

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Welcome 2021

Ray Smith, Mayor

We are done with 2020. While the pandemic continues, we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. 2020 is definitely a year for the books. We will all have our personal stories regarding a devastating pandemic with social distancing and masks becoming a part of our daily lives. Now that vaccines are available we can see relief ahead.

While 2020 will be remembered as the year of the pandemic, it was also a year that Coburg had some significant achievements.

Most importantly, critical city services were never interrupted. Daily water and sewer monitoring were maintained, as well as Police services.

The City was able to purchase property for a new water well.

This third well will provide additional water, but more importantly, it will provide greater disaster resiliency. We have also completed a bore under interstate 5 which placed a 24-inch conduit that will connect city services to the east side of the freeway.

We have secured all the easements needed to build a new elevated water reservoir on the east side of I-5. This increases our storage capacity which is critical for firefighting in the City and allows us to use gravity to distribute water in an emergency.

We completed the beautiful new Johnny Diamond Park in the Coburg Crossing development.

This unique park is the culmination of citizen input which guided many hours of planning and work by our Park|Tree Committee and Public Works staff.

We were able to remodel City Hall



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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 2020

- Elected Ray Smith as Mayor for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2022
- Elected Nancy Bell, Kyle Blain and John Fox as City Councilors for four-year terms expiring December 31, 2024
- Approved contract with Kennedy Jenks for Wastewater Engineering Professional Services
- Appointed Jonathan Derby, John Marshall and William Wood to serve two year terms on the Planning Commission
- Council held a Work Session on the Build Out Scenario survey



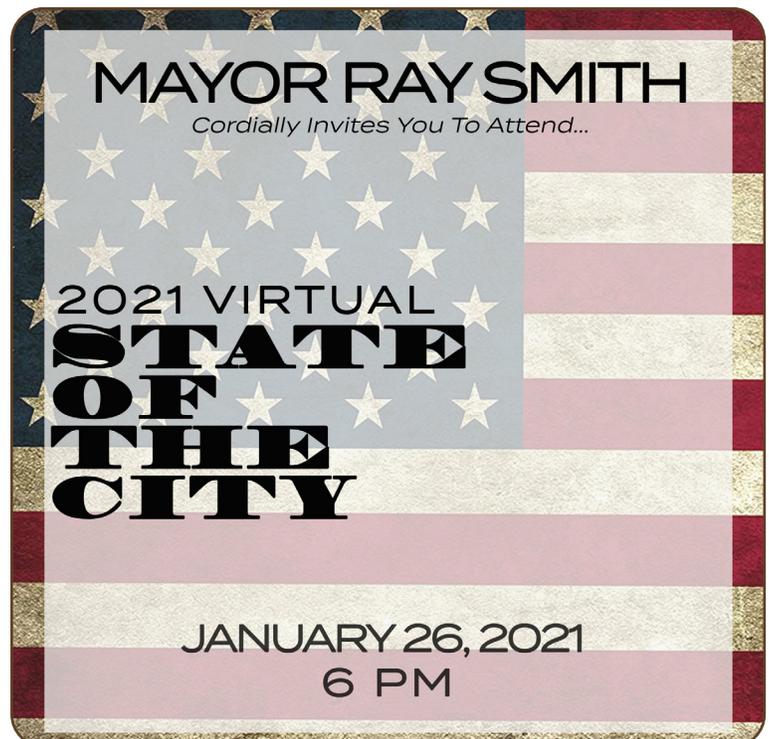
DECEMBER 2020

- Approved Resolution 2020-20 Providing a procedure for water billing leak adjustments
- Approved Resolution 2020-22 Creating a Zoning Code review Ad-Hoc Committee
- Approved Resolution 2020-23 Accepted the Results of the November 3, 2020 General Election

State of the City

Tune into the Mayor's Annual State of the City! Hear all about Coburg's progress and accomplishments over the past year and learn more about what is in store for the community in 2021.

Due to circumstances surrounding the pandemic, the event will be presented virtually over Zoom and livestreamed at coburgoregon.org on Tuesday, January 26 at 6 p.m. Find more information on our website or our Facebook page as the date approaches.



