

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner The Road Ahead

Ray Smith, Mayor

A year ago, many of you may remember the City was diligently working on a plan to revitalize our streets. With the onset of the pandemic, the City Council decided to delay any further action until we could see how the pandemic would affect the city financial situation.

Over a year later, we find that the City finances have remained stable and we are now moving forward with our street improvement plans. A brief recap of the events:

- In 2018 as a response to citizens' concerns about the poor status of our streets, the City Council created a Citizens Advisory Committee to gather information and make recommendations to the Council for improving our streets.
- That committee spent several months reviewing the condition of all of our streets, discussed what an acceptable

standard would be, and what it would take to achieve that standard. The committee also initiated a survey that gave us input on how our citizens wanted to pay for this.

- The survey indicated an increase in our city gas tax would be acceptable. This was the first recommendation made by the committee to the City Council. The City Council referred this recommendation to the ballot in 2018 and the gas tax was passed by voters with an astounding 80% approval! The gas tax increase was implemented in April of 2020. This is projected to produce an additional \$90,000 annually.
- Because the gas tax increase does not address all of the revenue needed for our streets, the committee made another recommendation based on input from the survey and the significant amount of work



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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 2021

- Proclaimed April 2021 “Child Abuse Prevention Month”
- Proclaimed April 30, 2021 “Arbor Day in the City of Coburg”
- Adopted Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- Discussed Annexation Zone Change Process
- Discussed Transportation System Plan Revision
- Approved Resolution 2021-04 Authorizing Grant Funding Application to Travel Oregon for the Competitive and Recovery Grant Program
- Work Session was held March 30, 2021 Transportation Utility Fee - TUF
- Appointed Finance Director, Tim Gaines as 2021/22 Budget Officer

APRIL 2021

- Approved Resolution 2021-05 Accepting Grant Funding Award from Travel Oregon’s Destination Ready Program
- Approved Amendment to Park | Tree Advisory Committee Bylaw Amendment

Upcoming
City Council
Meetings

Tuesday, June 8
7 pm

City Council Announcements

Upcoming agenda items

2021-22 Budget Hearings, Annexation Application
Transportation Utility Fee - TUF implementation

Continuation of Virtual Meetings

City Council will continue to meet via ZOOM for May and possibly June. To watch the live stream of the meeting, go to coburgoregon.org (NO registration required) To participate in the public comment portions of the meeting, contact the City to register and get log in information.

Lend Your Voice to the Planning Commission

Planning Commission Vacancy

Be a part of the planning process in our town! Applicants may live outside of the City, either within the six miles adjacent to City limits, or own property or be an owner or partner of a business in the City limits.

Community members including residents and business owners are encouraged to apply!

Apply at City Hall • Recruitment Closes June 4, 2021

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission

March/April

- Approved SR 01-21: Kendall Auto Group Site Review to establish new collision repair facility on Roberts Rd
- Held Commission training on Oregon Land Use Law and Process

Park/Tree Committee

March/April

- Planted tree at Jacob Spores Park in celebration of Arbor Day
- Reviewed bylaws
- Continued progress on ongoing projects

Heritage Committee

March/April

- Determined process for selecting preservation award plaques
- Awarded additional funding through CLG grant program

Budget Committee

March/April

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee

March/April

- Finance Reporting February 2021
- Reviewed Ordinance A-172-B: System Development Charges

Utility Billing

Assistance: Open Enrollment

June 1st - June 30th , 2021

The City of Coburg offers reduced utility billing rates to customers who qualify based off of annual gross household income.

This program runs on the fiscal year by which the relief has been budgeted. All rates are reset on July 1st. **If you are currently enrolled in the program, you must re-apply each year during open enrollment.**

Applications to apply will be available online at coburgoregon.org under Utility Billing or contact Erin Brown at 541-682-7850.



Heritage Committee Update



Do you know which building in town is the oldest or where a special event first occurred? The Heritage Committee here in Coburg would like to honor these places while also supporting the challenges that face historic building owners. They soon will be able to do this with the help of a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant recently been awarded to Coburg from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).



The Heritage Committee is planning to award three plaques each in 2021 and 2022 to the oldest buildings and sites in Coburg. They are also planning to

offer community weekend workshops on the care of wood windows and other chronic maintenance issues that face historic building owners. The goal is



to raise community awareness and also support the unique history and places within our local National Register Historic District.

