, The Grange cannot be run correctly and the building would be locked up tight and not available to the public or any of the contents, tables, chairs and such would not be able to be used. No more chili feed, breakfast with Santa, First Friday Texas Hold Em', nothing. It's a harsh reality but we don't want to lose this very important community asset.

Our one-hour meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Please come see what we're all about and think about volunteering. Questions? Call Joe 541-228-8650

Terri Morneau

Coburg Community Foundation Update



Happy New Year! 2020 is going to be a great year for community building. The Coburg Community

Foundation plans to kick off the year with an open house to celebrate our new location inside the Coburg United Methodist Church. Watch our website (Coburgfoundation.org) and our Facebook page for more details. We hope to see you there.

We wrapped up 2019 in a fun way by watching the travels of Trashy Tree. The photos here show just a few of the stops our trashy little tree made on its way around



Coburg. Thanks to everyone who helped the tree along its way! We hope it brought a little more Christmas cheer to all who saw it.

The idea for the tree came from memories of holidays past when a plastic Santa statue used to make the rounds. Kids and adults alike used to enjoy trying to sneak the Santa into their neighbor's yard and watching to see where he would pop up next. We hope Trashy Tree made some of those same kinds of memories for a new generation.

Happy New Year from the Coburg Community Foundation board!!

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



Coburg Public Works Update



Water

Help prevent unnecessary water leaks by winterizing your irrigation systems.

This can be done by a landscaper or a knowledgeable person. YouTube and Google are a great resource for tips and information. If you are unfamiliar with how this is done please call Public Works at 541-682-7857. PLEASE remember that if you have an underground irrigation system that your device MUST be tested annually.

Meter Change out Project

New radio read meters will begin to be installed throughout the City in the months of January and February. The installation will not include new development which took place in the last 1.5 years, because they already have radio read meters currently. The new meters will cut down the reading time from two days to 45 minutes. It will allow operators to help customers look into water consumption issues such as leaks. We will be knocking on doors during the installation. The meter switch-out should only take a few minutes. If

the crew develops an issue, it could take a little longer.

Streets

Leaf pickup has begun. Crews are out picking up piles now. We ask if you have a pile of leaves to pick up that it is located where the crew get to it easily.

Please use caution when you see them working. They are watching out for you but please help them out by keeping your distance from equipment.



Potholes

If you see a pothole developing come by City Hall



or call us at 541-682-7857 to let us know. We are keeping a record of potholes and the leaf pickup crews will transition into fixing

potholes when the leaf pickup is completed.

Please call Public Works at 541-682-7857 with any questions.

Coburg Chamber of Commerce

Sharyl Abbaspour, President

The Coburg Chamber of Commerce wants to wish you and yours a "Happy New Year!" 2019 is now behind us and we're looking forward to 2020. I wanted to take this moment to thank all the volunteers of Coburg who work so hard to bring us the many festivities throughout the year which makes Coburg such a delight to live in.



I wanted to personally thank Joe Morneau and The Grange for their constant hard work on Coburg Golden Years, The Classic Car Show and Christmas

in Coburg. Thank you to Vickie Bell for her efforts in bringing us the Concerts in the Park that we all look forward to every August.

Thanks to Patty Gionone for bringing us a Farmer's Market which continues to grow. Thank you to Denise Johnson for her countless hours putting on our huge Coburg Antique Fair. Behind the scenes, we have the Coburg Police Department, Public Works, Coburg Community Foundation and The City of Coburg to thank. We couldn't do any of this without them!



Public Partnerships and Mutual Aid Agreements

In an emergency Americans reach out to their neighbors. Historically, it is when we are at our best. Neighbors helping neighbors can define how a community addresses an event, incident, or a challenge the community is facing, and directly influences the long-range recovery, health and resilience of the community.

Across America, local government is realizing the value of reaching out to neighboring communities to provide mutual support. This support comes in the form of mutual aid agreements, shared services, and intergovernmental agreements. They determine how partners will respond to a crisis, how they will share resources, and defines the financial and risk responsibilities of both partners. Often, FEMA reimbursements to communities require such agreements be in order and established protocols be followed.

On January 14, Coburg City Council will consider a mutual aid agreement between the City and Coburg Fire District. Although, historically both agencies have worked well together in emergencies such as winter storms, defining the specifics of the partnership is critically important in order for each partner to have clear expectations and responsibilities when

responding together to an incident.

