

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Communicating with Our Citizens

Ray Smith, Mayor

I have been Coburg Mayor for over four years now. This has been a challenging and rewarding journey. Coburg has seen tremendous growth in its residential neighborhoods. We completed a Vision Process which helped us plan for our future. I have strived to open communication between our government and its citizens. Our staff and City Council worked diligently to create open and timely communication. The increased response from citizens has been encouraging. Input from citizens allows the City to make better decisions for all of our residents.

For years, many important decisions were made with little to no input from citizens. Public notices would be published and posted for issues that would have profound effects on the City and its future. All too often, no citizens would testify. I would consider a public hearing well attended if 4 to 6 people showed up!

City communication has improved

and correspondingly, so has our citizen input. It is fairly common now to have a handful of citizens present at City Council meetings. Along the same lines, our citizen committees are more involved in our decision process. Most recently, our Park and Tree committee has been working with staff and consultants in the design of Johnny Diamond Park, and planning for future developments.

Another committee was formed to help the city update its development code in our Highway/Commercial zones. These committees bring various perspectives and expertise into our decision process.

The greatest resource of Coburg is our people.

We have so many highly skilled people in our town! I am constantly amazed at the talents that reside in the small town.

One of my goals for the coming



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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.



MAY 2020

- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-163-R Criminal Code adoption
- Approved Resolution 2020-10 Approving the Transfer of Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019-20
- Approved Resolution 2020-13 Cyber Security Policy for the City of Coburg
- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Cottage Grove for Building Permit Program

JUNE 2020

- Appointed Terry Dawson and Jeffery Milam to 3 year terms on Budget Committee
- Adopted Ordinance A-163-R Criminal Code
- Approved Resolution 2020-11 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Shared Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2020-12 Declaring the City's Certification of Eligibility for State Shared Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2020-14 Setting the Salary and Classification Schedule for FY 2020-21
- Approved Resolution 2020-15 Adopting the City Budget for FY 2020-21 creating appropriations, setting tax and imposing the tax
- Approved to Recommend to OLCC that they grant Morelos Mexican Restaurant a liquor License

City Council
Summer Recess

No August Meeting

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

- Approved Resolution 2020-01-U Adopting the Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Get Involved!

The City of Coburg's Historic Preservation Committee is now accepting applications! Call City Hall 541-682-7850 for details.



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

May/June

- New Subdivision Application (Wiechert Homes)

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

May/June

- Worked with Wiechert Homes, new subdivision applicant, on park and open space design and requirements

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

May/June

- No meetings held

Budget Committee

May/June

- Public Hearing on Resolution 2020-11 declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenue
- Recommend the 2020-21 Fiscal year Budget to City Council
- Recruitment for two positions on the Budget Committee that terms expired, interviewed Terry Dawson and Jeffrey Milam and recommend to Council that they be appointed.



Finance/Audit Committee

May/June

- No meetings held
- Next meeting July 28th

2020 General Election



Three City Councilor positions and the position of Mayor for the City of Coburg will be up for election during the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Mayor's position has a term of two years.

Completed petitions must be filed with the City Election Official by 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2020.

There are many steps to completing the petitions, so please allow yourself additional time due to Covid-19 regulations. To schedule an appointment with the City Election Officer, contact City Hall at 541-682-7850.

Councilor positions have a term of four years and the

City Council Votes to Raise Sewer Fee

The City Council mandates an annual financial review of our sewer operations in order to assure our operation costs and debt payments are appropriately covered by our revenue (sewer fees and taxes from the Urban Renewal District).

It is the priority of the City Council and staff to keep the rates as low as possible while being responsible to paying the debt and considering future operating costs.

This has been a very dynamic task considering the rapid growth of Coburg and many other less obvious factors that greatly affect the cost and revenue of the sewer system.

Every year, staff create a financial model with predictions of development growth, actual usage, maintenance and repairs, and revenues from monthly fees and property taxes collected from the Coburg Urban Renewal District. The costs of running the sewer department continue to rise as

the costs of materials and services have risen consistently at about 2% per year.