Do you know of a building or site that should be honored with a historic plaque or want to share challenging maintenance issue? Please, let us know!

The Heritage Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month and can be reached at megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us or 541.682.7862.

May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

There are lots of interesting events happening around Lane County all month, like the Family I-Spy game along the new 13th Avenue Bikeway in Eugene

Visit WeBikeLane.org for the full list of free bike events nearby.

MAY IS BIKE MONTH

With so many reasons to ride, what's yours?

I RIDE FOR CLEANER AIR.

I RIDE TO ENJOY A LIFELONG SPORT.

I RIDE TO SAVE MONEY ON GAS.

I BIKE TO THE BUS TO GET PLACES FASTER.

I RIDE FOR LESS TRAFFIC.

I RIDE TO FEEL THE WIND ON MY FACE.

#BIKEMONTH BIKELEAGUE.ORG/BIKEMONTH

Main Street Projects & Volunteer Opportunities



Many great projects are underway. Make a difference in our community!

If you're interested in volunteering with Coburg Main Street, please reach out to megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us or 541.682.7862.

Flower Baskets

The baskets have been planted by Johnson Brothers and are growing in the greenhouses while the weather warms up and stabilizes. The baskets will be placed along the downtown corridor and hosted by participating businesses. We're looking forward to the joy and beauty the baskets will bring downtown this year!

IOOF Lease



The City of Coburg is leasing the IOOF building beginning in June. The purpose is to retain the

historic building as a community asset that can be used for gatherings, events, visitors center, place to display historic artifacts and antiquities, and more.

Bike Hub

Design is underway for the new bike hub to be located in Pavilion Park. The hub may feature a fix-it station, water fountain, lockers, picnic table and/or solar charging station. The hub will enhance the visitor experience for residents and tourists alike.

Regional collaboration between



other Lane County destinations, such as the Cities of Oakridge, Westfir, Cottage Grove, Creswell, and community development corporation of McKenzie River, is being facilitated by Travel Lane County to coordinate consistency and drive community enhancement and economic development using bicycle infrastructure.

Murals

You'll soon notice artwork popping up around town as the Mural Committee is selecting locations and design ideas. Possible ideas include an interactive or

3D mural, a participatory mural, or a representation of Coburg's agricultural history, to be adorned on the side of public buildings or businesses.



City Hall Façade

Renderings of potential ideas for the new face of City Hall are currently being drawn and discussed.

Fall Fest



A block party community celebration will take place in the fall season, and it takes a team to plan! A new committee is forming to plan the Fall Fest for 2021.

Coburg Chamber Update



We are now in the full throes of spring. Blue skies and the warmth of sun brings us to the beginning of event season in Coburg! The Chamber is moving ahead in planning a summer Coburg citizens are more familiar with.

We will start the summer out with the Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear Out on June 19th, Concerts in the Park and the Classic Car Show both in August, and we will end the summer with the Coburg Antique Fair in September. We recently touched base with Tracy Pugh a new member of our community who is in conversation with Patti Gianone regarding the Farmer's Market. She comes from Santa Rosa where she ran a Farmer's Market there and is anxious to take it on here in



Coburg. We will keep you informed throughout the summer to the status of these events.

I want to remind everyone that Historic Coburg t-shirts are

available at Coburg Fitness, Reflections Salon and Farm Fancy. They come in sizes from S-XL, charcoal or white, female fit or guy's t-shirts. This is an attempt to recoup some revenue for the Chamber. It costs money to put on all these events and so a t-shirt bought helps support your community events this year.



Coburg Chamber is the present host to the Main St. program. Our committees are moving along. You should soon see flower baskets on the streets of Coburg thanks to Michelle Sunia and her committee. The bike kiosk is also moving right along. If you have an idea for a Main St. project and have a couple like minded friends, please contact our director of Main St., Megan Winner, at City Hall.

Sharyl Abbaspour
541.521.1717

Planning Underway for the 2021 Antique & Vintage Fair



It's become one of the most popular events for collectors of antiques on the West Coast...antiques at their best...and it happen in your back yard: The Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair.

This one day fair will be Sunday September 12, 2021 from 8:00 am to 4:00pm in the fantastic Coburg City Park Blocks.

