

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Planning in Coburg

Ray Smith, Mayor

As Mayor, I am spending more time on city business. I have increased my time making a regional presence for Coburg, trying to deal with land use planning and transportation issues that are affecting Coburg. So much of our traffic comes from outside of our city and thus we have little to no control over the numbers of commuters and commercial traffic. Coburg staff, Councilors, and appointed officials have been interacting with County and State officials to make sure Coburg's voice is heard. We are trying to keep Coburg in the discussion as Federal and State infrastructure funding becomes available. The most prominent project for Coburg is the replacement of the I-5 Coburg interchange. This project has been in the planning stages for over 20 years. Even if funds were found today, it would be several years before the update would be completed.

I am very excited to announce a land trade and donation from the Sheppard family that will create an expansion of Pavilion Park. This piece of land is the middle third of the block surrounded by Pearl, Willamette, McKenzie, and Harrison streets. The city traded a small tract of land that extends south from the current City Hall parking lot to behind Umbrella properties headquarters. The valuation of the lots indicated that Sheppard property was valued at \$40,000 more than the city lot. The Sheppards graciously donated the difference. The Parks Committee is planning some future improvements to Pavilion Park that will include a memorial to Laura, a beloved Sheppard family member. I want to thank the Sheppard Family Trust for this wonderful gesture and for their decades of benevolent service to the community of Coburg.



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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.

JANUARY 2021

- State of the City by Mayor Smith
- 2021 Citizens of the Year awarded to Coleen & John Marshall
- 2021 Employee of the Year awarded to City Recorder, Sammy Egbert
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-200-J Annexing territory to the City of Coburg identified as tax lot 00202 of assessors map 16-03-34-00 and consisting of 107.43 acres, and amending Ordinance A-200-G to change the Coburg zoning map to rezone said territory from Lane County zoning district exclusive farm use (E-40) to Coburg Zoning District Light Industrial.
- Approved Resolution 2022-01 Applying a construction cost in cost inflation factor to existing system development charges
- Approved Resolution 2022-02 Allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Certain Projects of the City
- Approved Resolution 2022-03 Approving the Property Exchange agreement with Shepard Investment Group, LLC and Accepting of Donation of Land
- Approved Resolution 2022-04 Coburg 2022 Employee Policy Manual
- Appointed Karen Curry, Tom Beatty, Coleen Marshall, Lonna Meston, Joe Morneau, Mary Mosier, and Claire Smith to the Park Tree Committee for calendar year 2022

FEBRUARY 2021

- Approved Resolution 2022-05 Authorizing Change in Health Reimbursement Arrangement Provider
- Accepted the Audit report through June 2021 for City & Urban Renewal Agency
- Council and Planning Commission held a Joint Work Session to review and discuss the Master Plan Development Process
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-200-J Annexing territory to the City of Coburg identified as tax lot 00202 of assessors map 16-03-34-00 and consisting of 107.43 acres, and amending Ordinance A-200-G to change the Coburg zoning map to rezone said territory from Lane County zoning district exclusive farm use (E-40) to Coburg Zoning District Light Industrial.

**Upcoming
City Council
Meetings:**

Tuesday, March 8, 7pm

Tuesday, April 12, 7pm

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission

January/February

- No meeting held

Park/Tree Committee

January/February

- Approved Park/Tree Committee Work Plan & Goals
- Reviewed Pavilion Park Plaza Conception
- Discussed upcoming Work Party plan

Heritage Committee

January/February

- Planning for Historic Homes and Gardens Art Contest

Finance/Audit Committee

January/February

- Reviewed the November 2021 Financial Report
- Reviewed and discussed FY 2019-2020 Audit
- Reviewed and discussed FY 2020-2021 draft Audit
- Reviewed and discussed the 2022 Auditor RFP



Committee Openings

The City of Coburg is looking for volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee and the Finance Audit Committee.