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission

November/December

- Reappointed 3 Commissioners
- Approved VAR-01-20, a variance for a carport within the side-yard setback
- Approved SUB-02-20, a subdivision for 26 lots

Park/Tree Committee

November/December

- November meeting canceled
- Goal development

Heritage Committee

November/December

- New member appointed
- Developed & set goals for 2021

Budget Committee

November/December

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee

November/December

- November meeting canceled



Coburg Police Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the CHETT Program (Community Help Easing Troubled Times)!

About the CHETT Program

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

innocent family members of perpetrators), or people in the community with little hope or few options.

We are still accepting donations to the program!

To contribute, please contact Larry Larson, Chief of Police, at 541-682-7853 or larry.larson@ci.coburg.or.us, or mail to P.O. Box 8306.



Wastewater Do's and Don'ts



We want to make sure that you all know about your STEP System!

The City of Coburg Public Works Department wants to let you know that they maintain your tank, pump, and pump control/alarm. This includes routine maintenance, pumping, and repairs. You no longer have that responsibility. A public easement on your property provides the City access for wastewater system maintenance. What this means is that there are only three items that the home/business owner is responsible for.

1. Providing power to the City-owned pump control/ alarm Panel.
2. The sewer line coming from each building to the inlet of the tank
3. Maintaining complete access to city owned controls, tanks, and pumps.

DON'Ts

- Do not flush or drain fats, grease, toxic chemicals/ paints/acid, any caustic substances, sanitary

products, diapers/wipes, more than minimal garbage disposal use or septic additives

- Drive Over Septic Tank unless you have an approved traffic rated top!
 - It is not built to withstand the weight and may collapse.
- Build Over or within Five Feet of Tank
 - This includes structures (decks) and paving. Pavers, planters, and large rocks are strongly discouraged.
- Disconnect Electrical Connections
 - This will cause the pump or alarm to stop operating and the tank to back up.
- Open Tank
 - The gasses in a septic tank/ oxygen depletion can be fatal.
- Make an Unpermitted Connection
 - For example, RV waste, hot-tub/pool drainage clogs equipment. Rain gutter or storm water connections are prohibited.
- Dig or excavate in your yard
 - If you are planning on digging in your yard for any reason, including driving steaks for a garden, please call 811. The Public Works Department and other Utilities will give you information on what is in the ground before you dig. And it's free to you!



DO's

Do call Coburg Public Works at

541-683-0081 (24 hours/day)

- If your pump alarm sounds.
- If you notice the red light is on or flashing.
- If you notice septic water/smell around tank.

Do Contact City Hall for a Comprehensive Homeowner's Manual that includes recommendations for non-chemical cleaning and water conservation.

Please ensure that every member of your household/business are familiar with these measures. Also if you have guests, be sure to tell them, too. Together with these preventive measures, along with the City's routine maintenance, the wastewater system should continue to function for decades. The City of Coburg looks forward to many years of a partnership with you in operating our wastewater system.

We can't say it enough. If you hear your alarm going off, please call the Emergency Pager: 541-683-0081 (24 hours/day and 7 days/week)

Wastewater system questions
Utility billing questions:

Public Works 541-682-7857
Utility Billing 541-682-7850

Emergency Management CAEV



Are you interested in emergency preparedness, helping your

neighbors, or improving resiliency against disasters in the community? The CAEV team is looking for new members!

Coburg Area Emergency Volunteer "CAEV" Member Job Description

This description is based on the FEMA CERT training and the needs of the local area. CAEV members will be trained by either Coburg Fire and/or Certified FEMA trainers. Previous experience and training, when accompanied by documentation/transcripts, will also be honored in CAEV members. CERT members will normally be unpaid volunteers of the City of Coburg and/or Coburg Fire Department during emergencies.

- CAEV members can participate in local/regional Disaster Preparedness activities: They will address hazards specific to the community, and cover actions that participants and their families take before, during and after a disaster as well as an overview of federal, state and local

laws governing volunteers.

- CAEV members can participate in Emergency First Aid Operations: Participants practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques. They can evaluate patients by doing a head to toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area and performing basic first aid.
- CAEV members can participate in Light Search and Rescue Operations: Participate in search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques and rescuer safety.
- CAEV members can participate in radio communications with other teams, the Incident Commander and within their own group.
- CAEV members may assist in the Coburg Emergency Operation Center (City Hall) as directed.

