

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Stepping Up to the Challenge

Ray Smith, Mayor

As the world deals with the COVID 19 pandemic so many routines and priorities are gone or are reclassified. Fear is certainly at the forefront of our day-to-day thoughts. Anxiety and impatience will continue to build as we wait for more details to answer our many questions. A sense of helplessness is obvious in so many conversations.

However, as we wade through this slow-motion disaster, we are blessed by the presence of so many wonderful people in our community.

With input from so many of our community leaders, we are moving forward through the unknown and organizing our resources into a community power group that is building a recovery plan for the future of Coburg.

The City of Coburg, the Coburg Community Foundation, and the

Coburg Chamber of Commerce, have been working together to determine where to place our combined resources to best help those in need in our community.

The Coburg Community Foundation is a relatively new resource to our community. It is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) agency. With this designation, they provide greater flexibility to access resources through donations, grants, and volunteers. This coordination and flexibility will help organize those that can help to assist those that need help. Beyond the emergency, the Foundation can continue to be a clearinghouse for garnering resources to support projects and programs throughout our community.

On April 21, the Coburg City Council voted to allocate up to \$50,000 to create an assistance program for businesses and households within the City of



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City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed and issues likely to be discussed in the next couple of months.



MARCH 2020

- Proclaimed April 2020 “Child Abuse Prevention Month”
- Proclaimed April 24, 2020 “Arbor Day in the City of Coburg”
- Approved Resolution 2020-04 A One Time Award of 1.5% of June 30, 2019 Salary to City Staff
- Approved Resolution 2020-05 Approving a Dedication of Public Right of Way from Coburg North Condominium
- Adopted Resolution 2020-06 Declaring a State of Emergency
- Adopted Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2020
- Authorized Johnny Diamond Park Public Improvement Contract

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday, June 9, 7pm

APRIL 2020

- Work Session held on April 14th
- Appointed City Administrator, Anne Heath as 2020/21 Budget Officer
- Approved Resolution 2020-07 Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers for 2020/21
- Approved Resolution 2020-08 Disbursement of Funds to the Coburg Community Foundation
- Approved Resolution 2020-09 Approving Utility Billing Relief Due to Covid-19
- Denied Serenity Lane System Development Charge Deferral Request
- Approved Change Order for Jonny Diamond Park
- Approved Contract with Lane County to Provide Dispatch Services
- Appointed Seth Clark to Planning Commission

Upcoming Meetings

Due to the governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, City Council will hold public meetings by video. Limited people will be allowed in City Hall.



Contact City Hall at least 24 hours before meeting for instruction on how Public Comment or Citizen Testimony will be taken.

- **Budget Committee, Tuesday, May 19, 7PM**
- **URA Budget Committee, Tuesday, May 26, 6PM**
- **Budget Committee, Tuesday, May 26, 6:15 PM**
- **URA, Tuesday, June 9, 6:45PM**
- **City Council, Tuesday, June 9, 7PM**



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

March/April

- New Planning Commissioner Recommendation

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

March/April

- No meetings held

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

March/April

- No meetings held

Budget Committee

March/April

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee

March/April

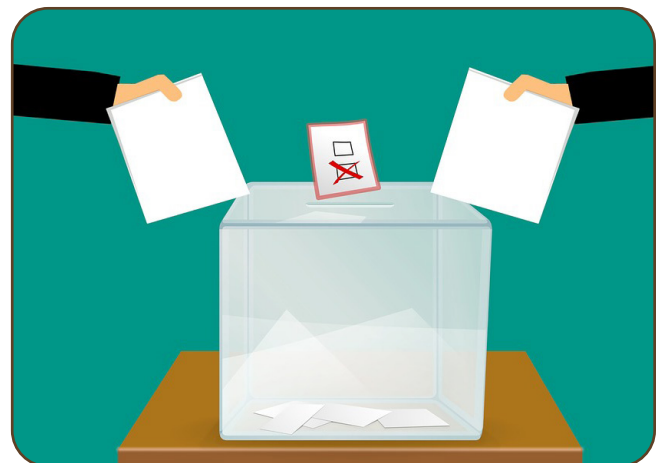
- No meetings held
- Meetings scheduled for May 19 and May 26



2020 General Election

Positions of Mayor and three (3) Council Positions will appear on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot.

The filing period for interested candidates began on June 3, 2020. The filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by August 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm.



Food Pantry News

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the pantry has had to change the process of how we distribute food. Our little pantry isn't large enough to allow for folks to come inside to shop, so we have pre-packed boxes for them. People drive up to tables all set up with pre-packed boxes of food. They stay in their cars, pop their trunks and we loaded the food into the cars. It has worked out really well.