Also in the works is a similar mutual aid agreement with the City of Harrisburg. Our partners to the north are our most natural neighbor in a major incident. Coburg is separated from the rest of the County by bridges, and the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. During an incident such as a weather event, or natural disaster, response from the County could be limited to outlying communities. We should be prepared to shelter in place, and respond as a community. Harrisburg and Coburg do not have the physical barriers and are in the perfect position to provide response to one another. This could be shared resources such as equipment, or it could be the response of our police, fire or public works teams.

In the summer months the City of Harrisburg approached the City of Coburg asking if our Police Department might be able to provide some additional traffic support to their City. Their request was that we consider a short-term pilot program in which Coburg Police could provide 20-25 hours a month traffic control in their school zones, and other areas where speed is an issue. This is another opportunity for our communities to share in resources. The intergovernmental agreement, if approved, would establish how this project will work, how the City will be reimbursed, and what the expectations are of both

partners. This coverage would largely be covered by Coburg reserve officers. The City Council will consider the proposal for this pilot program at their January 14th City Council meeting. Questions regarding this program may be addressed to Police Chief, Larry Larson at larry.larson@ci.coburg.or.us, or City Administrator, Anne Heath at anne.heath@ci.coburg.or.us.

Another way that our City is working with partners is the formation of the CERT Team (Citizen Emergency Response Team). This is a team of volunteer citizens training together to respond to emergency in our community. Members of the Coburg team are training with other regional teams and represent both Coburg and Harrisburg with the volunteers that have stepped up to the call for response volunteers.

Coburg is small, but it is mighty in how the citizens, local government agencies, and emergency responders work together. Working with our neighbors to the north only makes us stronger and encourages us to be ready to help one another by planning for response together.

As always, City Council is interested in public input on these matters and encourages public comment at City Council meetings. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 14th at City Hall.

CCCS Bronco News January/February 2020

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and are thankful for our community allowing CCCS students to be a part of giving and annual festivities in Coburg. School is back in session January 7!

The 10th Annual CCCS Auction & Dinner is February 29, at 5:30pm at Valley River Inn. This auction is our school's largest fundraiser each year and helps to fund things like the garden project, library, electives, skills days, tech improvements, and more!

Here's how YOU can help:

Do you have a vacation home, time-share, season tickets, or other item that could be contributed as a live auction item?

Does your business/employer/friend have a service or product that could be donated to the silent auction (gift cards, home improvement, spa, etc.)

Would you or someone you know be interested in an auction sponsorship opportunity or underwriting an auction package?

Would you be willing to volunteer on the auction committee?

Contact Andrea McGarvey at mamaofgrace@gmail.com for any questions or donations!

2020-2021 School Lottery

The 2020-21 school year lottery will take place in March, but

tours begin in February. For more information on how our lottery works, deadlines, application and priorities please visit the school website. CCCS is not a neighborhood school and must follow charter school laws. www.coburgcharter.com

Find more information at
www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions? pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions?
community@coburgcharter.org

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

Ongoing	Blue Bag Fundraiser
Pick up bags at CCCS	
Jan. 7	Classes resume/New student applications available
Jan. 7-31	Coin Drive
Jan. 30	Middle School Music Concert 6:30pm
Feb. 20	No School - Veteran's Day
Feb. 24	Re-enrollment forms due
Feb. 21,28	Skills Days 10:30-11:30am
Feb. 27	Lottery Info/Tour Day 8:30am
Feb. 29	CCCS Auction 5:30pm

Coburg Area Emergency Readiness

J. Bell

What is Shelter in Place?

"Shelter in place" is a method of protecting people from outdoor emergency incidents that might be a natural hazard, or a chemical spill, or a hostile person. Rather than trying to notify residents of a neighborhood and evacuating them to another location (a time-consuming task), it can make sense in fast moving situations to just have people sit tight and stay indoors until the danger is reduced or eliminated. Most buildings will provide some measure of protection from the danger, especially if the directions listed below are followed. Please keep this article as a safe place for reference if ever needed.

What Should You Do for Shelter in Place Instructions?