Coburg Area Emergency Volunteers Activation and Use

The primary command and control agency for the Coburg Area Emergency Volunteers shall be the City Administrator or Mayor or Incident Commander for the City of Coburg.

Secondary command and

control shall be with the Chief (or Designee) of Coburg Fire Department.

Activation Protocol

Upon the declaration of an emergency by the above entities, the CAEV members will report to either City Hall or the Coburg Fire Department, with their equipment, for instructions for the emergency situation. In the absence of an emergency declaration for any reason, but with obvious emergency need evident, the team will report to City Hall or Coburg Fire for action within their job description. A log will be kept of all significant actions while deployed.

Present Needs for CERT

1. Vetting by City of Coburg of members (criminal background checks and identity),
2. Designation of vetted CAEV members as volunteers of the City of Coburg,
3. I.D. Card/Lanyard by City,
4. Orange vests for members when activated,
5. Training by City in EOC operations,
6. Training by Coburg Fire or Police in basics of traffic control, enrollment in alert phone system,
7. Summer and fall integration

Coburg Chamber Update



By the time you read this newsletter we will have put Christmas and New Year's behind us. It was, shall we say, an altered Christmas compared to what we are used to here in Coburg. Covid has all of us living day-to-day because of ever-changing guidelines that are presented to us when we least expect it.

Nevertheless, we persisted! We had a beautiful small town presentation of lights, community spirits and helping our neighbors through this trying time. Again a big thank you to the community for your understanding and originality in helping with carrying on the celebration. Chamber has reconvened through Zoom meetings and we are moving forward

with the business of chamber.

Our Main Street committees are forming and will meet in January. Some of the committees that are forming are branding, bike kiosk, marketing, art for downtown Coburg, and a facade for the front of City Hall. If any of these committees appeal to you or you just want to know more about Main Street, please contact Megan Winner, Main Street Director, and she can hook you up (541.682.7862).

If you are a business or citizen of Coburg, I would like to invite you to join us at Chamber. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at noon. You can contact me, Sharyl Abbaspour, at 541.521.1717.

Coburg Community Grange Update



We would like to start out by saying that we hope you had a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. The year 2020 was crazy, to put it nicely. We've all seen the changes and modifications to all of our businesses in town. Please keep supporting them.

We would like to thank Coburg Public Works for all of their hard work of decorating Pavilion Park this year and the hanging of the banners on the light posts. Great job and it's very festive.

Christmas in Coburg 2020 mix was a way to try and celebrate Christmas in the community. We weren't able to have the Light Parade as usual because of "hiccups," so the idea of bell ringing and sirens came into the "mix." We missed serving the chili, but hope we can do it in 2021. The Grange set up a photo op on

the porch since Santa was not able to meet with the kids as usual. Please share your pictures on 'I Love Coburg' Facebook page so we can enjoy them, too.

The Grange did a bit of upgrading to the back steps of our building. The wooden steps had rotted out and needed replaced for some time. Thank you to Joe Nation for getting us safer steps. Next will be hand rails. The first of the year will slow down for a while for us all and so nothing major is on the agenda.

Please. Stay healthy in the New Year and we hope to see you at a meeting. We're always looking for new members. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We keep the meetings at about an hour, so come check us out.

- Terri Morneau

Coburg Community Foundation Update



It seems we have made it across the threshold of a new year. I am hopeful that 2021 will bring some much needed relief to families and communities across the country. I am especially

hopeful that we can see some things return to normal in our own community in the coming year.

Coburg Community Foundation finished out 2020 by returning the Trashy Tree to the community. Thanks to all those who participated and to those who followed the tree's journey through our neighborhoods. We have had a lot of fun putting this event together the last two years. We hope you all have enjoyed it too.

You may have noticed that the CCF website has been unavailable recently. We have been working hard to

create a new website that we hope will be user friendly across all platforms and provide plenty of information about what is happening in the community. Please visit our website when you have a moment (www.coburgfoundation.org). We will be continuing to add new elements throughout the year, so be sure to keep checking back.

The Coburg Food Pantry is now under the CCF umbrella. The Coburg Food Pantry serves anyone in need. If you are experiencing food insecurity or just need a bit of assistance from time to time, the Coburg Food Pantry can help. For more information please contact coburgcf@gmail.com.



Who's That Employee?