The Coburg Community Foundation has stepped up in a big way. They have offered to help us out with meeting the needs of the



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additional families that may find themselves in need of assistance during this frustrating time. They held a fundraiser on the Coburg Community Foundation Facebook site and have raised over \$1600 for the Food Pantry! The fundraiser is still open if you would like to donate. We are overwhelmed with how much support we have and feel incredibly blessed to live in this wonderful, generous community.

During this scary time, I understand that many folks may want to bring a donation to our barrel in the Dairy Mart, but feel uncomfortable walking through the store to get to the barrel back in the post office.



We have moved the donation barrel to the front of the store so if you are bringing in a donation, you only have to step inside and leave it in the barrel.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with our Food Bank and for those of you who have contributed food and money. We will all get through this.

Patty Yarr: 831-345-3866
Peggy Wells: 541-345-6645

Food Items Needed

Food For Lane County is still providing us with some foods, but to supplement, we are still in need of the following items:

- Canned Fruit/vegetables
- Egg noodles
- Spaghetti noodles
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Jam
- Salad dressing
- Cereal
- Soup (no tomato)
- Canned chili
- Spaghettios
- Canned Ravioli
- Baked Beans
- Boxed dinners: Rice a Roni, Stove Top, etc.
- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Crackers
- Baking flour (Bisquick)

Coburg Food Pantry Hours:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm



Volunteers Needed at Serenity Lane

COVID-19 does not stop the life saving work of drug and alcohol treatment we do inside our gates here at Serenity Lane. In order to help our patients continue to focus on the work of recovery, we have implemented a couple of community service initiatives that we invite our neighbors to be a part of.

- First, we are in need of cloth face masks for our patients and staff. These help ensure we are continuing to go above and beyond the CDC recommendations to keep everyone safe inside our walls. If you are ready to sew and/or already are making masks, please let us know. Your efforts could help out right here in Coburg.
- Second, we need to be sure that everyone coming onto our campus is free of COVID symptoms. Any and all persons (staff, patients and vendors) entering our campus are asked a series of health questions and are having their temperature taken. We have started to recruit volunteers for this essential function. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer greeter and screener, please visit serenitylane.org/volunteer.



For questions about either of these opportunities, please email Stephanie Edwards, Alumni and Community Relations Manager at sedwards@serenitylane.org.

Meet Councilor McConnell

Patty McConnell moved to Coburg in 1966 when her parents became pastors at the local Christian Church. She remains a part of this community except for a few years move into Eugene.

Patty has lived in various parts of this wonderful town, including nearly 20 years in the Brockway Neet historical home. She and Bryan, her husband of 30 years, now reside in the new development at the end of Christian Way.

Patty is the retired former owner of Old Dominion Collision Repair, which is located in Eugene. She brings not only her love of Coburg to City Council, but also her experiences owning a collision repair facility at a time when women were not well

represented in the autobody repair business.

She and Bryan raised six teenagers together. They have both served two terms each on the Coburg Planning Commission.

Retired life has given her the opportunity to pursue her passion for Encaustic Art and Fiber Art and to travel with her husband in their Sprinter Van, which they designed and had built specifically for their interests: biking, hiking, and surfing (Bryan's passion).



Coburg Community Grange Update

Coburg Community Grange would like to say thank you to our community for their continued support over the past few years. You have all been so wonderful with your support of all of our fundraisers, and we can't thank you enough. As we move forward during these trying times, we are all trying to do what is best for our families and our community. Unfortunately, that makes for some really tough choices, but we will do what we can to ensure the safety of our community.

We have made the decision that this year's "Coburg Golden Years" will be canceled. This was a very hard decision to make as this is one of our largest fundraisers. This event also serves as a fundraiser for other organizations in the community, plus it is a helpful promotional tool for local businesses. We will come back and we will be as strong as ever.



We have not made a decision as of yet what we are going to do with the "Coburg Car Classic," but as soon as we decide we will let everyone know.

We are in hope that this will all be behind us in time for our "Christmas in Coburg", as we are still looking forward to Breakfast with Santa, Parade of Lights, Bon Fire, and the Chili Feed.

If anyone in our community needs a hand up please contact me personally as the Grange will help with what we can do to help you get through this. We do have a few resources, and we have a community of resources that we can use to get you the support that you need.

We would like to say thank you to the Coburg Rural Fire Protection District for all they do for our community. Not only are they there when we need them, they put themselves at risk so that we are protected and safe in our community. These are fine men & women from our community who come to the district to VOLUNTEER their time to protect us. Please take the time when you see them out and about to say THANKS for all you do (remembering social distancing).