If you love numbers and are interested in helping, please call or email Sammy Egbert at 541-682-7852 or sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us

2021 Citizens of the Year

The City would like to recognize and congratulate **John & Coleen Marshall** for being the 2021 Citizens of the Year. The Marshall's moved to Coburg in 2010 and in just a short time they joined committees to help make a change. John serves as a crucial role on the Planning Commission and has for 10 years! Coleen has/is

serving on the Finance/Audit Committee, Budget Committee, and The Park/Tree Committee. She also joined her first committee in 2012!



Employee of the Year

Special thanks to **Sammy Egbert** for all she does for the City of Coburg! As the City Recorder, she works tirelessly to help make the city run smoothly. This is a well deserved recognition for all her hard work and dedication. Congratulations and thank you Sammy!



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

March

16 - Docu Shread Day*

18 & 19 - Coburg Antique Pop-Up

April

16 - Easter Egg Hunt*

30 - Drug Take Back Day*

May

19 - Culpepper & Merriweather and Circus

June

19 - Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear Out

July

21 & 28 - Concerts in the Park/Market

22, 23, 24 - Coburg Days

August

4, 11, 18, & 25 - Concerts /Market

6 - Coburg Car Classic

September

11 - Coburg Antique and Vintage Fair



*For more information about this event, see information included in this newsletter or email tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us

Coburg Heritage Committee

Heritage Committee Historic Homes & Gardens Art Contest

Our Heritage Committee is currently seeking entries for Historic Homes and Gardens: Coburg's Community Historic Art Contest. Coburg's historic downtown and surrounding neighborhoods showcase beautifully preserved buildings and honor the golden years of Coburg's past through our historic walking tours. During historic preservation month in May, we will be hosting an art show featuring artist's perspectives of historic homes and gardens.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions will fall into the category of historic Oregon homes and gardens. Homes and gardens portrayed can be existing, or homes and gardens that are no longer present.

Applications will be reviewed by a jury comprised of Coburg's heritage committee as well as the Mayor of Coburg. Artwork will be selected based on adherence to the stated theme, originality, and technical skill. One winner will be selected.

The final registration date is April 1, 2022.

COBURG COMMUNITY HISTORICAL ART CONTEST

• CALL FOR ENTRIES •

Historic Homes & Gardens

SUBMISSIONS WILL DEPICT HISTORIC OREGON HOMES & GARDENS. THEY CAN BE EXISTING OR ONES THAT ARE NO LONGER PRESENT.

ART SHOW at COBURG LOCAL BUSINESSES

MAY 2022

REGISTRATION DEADLINE *by* FRIDAY APRIL 1ST, 2022

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: www.CoburgOregon.org/historicartcontest
AND AT COBURG CITY HALL: 91136 N. Willamette St. Coburg OR, 97408

For more information or to register please visit:
coburgoregon.org/historicartcontest or contact
Megan Winner at 541-682-7862 or megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us

Coburg Park and Tree Committee

The City has come up with a way to help community members make donations for upgrades to the Parks in Coburg. We have created a Donation Form that you can find on the City's website under "Forms".

In order to keep the Park's system growing and looking beautiful, you can make a donation, or

volunteer your time during the Park and Tree Committee's Monthly Work Parties. The Park Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Thank you for your help to keep our Parks looking great!!

Coburg Grange

The Grange is very happy to have on display (on the west side of the Grange Building) the artwork created by students at Coburg Community Charter School displaying their visions of “Old Coburg”. This was a joint effort with the Main Street Art Committee, the Coburg Community Charter School, and the Grange, as well as the Coburg Public Works crew who installed the artwork. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this amazing art to our community!

The Grange is preparing now for upcoming spring and summer events and we look forward to bringing the community back together. Stay tuned for more details about the Circus coming on May 19, the Quilt Show in July, and the Car Classic in August.

Poker Night at the Grange has been cancelled until further notice.



Who's That Employee? Meet Jo Heyerly

Jo became the newest, and first female, member of the Public Works crew in November 2021. Jo enjoys so many aspects of the job, so it's hard for her to pick a favorite, but she really likes the streets maintenance as well as working at the water plant. The wildest thing she has seen so far on the job is the inside of a super full septic tank. Jo is from Eugene, loves to spend time with her family, and enjoys hiking, camping, and hunting. Jo truly enjoys serving the Coburg community and loves what she does for the City. Be sure to say hello if you see Jo around town.