HISTORY OF RATES

2014: \$85.00 The initial monthly sewer rates were set.

2016: \$90.10 The financial model illustrated a need to adjust rates upward every year or the City would quickly exhaust available funds. The 2016 model also showed that operating costs were higher and there was a significant decrease in the Urban Renewal District tax revenue resulting from the reassessment of some industrial properties after the economic crisis.

2017: \$85.00 Reduced rates. A number of factors contributed to a much more positive outlook including increased values in the Urban Renewal District.

2020: \$86.70 The model predicts the need to slightly raise the sewer fees to cover operating costs that continue to rise. The raise in fees

will equal \$1.70 per equivalent dwelling unit beginning with the August, 2020 billing and due in September. With the current projections, the model shows the need to raise the sewer rate slightly each year in the amount equal to about \$1.75 through 2023 and then by 1% after that. However, annually this will be revisited as it is based upon projections and is subject to change as economic and development conditions change in the community.

The Council decision for this increase in fees took place on July 14th. Public comment was welcome at the meeting. In addition, each utility customer was sent a mini-newsletter regarding this in their June utility bill. The City also posted information on social media. Questions regarding this Council decision may be addressed to Anne Heath, City Administrator at 541-682-7871, or anne.heath@ci.coburg.or.us.

Summer Enforcement Reminder

It is essential to maintain noxious vegetation throughout summer. Thank you for doing your part to ensure the safety of our town and our citizens!



Parks in Progress

A special thank you to the Park|Tree Committee for your dedication and service, it's great to see your hard work paying off!



Food Pantry News

Greetings from The Coburg Food Pantry!



At this time, the pantry is well stocked and prepared. A couple of months back, we were concerned that we might not be ready to handle the extra folks who find themselves out of work and

in need of food.

Well, this amazing community, along with The Coburg Community Foundation, came to the rescue! Your generous cash donations came to a total of \$2,285.00!

Between the Coburg Food barrel at the Dairy Mart, The Foundation Food Drive and miscellaneous food

dropped off at the pantry, your donations came to a total of 803 pounds!

We are overwhelmed by your generosity and can't thank you enough!

That being said, we won't relax until there is a vaccine for this virus that is still threatening our health and well being. So, please remember us when you see a good buy on the following items:

- Condiments
- Peanut butter/Jam
- Crackers
- Canned vegetables (no beans, we have plenty)
- Canned Fruit
- Soup

Again, we are truly grateful for everyone's help!

Peggy and Patty

Patty Yarr: 831-345-3866

Peggy Wells: 541-345-6645



COBURG PANTRY
EST. 2000

Face Coverings Required Statewide Effective July 1st

Face coverings are required for indoor public spaces in every county effective July 1st. Children under 12 years of age, as well as people with a disability or a medical condition that prevent them from wearing a face covering, are not required to wear one.

Know the Facts:

Fact: We wear face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Face coverings help us keep our respiratory droplets to ourselves, which means people who wear them prevent spreading the virus to others. (1) There are many types of face coverings, scarves, bandanas, and homemade coverings with loops that go over the ears.

Fact: Face coverings don't cause dangerous carbon dioxide to build up.

Face coverings don't cause enough carbon dioxide build-up to cause ill effects in otherwise healthy people. (2) In fact, masks have a tighter seal than face coverings, and farm workers, custodial staff, and hospital employees all wear them to stay safe in their

workplaces.

Remember, though, that the following people should not wear face coverings:

- Children under age 2 years
- Anyone who has a medical condition that makes it hard to breathe when wearing a face covering.
- Anyone who has a disability that prevents the individual from wearing a face covering.

Fact: Cloth face coverings do not increase your risk of infection when used properly in public settings.

We wear cloth face coverings to help protect other people in case we have the virus—but no, wearing a cloth face covering doesn't raise your risk of infection.