We also want to say Thanks to the

"Coburg Public Works", Brian and Crew have not missed a beat during this tough time to keep our community running as if nothing has changed. They do their job of keeping this community in top shape. They are tasked with some very dirty jobs, but they get it done and do their best for all of us in Coburg.

We all have a part in this current situation we are dealing with, and if we all do our part as we move forward we will come out of this stronger than ever. Remember to take a minute of your time to look over the fence or across the street to make sure your neighbors are doing ok. Remember this community has some great resources and great people who all want up to step to help those in need.

Dont be afraid to ask as we are all in this together, and people really do want to help each other to get through this.

We are Coburg-strong and we will get through this " TOGETHER."

Master Coburg Community Grange

Joseph Morneau
541 228-8650

Committee Vacancies

Budget Committee

- Closes May 22nd at 5PM

Contact City Hall for more information at 541-682-7850.

Heritage Committee

- Open until filled



Coburg Chamber of Commerce

Sharyl Abbaspour, President

What a difference a couple of months can make.



We are all sitting in our homes right now. Working, gardening, entertaining kids, binge watching Netflix, in general, keeping each other safe. If you are like me, you're also learning

new skills. Zoom, video chats, conference calling and even video cocktail parties! Call me!

The Chamber continues to stay busy reaching out to our local businesses and the citizens of Coburg to see if we can assist in anyway. With the help of the City, Megan from RARE and Ariel with Oregon RAIN we have done our best to keep businesses informed of different programs that are being offered to help keep them afloat. We don't want to see any of our small businesses having to shutter after this crisis is over.

I have been in conversation with many committee chairs who work hard putting on the events we celebrate in Coburg. There are events that will be postponed for this year and others that are waiting to see what the climate will be 6 weeks out from the event. There are so many things to consider. It costs money for these events. So, they must ask themselves if we have the event will we have people attend? Do we want an influx of people in our community? Will the attendees have the money to support the event? It's a lot to consider. We will do our best to keep you informed.

You can do your part to help Coburg thrive. Be a good neighbor and check on the elderly. Order take-out from our local restaurants. Donate food or money to our food bank. Stay safe. Stay local.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me (Sharyl Abbaspour) at 541.521.1717

Noxious Vegetation

Certain types of vegetation need to be managed to address health, fire, traffic, and overall visual impact to our community. It is considerate to maintain your property/adjacent right-of-way all year.

However between June 1st- September 30th, all



noxious vegetation must be maintained by the property owner including:

- Grass/Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Remove all poison oak/ivy & blackberry bushes that extend onto public property or across your property line
- Remove other vegetation that is a Health hazard

- Fire hazard because it is near other combustibles
- Traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous
- Agricultural crops are exempt (unless a hazard)

Thank you for helping to keep Coburg safe and beautiful!

If the property owner is unwilling or unable to control noxious vegetation during this season, the City will abate such for a fee sufficient to cover the city's costs 10 or more days after the final publication of the notice and to charge the cost of doing so on any particular parcel of property to the owner thereof, the person in charge thereof or the property itself.

Utility Billing Assistance

Temporary Assistance

In April, City Council adopted a Resolution that



allows some relief for Utility Billing customers financially impacted by COVID-19. For more information and to find out if you qualify,

please call City Hall at 541-682-7850.

Annual Limited Income Assistance for Water and Wastewater

The City offers a reduced fee to income-eligible utility billing customers who live in the City Limits. If you are currently enrolled in the program you must re-apply every year. Applications being excepted until June 30, 2020.

Coburg Community Assistance Program

In response to the Covid-19



crisis and rising concerns regarding the health and well-being of the entire

community including residents and businesses, the Coburg City Council has voted to allocate up to \$50,000 from the Economic Development Department budget to create a community assistance program in Coburg.

The Coburg Community Foundation will act as an impartial third party administrator of this designated assistance fund. Chamber President Sharyl Abbaspour will chair a selection committee which will be tasked with reviewing all applications and awarding funds based upon a selection criteria.

The intention of the City Council in making this allocation was to seed a Coburg Community Assistance Fund.

Individuals, businesses or other organizations that wish to donate to this fund should

contact Leah Claypool, Board Chair of the Coburg Community Foundation, at coburgcf@gmail.com.

Business applications will be available starting on Friday, May 8th and will be taken through Sunday, May 17th. Once reviewed, awards will be disbursed within seven days of the selection process. Applicants must be a small business with 25 or less employees operating legally within the city limits of Coburg.