The 33rd Annual Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair is a great way to round out the summer. Shop at your leisure though the historic district for treasures

from the past. Enjoy lunch in the park from one of the outstanding food vendors. Listen to the great sounds of the live band while you hunt for that special antique.

Be a volunteer and help us welcome these wonderful visitors to Coburg. Please contact the Coburg Chamber of Commerce at 541-375-7055.



Coburg Community Foundation Update

The Coburg Community Foundation is excited to be a part of the Main Street project. We look forward to partnering with the Coburg Chamber of Commerce and community volunteers to support efforts to enhance our city.

Small projects add up to big rewards and each step forward is important. One example of the projects under the Main Street umbrella is the addition of 20 flower baskets for the downtown core. Watch for the baskets and enjoy the colorful blooms coming soon to our community.



Thank you to everyone

working and volunteering to make Coburg the best it can be.

The Coburg Community Foundation would like to thank all those who donated to the Coburg Food Pantry at the Shred-a-Thon in April. Your continued support of the Pantry is greatly appreciated.

Donations to the Coburg Food Pantry can be sent to the Coburg Community Foundation at PO Box 8104, Coburg, OR 97408.

Please make checks payable to the Coburg Community Foundation and note Coburg Food Pantry in the memo. Let's work together to put an end to food insecurity in our community.

Help Keep Coburg Beautiful

Noxious Vegetation

Between June 1 and September 30 of any year, no owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property, or extend on to or be on the public right of way of a public thoroughfare, street, alley, sidewalk or other public way abutting on the property.

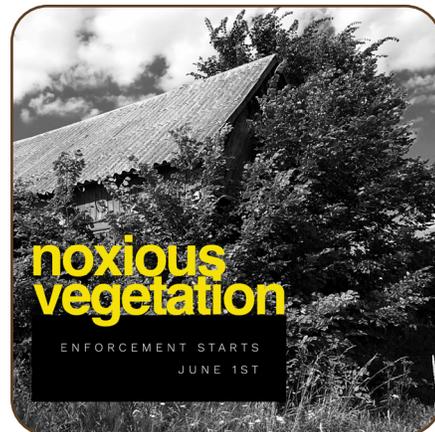
Noxious Vegetation includes:

- Vegetation that is, or is likely to become, a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare, or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.
- Poison Oak
- Blackberry bushes, bamboo, or ivy that extends into a public way, a pathway frequented by

children, crosses a property line, or that is used for a habitation by trespassers

- Weeds and grass more than 10 inches high.

To report concerns please submit a Citizen Inquiry Form to City Hall.



Coburg Police Update



Coburg Community Shred-a-Thon

Coburg Police Department wants to say thank you to all involved and to those that took part in the Shred-A-Thon event.

We saw 39 vehicles come through and seven walk-ups that delivered over 2800 lbs of waste paper. We had 154 lbs of food and \$275 donated to the Coburg Food Pantry!



Special thanks to Docutrak, Coburg Rural Fire Department, and the Coburg Food Pantry for assisting us in helping make this event a success.

Drug Take Back

Thank you to all who participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take Back initiative this past Saturday. We collected 48.2 pounds of medications. If you missed the event, remember we have a MedReturn box located in the lobby of Coburg City Hall for you to deposit your unwanted

or expired otc/rx drugs for safe disposal.



Arrest Notifications

April 2021

On April 22 at approximately 1140 hours Officers, the Coburg Police Department responded to call of two suspicious subjects at the Premier RV Park. A male and female, who were not residents of the park, where using the bathrooms. The male and female where also suspect of a theft from a vehicle a couple weeks prior.

The female was captured on video using a stolen credit card at the Shell gas station in Coburg. The male was caught on video using a stolen credit card at the Walmart on Green Acres in Eugene.

The male suspect was trying to hide at the Fuel N Go when he ran from police. The suspect ran up the embankment and across

the northbound off ramp and into the grassy area. Officers where able to gain compliance only after advising him he was going to be sprayed with pepper spray.

The suspect, Ross Everett Spink was taken into custody for an outstanding state wide felony warrant for parole violation and a failure to appear warrant for interfering with police out of Cottage Grove Police Department.

Spink was interview regarding crimes occurring in Coburg. Officers were able to obtain a confession to several crimes in Coburg.