(3) Be sure to wash your hands before and after touching your face covering and wash it daily.

Fact: Face coverings do not cause the virus to

“reactivate.”

Once you have a viral infection, wearing a face covering does not make it worse or make it last longer. It does, however, help you keep from spreading or passing it on to others. (4)

1. Chu DK, Akl EA, Duda S, et al. Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis 2. Derek K Chu, Elie A Akl, Stephanie Duda, Karla Solo, Sally Yaacoub, Holger J Schünemann, on behalf of the COVID-19 Systematic Urgent Review Group Effort (SURGE) study authors Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: a systematic review and metaanalysis 3. Jessica J. Bartoszko, Mohammed Abdul Malik Farooqi, Waleed Alhazzani, Mark Loeb. Medical masks vs N95 respirators*

What type of face covering do I need?

Homemade mask or face shield	Surgical Mask	N95 Respirator
		
<p>Who should wear: The general public</p>	<p>Who should wear: Health care workers and patients.</p>	<p>Who should wear: Health care workers and other professionals who regularly use N95s.</p>
<p>When to wear: When a person is unable to maintain physical distance from others; a scarf or bandana can be used if necessary.</p>	<p>When to wear: During patient interactions or routine health procedures.</p>	<p>When to wear: Caring for patients with COVID-19 and performing procedures that put someone at high risk of virus exposure.</p>
<p>Limitations on use: Cloth masks should be washed after each use. Masks should not be worn wet.</p>	<p>Limitations on use: Ideally discarded after each patient. Extended use is preferable to reuse.</p>	<p>Limitations on use: Ideally discarded after each patient. Institutions may disinfect with an approved method.</p>

For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211



New Pastor at Christ the King Church



Little did I know what was ahead of me when I arrived in Oregon in the first week of March!

My name is John Dekker and I am

the new pastor of Christ the King Church, which meets at the church on Pearl St. I moved here with my family from Australia and had two services at church before we had to close our services and post recorded sermons on our church website.

Thankfully, we have now been able to resume our normal Sunday services. (For service times and other activities, please see our website: <http://www.christthekingkirk.org/>.) Christ the King has been meeting in Coburg since 2018. Our approach is evangelical, reformed, and liturgical: “evangelical” means we emphasize the good news of how God saves sinful people through Jesus Christ; “reformed” means we emphasize the authority that God and his Word have over our lives; and “liturgical” means

our services are structured as a conversation between God and us: he speaks to us through the Bible, and we respond with prayer and praise.

I was born and raised in Tasmania, Australia, but my wife Kara is from Kansas (we met on the internet). We have four children (and another one due in October) and have been working as missionaries for the last five years in Vanuatu, a small country in the South Pacific.

Coming from a tropical climate, we are enjoying the recent warm weather here!

We would love to have you come along to a service, and if you would like to talk to me about anything, please call me on (316) 200-6266.

- John Dekker



John and Kara Dekker and their children



Coburg Fire Update



The Coburg Fire District would like to congratulate Firefighter Rachel Ulm. FF Ulm has been a firefighter with the Coburg Fire District since she was 14 years old. Her Father, Assistant Chief Ulm,

has been with the district for over 30 years. While Rachel is still an active volunteer with Coburg Fire, she is also in the Resident Volunteer program at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District in Central Oregon. On June 15th, Rachel Ulm was promoted to Lieutenant in the Resident Volunteer Program at SCSFD.

The Resident Volunteer Program teaches basic firefighting principles and practices to volunteers who are also enrolled in the Structural Fire Science and Paramedic associate's degree

programs at Central Oregon Community College. Resident Volunteers live in the main fire station in Sisters and respond on emergencies alongside the career firefighters as they gain knowledge and experience. The Resident Volunteer Lieutenant serves as the lead Resident Volunteer, assisting the Deputy Chief in managing the program, and providing leadership to the other Resident Volunteers. Additionally, the Resident Volunteer Lieutenant attends Eastern Oregon University working on a bachelor's degree in Fire Service Administration.