Individual applications will also be

available on Friday, May 8th and will be taken on an ongoing basis so long as funds are available. Criteria for applicant qualifications and on-line applications may be obtained at beginning on May 8, 2020.

It is the intention of all organizations involved that through the development of this fund, assistance continue far beyond the Covid-19 emergency to meet the needs of the community.

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COVID-19 COBURG AREA CALL CENTER

541-682-7878

Volunteers are here to answer questions and to help you identify needed resources.

(Community Assistance continued)

If you or someone you know needs assistance due to Covid-19, please call 541-682-7878.

This is a message phone and your phone call will be returned. Your message will be confidential and passed to the appropriate party to assist you.

In addition to the above fund the City Council approved an addition to the current utility assistance program for those who have lost employment due to Covid-19. For more information regarding this program please contact Sammy Egbert at 541-682-7852.



Oregon RAIN

Calling all small business owners and entrepreneurs! If you are interested in being a part of the Coburg entrepreneurial ecosystem of founders, owners, mentors, advisors and more, please join us at Oregon RAIN! We offer free mentoring, coaching, educational workshops and more - provided by the City of Coburg. Reach out to Ariel if you are in need of assistance, connections or support - especially during these challenging times: ariel@oregonrain.org. For the last few months we have been offering online workshops on various

business topics such as "How to Apply for Disaster Relief Funding," "Social Media During Covid-19," and "How To Move Your Business Online." Register for our upcoming workshops at www.oregonrain.org/events. Coming up we have the founder of Tofurky, Seth Tibbott, sharing his founding story and ways to weather the covid storm as a food and beverage business. Please reach out for any business assistance you can think of, big or small. We are here to help!

Coburg Community Foundation Update

How to begin? These are (insert your favorite COVID19 quarantine related adjective here.. unprecedented, uncertain, unforeseen, un-frickin-believable..) times we are living in. We may have never been in this situation before, but that doesn't mean that our community doesn't know how to work together to solve problems and help each other. Community members have been stepping up to help in all sorts of ways these last few weeks. There are new examples every day of people helping their neighbors and the community as a whole. They are making masks, donating to the little library, putting puzzles out to share, delivering fresh eggs, and running errands for neighbors who can't go out. Those are just a few examples of how we are helping one another every day. To all those helpers, I want to say thank you.

On behalf of the Coburg Community Foundation and

the Coburg Food Pantry I would also like to thank everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry fundraiser and become a "Pantry Partner" over the last few weeks. At the time this article was written, nearly \$3,000 had been raised to help fight food insecurity in our community. This is an amazing demonstration of community support for the work of the Food Pantry and its dedicated volunteers.

The Coburg Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and is there to meet the needs of the community. If you are in need of food assistance, please make use of this incredible resource. If you would like to support the work of the Coburg Food Pantry, please consider making a monetary donation or a donation of non-perishable food items in the barrel located inside Dari-Mart. Contact us at Coburgcf@gmail.com to learn more about how to donate.

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Coburg. Coburg Community Foundation will act as an impartial third party administrator for this designated assistance program. The parameters for the dispersal of this money will be refined by a committee with representatives from community organizations and the community at large.

The grant program will be initially funded with \$25,000 and will be dispersed to qualified recipients. If further need is established, the remaining \$25,000 funding (for the total of \$50,000) can be distributed. (You can read more about this endeavor on page 9 of this newsletter)

Coburg's biggest resource is its citizens.

Although these are challenging times, our citizens are stepping up to the challenge. It has been so rewarding to work with so many that want to help make things better for all of us. I want to thank the many business owners and individuals providing caring support for our community.

I want to recognize the following organizations: The Coburg Community Foundation, The Coburg Chamber of Commerce, Coburg Food Pantry and Oregon RAIN. The efforts of these organizations will make Coburg a stronger community as we move forward.

Efforts like this will help us get through the COVID19 emergency and in the future, will continue to provide a fulcrum for leveraging projects and programs both large and small in Coburg. In this time of crises, I do see a brighter future for Coburg.

Be safe!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

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



2020 Census



The 2020 Census is underway - more than half the households across America have responded - and more are responding every day. Coburg's self-response rate is only 44%, while the state is 60%. Of course, the Census Bureau's goal is 100% response. Further, Coburg stands

to lose revenues if our census is not reported correctly; therefore, it's very important every citizen responds as soon as possible. Online, phone and mailed self-responses will continue throughout the data collection process so if you haven't filled yours out, it's time to be counted! Visit 2020census.gov to self-respond online or get more information, or complete the questionnaire by calling 844-330-2020.

Street Funding Update

The Mayor has decided to postpone any decisions related to street funding until after the COVID-19 emergency is over.



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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