Coburg Chamber of Commerce and Coburg Main Street

The Coburg Area Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the hiring of Megan Dompe as our Antique Fair Director. Megan has worked in the recent past putting together events at the Relief Nursery. She is already busy at work organizing our 2022 Coburg Antique Fair, which will take place on September 11. We are excited to have her join us in putting together the biggest event in Coburg!

Coburg has recently welcomed a national organization to our community. It has been in the making for literally years. You may have noticed the murals on the Grange, flower baskets along the streets of Coburg this past summer, the painted "welcome" signs at both ends of town, or the new bicycle hub in Pavilion Park. They are all brought to you via Coburg Main Street and its committees, made up of citizens of our community. Coburg Main Street has taken on all these committees as well as housing our events. Our community is too small to support both organizations, so the Coburg Area Chamber of Commerce has reached a decision to merge with Coburg Main Street. The majority of the Chamber's board officers, as well as our

members, will be moving their time and energy into Main Street and working with the director, Tracey Pugh. If you have any questions or are hoping to jump on the Main Street wagon, feel free to call me (Sharyl Abbaspour) 541-521-1717 or Tracey Pugh at 541-682-7858.

I want to thank everyone for their support over the years of the Chamber and hope to see you on Main Street!

Sharyl Abbaspour
Chamber President



Thank You Lowe's

A big thank you to Lowe's for their contribution to our art projects. The Coburg Main Street Arts Committee would like to express our gratitude to Lowe's for generously giving us supplies for the signage at the north and south ends of town. Lowe's has made it possible for us to complete our upcoming community arts projects.

We highly encourage all Coburg residents to support businesses that support our community. Shop at Lowe's if you're over in their neighborhood.



2022 Shred-A-Thon: April 16



**Community Shred-A-Thon
and Food Drive**

Saturday, April 16, 2022
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This FREE shred event is a joint effort sponsored by the Coburg Police Department & Coburg Rural Fire District.

Canned or dry goods or monetary donations will be collected to benefit the Coburg Food Pantry.

Bring documents to be shredded to:
Coburg City Hall
91136 N. Willamette St.

Hosted by the Coburg Police Department and the Coburg Rural Fire District, this free shred event is your opportunity to protect yourself from identity theft as well as get rid of unwanted paper clutter that is a potential fire hazard.

Some suggestions for shredding: Documents containing financial information, personal information, or account information, junk mail, child and school related mail.

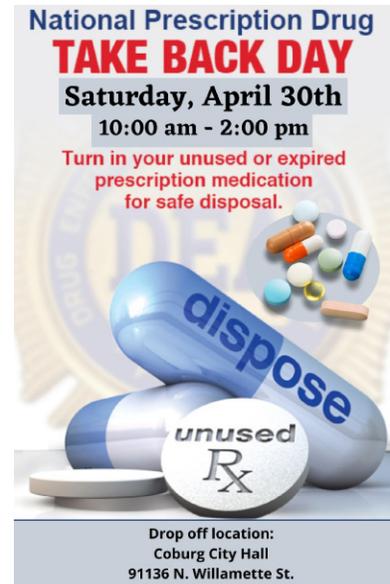
If you have any questions, please contact the Coburg Police Department at 541-682-7853 or City Hall at 541-682-7850.

2022 Drug Take Back Day: April 30

On Saturday, April 30th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Coburg Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to City Hall at 91136 N Willamette St. (Sites cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, **ONLY** pills or patches.)

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.



**National Prescription Drug
TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, April 30th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Turn in your unused or expired prescription medication for safe disposal.

Drop off location:
Coburg City Hall
91136 N. Willamette St.

Oregon RAIN



Entrepreneur Meet Up
Blue Valley Bistro, Coburg
Every last Friday of the Month
10 am
**Come talk to us about
your business**
Enjoy a FREE hot cocoa on us.