Dan was a life-long resident of Oakridge until 2015. He has three boys and assists with coaching their baseball teams. Any time not at work is spent outside hunting, fishing, and camping.

Dan joined the Coburg Police Department in April 2020 as a Reserve Officer and was hired in November as a Patrol Officer and FTO "Field Training Officer."

His interest in law enforcement began as a cadet with the Oakridge Police Department in 1998. He became a 9-1-1 Dispatcher for the Oakridge Police Department shortly after high school. Dan enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2003 and served a four-year enlistment at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana as a Patrolman and Game



Warden.

Upon leaving the Air Force at the end of his enlistment in 2007, Dan began his career as a Police Officer, working for the Oakridge, Newport and Junction City Police Departments; logging a total of approximately 15 years of patrol experience. During this time, he graduated from the Detective's Academy in 2017, received a sniper/observer certification, served as a Field Training Officer (FTO), served as an Acting Chief of Police and held the position of a Patrol Sergeant.

Dan is extremely excited about coming to work for the City of Coburg. "Of all the departments I've been involved with, none come close to having the support from the community that I have experienced here in Coburg" he said. We're really excited to have Dan as part of the team. Welcome, Officer Miller!

New Well Site Purchased by the City with an Unexpected Heritage Park Included in the Deal

The City has purchased a site for a third public well on Stallings Lane. After two years of searching for an appropriate well sites, the City landed on a site that will produce the quality and quantity of water needed. The design of the well facility will take place over the next few months with the actual development taking place in the Spring of 2021.

The City purchased the approximately five acres with a down payment of \$242,500 with the remainder to be paid by December 31, 2022. The total amount paid for the property was \$512,500.

The new site was purchased from the Morneau

Family Trust. They stepped forward with an offer of the land out of a family interest to help the community. They had one stipulation and that was that at least one acre would be set aside to honor their mother, Julia Morneau, with an agricultural heritage park dedicated to the history of farming in Coburg. The park will be called the Julie Morneau Heritage Park.

Planning for the park will take place over the next couple of years with the leadership from the Park|Tree Committee as well as the Heritage Committee. Community input on the design of the park will be part of the process.

Who was Julia Morneau?

Julia Morneau, known to her family and friends as Julie, was an original “Rosie the Riveter” working in the shipyards in Portland during WWII. She left high school in the middle of her senior year to go to work. She was only 17 years old at the time and ran her own crew. Yet she still managed to graduate high school as class Salutatorian. She met her husband Joseph (HAP) (he was nicknamed Happy or Hap by his shipyard coworkers.) It was during this time the couple married in 1944 and settled in South Eugene where they built their first home. In 1955, Hap was critically injured in a construction accident and was in recovery for 7 years. In 1958, they sold their home



in Eugene and purchased the property in Coburg. It was perfect for the animals that Julie loved and it provided her a chance to raise food and earn a little money to help support the family.

Julie was in charge of the farm. They grew hay in the back field and farmed a variety of food crops such as corn, beets and carrots. Julia had cows which she milked by hand, raised beef and hogs as well as chickens and rabbits. She sold milk, cream and eggs for income. She kept a clean garden where weeds were not allowed and provided nearly all of the food that her family ate from the farm. Eating out was not an option.

They had four children: Judy Finch, Jeanne McKibben, Joan Hutchison, and Joe Morneau. Jeanne and Joe remember that the

whole family worked hard, but no one worked as hard as Mom. She not only worked on their farm, but she also worked for other local farmers running their bean fields and hoeing their crops. Her children worked beside her, and if they were too young to work at the other farms, they worked at home. They milked cows and cared for the animals. They were involved in 4-H selling the animals they raised at the auction to pay for their school clothes and supplies. Julia served as a 4-H leader and supported the Lane County Fair.

Hap passed away in 1981 from



conditions sustained in his earlier injury

Julie was always the first person to offer to help. She was a Grange member, director of Meals on Wheels, and was involved in many fund raisers. She was a Golden Lady and helped build many floats for Coburg Golden years. She ran the Stallings Lane Road Fund back when the road was just gravel. She supported the garden club and was very excited about the work of the Heritage Committee. She tutored school children who needed a little extra help.