All your Coburg Fire Family is proud of your accomplishments and hard work. Keep it up!

Congratulations Rachel!



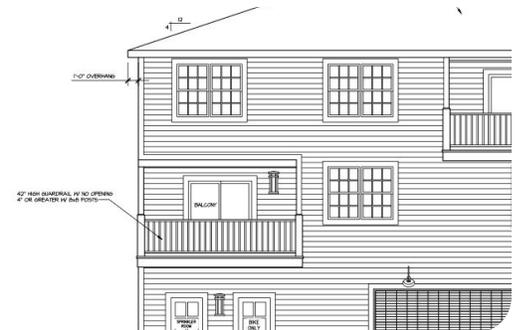
Build Out Scenario Project

Ever wonder what future development in Coburg could look like? Curious what current zoning code and design standards would allow to be built? To provoke answers to these questions and illustrate potential scenarios for future development in the community, the City of Coburg is working in partnership with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) and the Urban Collaborative, LLC, to analyze the build out potential of the area, including residential and commercial lots.

The build out scenario project aims to explore development scenarios as the population grows. These scenarios will help the community to envision different types and densities of growth to better

understand how it wants to grow. The scenarios address the projected increase in population with existing buildable land, meeting additional housing demand and employment needs over time.

There will be exciting opportunities for residents to engage with the build out scenario project, so please stay tuned while we work out the details!



CCCS Update



Summer is here! The final months of school were not how any of us imagined. The CCCS Staff misses our students so much, and we can't wait to see them again in the Fall. We had a super fun staff parade through Coburg waving at students, families, and the

community to say goodbye for the Summer!

The 2019-20 school year has just ended, but we are already planning for the 2020-21 school year. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) released guidance for all schools, public and private, to help us prepare for school in the fall. Our staff will be working throughout the summer to come up with the best possible plan for the upcoming school year.

The Department of Education is collaborating with school leaders, teachers, health professionals, community partners, families, and students and reviewing research from across the world to guide schools' to the safest reentry plans.

How You Can Help

Community involvement & support is incredibly important to us at CCCS. Here are a few ways you can support us in these uncertain times:

- Amazon Smile: Log onto your amazon account and choose Coburg Community Charter School as your non-profit of choice, and a portion of your purchases is donated to CCCS!
- Blue Bag Fundraiser: Email community@coburgcharter.org to pick up some blue can bags! We will even take them back for you, just ask!
- Direct Donations: All direct donations can be mailed to 91274 N. Coburg Road, Coburg, OR 97408

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com
PCS Questions? pcs@coburgcharter.org
Volunteer & Community Questions? community@coburgcharter.org

Rent Relief

Applications for Rent Assistance for Lane County Renters Open July 15

Eligibility applications for rent assistance for Lane County renters opens on Wednesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22.

A total of \$5.1 million is available. The funding was provided by the federal COVID-19 CARES Act.

Eligible households that complete an application will be selected for funding via a lottery for expenses acquired beginning on March 1, 2020.

See important eligibility requirements and find the online application on Lane County's website.



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year is to revitalize our Heritage Committee. We are currently seeking new members for this five member panel. I am hoping to see some work on our Visioning goals.



We need to create a way to preserve and show off our heritage. As time goes by, so do many opportunities to share and celebrate Coburg's history.

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

2020 Census

It's not too late to fill out the census!

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, bikeways, and other public transit systems.

Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

A graphic for the US Census Bureau featuring a stylized American flag with red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. Below the flag, the text reads: "The US Census Bureau does NOT send mail to PO Boxes!". Underneath, it says: "If you still haven't received or completed your census form, please visit 2020census.gov or call the following phone lines to respond: English: 844-330-2020 Spanish: 844-468-2020". At the bottom, a small line of text says: "It is VERY important Coburg is counted correctly, so please respond today!". The graphic is framed by a dark blue border with white stars at the bottom.

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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 megan.winner@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