In most cases, this is what government authorities want you to do:

- Move people, pets and children indoors
- Move indoors and close your door (and lock it)
- Turn off your air conditioner and any appliance that pulls in outdoor air
- Close all windows, chimney dampers and vents
- Bring your cell phone, AM/FM radio and/or laptop with you inside the building

Public Notice - Coleman Street Funding

As you may know the City of Coburg is undertaking several infrastructure projects at this time including the Water Master Plan improvement, and the repairs of the city streets in Coburg. City staff continuously attempt to combine projects in order to reduce costs to the taxpayers.

At this time, we are in the planning stages of work that needs to be completed on Coleman Street which addresses the need to replace mainline water pipe, as well as repair to the roadway. This work reflects planning for the "Collector" portion of the street between Mill and Dixon.

A collector street is a low-to-moderate-capacity road which serves to move traffic from local streets to arterial roads (in Coburg arterials are Pearl & Willamette which are both Lane County roads). These streets may look the same as a residential road, however, they are often wider and busier. When considering the planning for collector roads, public safety and traffic speed are of the utmost concern and focus.

City streets are categorized in

our adopted transportation plan as a local, collector or arterial. City development code addresses how roads will be developed and/or repaired according to categorization. The City of Coburg adopted the design standards for this code many times, but most recently in 2018.

Why is this important to you?

The current code requires that sidewalks be placed on collectors when they are reconstructed. This directly addresses the public safety issue. While the code does allow for other elements such as traffic calming roundabouts, islands, options for on-street parking, and width of the street, the sidewalk requirement offers less opportunity for design changes.

The Staff have requested the Council consider applying for grant funds in order to fund some of the required work on Coleman. This would be a regional grant that is funded by federal transportation dollars. This funding is reserved for projects such as collector streets that are improving the safety of citizens, and encouraging other modes of transportation such as biking, walking and transit. The recommended repairs needed on

Coleman involve both the water and street project. However, when the City agrees to receive these funds, we may be limiting our ability to change certain design standards. This is a difficult decision as federal transportation dollars are the only major funding opportunity for local streets in Coburg.

The staff and the City Council are very aware that this is an important issue to the community and therefore are inviting community input.

The Council will consider the request to apply for grant funding for this project at their meeting on January 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. The Public is invited to come to this meeting and provide comment on this matter.

Comments and questions regarding this matter may also be addressed directly to City Staff. You are very welcome to contact Planner Jeff Kernen at 541-682-7858, or City Administrator Anne Heath at 541-682-7870 to receive more information.



Coburg Police Update

Parents Night Out was a huge success this year. With 85 kids, we had more participants than ever. Thank you so much for your donations. Thank you to Coburg Pizza for the 25 donated pizzas. The kids had a blast!



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receive from citizens. That input is vital for the council to make a decision on whether to implement a TUF and if so, how much to charge. Please consider providing input to help our council make a significant community decision.

The city is investing millions of dollars into our water system over the next couple of years. Most of these projects are being financed by the user fees and systems development charges that we all pay when new homes and businesses are built and when we pay our monthly water bill. These projects have been planned for years and now that development has occurred, we must invest in upgrades and increase capacities.

City Council has directed staff to increase our communication with our citizens. We are committing more

resources to creating pamphlets, newsletters and other formats to inform all of our citizens about what we are doing and why it's being done.

I look forward to a prosperous year and I am committed to making Coburg city government approachable and deserving of our citizens trust.

Happy New Year!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

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



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- Move to the most inner part of the house/building and stay there
- If instructed – find duct tape or painter tape and seal any leaky windows/doors, Window/wall-based vents or air conditioners should be covered with plastic wrap and tape, and even bathroom ceiling vent fans should get taped up
- If instructed – go to an inner room and seal the door frame with tape
- Stay sheltered till given the all clear (usually hours are involved)
- Monitor your radio or cell phone for instructions and information
- DO NOT GO OUTSIDE unless an “ALL CLEAR” is given over cell phone or radio

From Ready.gov website for Hazardous Materials Incidents, and <https://www.emergency.cdc.gov/shelterinplace.asp>

A Big Shout Out to our Public Works Department and all the volunteers for making the park a show stopper for this year's Christmas in Coburg. To say it was a success would be an understatement. Thank You again for all of your hard work, it is greatly appreciated!



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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 sarah.larracilla@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