Julie was a giver. She was happiest when she was helping others. Her door was always open and when neighbors and friends stopped

by, they never left empty handed always receiving a gift from the farm. If you were a really good friend you would know because you would have a cow, pig, steer or goat named after you. She enjoyed social time especially with the seniors for the senior lunch on Wednesdays the only time some elders got out.

Julie put her life into the farm. People remember her as the hardest working person they every knew. She was tough, dependable and would do anything to help. If you wanted something done, and done right – ask Julie Morneau.

It is fitting that a park be named not just in Julia's honor but for that which she honored. The land, the

farm, the dirt, and the animals from which all good things came.

The Julia Morneau Heritage Park will forever be a place that her children and grandchildren can visit and remember their heritage, but it will also be a place where the Coburg Community can remember its agricultural heritage as well.



CCCS Update

Moving into 2021



As we reflect on the 2020 year, we know that it has been full of so many

challenges for our community. Never before has so much been asked of students, families, and staff as we all work together to keep education moving along in the middle of this pandemic. In the midst of the struggles, we have seen so many bright moments though, and as we head into the new year, it is those bright moments we choose to focus on.

To provide the safest possible air quality we can for students and staff, bipolar ionization appliances have been installed into the air

handlers and univents in the building. We've also upgraded some electrical in the building and our phone system!

Food Drive

We were able to collect over 300 pounds of food for our local Coburg Food Pantry during our food drive this year! We love staying connected to our community, and helping support local families. Way to go Broncos!

Christmas in Coburg

We loved getting to see the kids come through the school parking lot for Christmas in Coburg! Thank you to the Coburg Fire Department for donating the hot cocoa, candy canes, and cups, the Grange for donating the stuffed animals, and the Coburg Antique

Mall for donating the ornaments that we got to hand out to every child that came by!

Thank You

As always, we are so thankful for our community and the support you all show us year in and year out. Two simple ways to help support CCCS are picking up a blue bag for cans or direct donations mailed to the school: 91274 N Coburg Rd, Coburg, OR 97408.

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions?
pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions?
community@coburgcharter.org

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and create two secure offices for our City Recorder and the Court Clerk.

Our Finance Department was able to take advantage of the current low interest rates and refinance most of our debt. By refinancing substantial loans for our water and sewer systems we were able to save over \$2,100,000 of interest over the term of those loans. We are hopeful that this will significantly ease the upward pressure on our utility fees.

The City Council authorized up to \$50,000 for emergency assistance to pandemic affected residents and businesses. With the help of the Coburg Community Foundation and the Coburg Chamber of Commerce, just under \$40,000 was distributed to qualifying applicants. This was reimbursed by a federal grant and the City Council chose to reinvest the federal reimbursement into another grant program for Coburg businesses.

Staff training in emergency incident response paid dividends for the City in 2020. With an Emergency Declaration by the Governor and subsequently by our City, Coburg initiated our Incident Command System (ICS). The FEMA based training was provided to all City Employees a couple of years ago. The ICS created assignments for prioritization of work and started a record keeping process to track the staff and materials needed to respond and operate during the emergency declaration. When Federal monies became available for reimbursement of COVID related expenses, Coburg was able to present the reimbursement expenses quickly and effortlessly because we had recorded everything under the FEMA ICS system.

This reimbursement was about \$50,000.

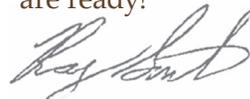
We did have to close the doors at City Hall to the public. I am proud to say that I have heard no complaints from our citizens about this action. Our citizens have been patient and understanding of our need to keep City Hall safe. Service was still available with an appointment.

We are all living with increased stress during this pandemic. My appreciation of Coburg has grown as I witness us all show respect and concern for our neighbors during a life of social distancing and masks.

After such a stressful year, we are all looking to a brighter happier future. With vaccines currently being distributed, we can only hope that we will get through this and get back to a "normal" life.

The City of Coburg has another busy year ahead. All of our incumbents were re-elected for another term. I have secured another two year term as Mayor, and Councilors Nancy Bell, John Fox, and Kyle Blain have been re-elected to four year terms.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor, working with a strong City Council and the Coburg staff as we take on the challenges of 2021. I think we are ready!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

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A Big Shout Out to our Public Works Department and all the volunteers for making the park a show stopper for this years Christmas in Coburg!

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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, Megan Winner

541-682-7862

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Megan Winner

541-682-7862

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