Art - After Hours
Social Media & Branding Awareness
Series for Artists

10 week workshop

March 4, 2022
6:00-7:30 pm

Contact Aqsa@oregonrain.org for more details

Coburg Community Foundation Update

The spring of 2022 will be an exciting time for the Coburg Community Foundation. Beginning in May, applications for the Coburg United Methodist Scholarship will be open.

CCF will award two \$500 scholarships to eligible community members in June of this year. These scholarships may be used toward tuition, fees, materials, and tools needed to attend an academic or vocational program. More information regarding eligibility, requirements, and timeline will be available at coburgfoundation.org beginning in May.

CCF is seeking volunteers to serve on our Scholarship Awards Committee. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact us at info@coburgfoundation.org or call 458-215-1189.

The Coburg Community Foundation would like to thank the Coburg Rural Fire District for its support and partnership. The Coburg Rural Fire District has an amazing team of dedicated volunteers who protect not only our community but step in to help all over the state. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the CRFD, please contact coburgfire@nu-world.com or call 541-686-1573.

A final thank-you for this month goes out to the Coburg Community Charter School. CCCS students collected and donated 406 pounds of food to the Coburg Food Pantry in their annual CCCS Food Drive. Thank you Broncos!!!

Coburg Community Charter School

A Community Immersion Program

Our mission at Coburg Community Charter School is to create a partnership between parents, teachers, and our community members that will provide academic excellence in an environment that encourages strong character and respectful behavior. Our 'roots and wings' philosophy fosters students' identity and belonging while preparing them to become productive members of society. Our commitment is to provide a unique program that lays a solid foundation upon which our children's intelligence, creativity, social and environmental awareness can flourish. These solid roots will enable our students to soar into a bright future.

If you consider yourself a passionate Community member, CCCS's Governance Committee invites you to consider making an application to the Board of

Directors as we seek to fill open seats, particularly in the area of finance, as well as strategic planning and development.

Application dates are open March 1 - April 4.

Email board@coburgcharter.org if you are interested.



Coburg Community Charter School's annual fundraising event will take place Saturday, May 14, at Shadow Hills Country Club.

Please contact People for Coburg School (pcs@coburgcharter.org) if you would like to become an event sponsor or volunteer!

This edition marks my 6th year as Mayor of Coburg. It has been a transformative time for Coburg, and it has been a transformative time for me.

I look back to the changes that have occurred and I believe that overall, the city has done well because of the changes. Citizens have worked diligently to keep our town safe and maintain that small town feel. After 35 years I feel Coburg is as charming and friendly as it has ever been. Businesses are successful in spite of the pandemic and our city government is in good financial condition. Our parks have expanded and improved, our festivals and events will return as strong as ever, and arts and cultural events are expanding.

As Winter ends, I look forward to spending more time outdoors and enjoying the beauty of the Spring blossoms. We have invested much time and money into our parks and open spaces. Volunteers and staff have helped with planning updates, doing maintenance and planting new trees, shrubs and flowers. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy their hard work. There is more to come!

Get out there and enjoy Spring!



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg
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What do you LOVE about Coburg?

Share what you love about where you live!

What are you looking forward to and what have you missed?

We value your input! Help us make Coburg the best place to live!

Email Tracey Pugh at tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us



Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

2nd Mondays
6:00 pm

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

4th Mondays
7:00 pm, Fire Hall

CITY COUNCIL

2nd Tuesdays
7:00 pm, Coburg City Hall
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

PARK/TREE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesdays
6:00 pm, City Hall
Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director
541-682-7857

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)
6:30 pm, City Hall
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

GRANGE MEETING

2nd Wednesdays
7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesdays
Contact, Megan Winner, Planner
541-682-7862

PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 pm, City Hall
Contact, Megan Winner, Planner
541-682-7862

METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

1st Thursdays
11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or
Springfield library)
Contact, City Administrator
541-682-7871

SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP

2nd Thursdays
6:30 pm, Coburg Community Grange

ODDFELLOW MEETING

3rd Saturdays
11:00 am, I.O.O.F Hall

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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-Mart), 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