The suspect, Ross Everett Spink was lodged at the Lane County Jail.

February 2021

On February 19 2021, Officers took a report of a burglary that occurred in Delaney Street in Coburg. During the burglary an iPad was stolen. Officers worked with the victim tracking the iPad to a location at 18th and Pearl Street Eugene. Officers



CCCS Update

UN-Auction Success!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's

CCCS UN-Auction, which raised \$23,830! We are extremely grateful to all of the individuals and families who donated (as far away as New Hampshire!) as well as the businesses who provided a financial donation or a prize for our virtual drawing! Please visit, support, and thank these generous businesses: Brenner's Furniture, Coburg Pizza Company, ColdFire Brewing, Debbie Stewart CPA, FarmFancy, Hayworth Estate

Winery, Jazzercise, Malpass Farms, Mezza Luna Pizza, Nana's Cafe, Pak Tech, Reflections Salon, Riverview Market & Deli, Spring Creek Gardens, Steely Acres, SwallowTail Spirits, Tasting Room, The Coburg Inn, The Odom Co, Triad Machinery, and Truck 'n Travel!

The school year is coming to a close...

We want to express our gratitude for the patience, understanding, and support of the community during this challenging year and for working with us to keep our community safe.

Our lottery was successful, and we are looking forward to meeting the new CCCS families.

Hopefully, the next school year will look more like normal times, so we can reconnect with the Coburg Community! Our students miss being out in the neighborhood interacting with the wonderful people living and working in Coburg!

PCS Questions?

pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions?

community@coburgcharter.org

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identified the suspect as Kyle Joseph Bogan. Officers tried to contact Bogan several time but were able to do so. Officers obtained an arrest warrant for Kyle Bogan.

Several weeks later, University of Oregon Police Department arrested later Bogan on our outstanding warrant. Bogan was released within hours before officers could interview him about our case.

Bogan admitting to buying and selling "a ton of iPads" and that it could have been stolen. Bogan later said he knew they were "probably hot." Bogan said he use to do drug stuff and that was why he was buying and selling iPads.

The suspect, Kyle Joseph Bogan was lodged in the Lane County Jail.

Contact:

Please call Chief Larry Larson at 541-682-7853.



On March 21st Lane County Sheriff's Department arrest Bogan on several new theft charges. Officers responded to the jail where they interviewed Bogan regarding crimes in Coburg.

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needed for our streets. This recommendation was to implement a Transportation Utility Fee (TUF). The TUF would be a small monthly fee added to your city utility bill. The Citizen's Committee recommended between \$5 and \$10 for residential accounts and an ITE business classification rate for our businesses.

Initial data estimated the cost to be about \$2.5 million. After a year of more detailed review, that cost estimate is now about \$3.5 million. Also in the last year, the City received a grant for \$850,000 to be used for street repairs.

City staff has worked diligently to obtain and provide clear information on the true condition of our streets. With this information, we are putting in significant energy into planning for the most efficient and economical way to upgrade our streets. Many issues are being considered while planning. Underground utilities and storm water facilities must be updated or installed prior to roads being repaired. Our development code must be addressed to be sure we are using mandated standards, or update the standards to meet the City's needs. Putting these and other elements together before we start the street improvements is a key task to making our dollars go farther when the actual street work begins.

You may have noticed a lot of surveying going on in Coburg during the last year. One reason is to get our streets project up to "shovel ready" standards so that Coburg can apply for financial assistance through grants. If we have the surveying and engineering work completed, we are able to apply for many opportunities that may occur in the future.

In the next couple of months, the City Council will



consider the implementation of the TUF. We will be distributing information like we did last year, but with updated data.

This will have a significant impact on our small town livability, making our streets safer and more pleasant to use. There will be at least two public meetings of the City Council in which the TUF will be discussed before a final decision will be made on our street improvement plan. Citizen input is very important in our decision process. We received considerable input in the previous review, but as we all know, things can change with time. I encourage your comments on this and any other issue. You can email a statement to city hall or contact myself or a City Councilor. Contact information is available on the city webpage: Coburgoregon.org.

I have surpassed five years as your mayor. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience. I look forward to serving you through this next term. Stay safe.

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

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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

6:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

6:00 pm

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