

Our Town

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In Memory of Mayor Ray Smith



**Thank you for your dedication
to the Coburg community!**

Mayor's Corner

Thank You Mayor Smith

By Anne Heath

This is the Mayor's corner and unfortunately, this time Mayor Smith can't write an article for you. He took this small article seriously and it was deeply important to him. He spent much time thinking about the most important message for the community in the moment.

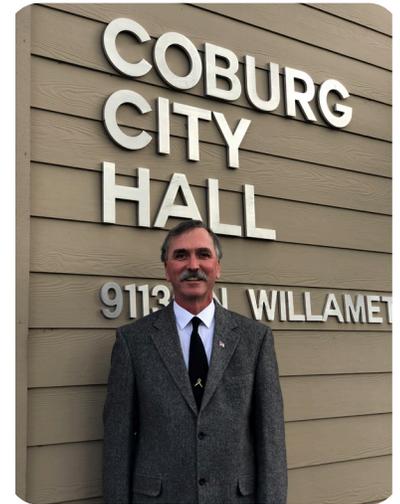
When I began working with Ray Smith, he was not Mayor, and I was not City Administrator. He was Council President and I was Finance Director. At that time, there was some controversy happening at City Hall and Ray and I had a different perspective on the problem and the solution. I decided to make my views known to him and wrote him an email. I then thought, "I might need to clean out my desk". Ray's response to me was what I came to expect from him as our leader. A sense of understanding, consideration of another's opinion, and deep respect for someone who was willing to step forward and provide a different perspective.

Under Mayor Smith's leadership, this City thrived. He worked hard

not just in Coburg, but also for Coburg on a regional and state level. He ensured that Coburg was represented professionally and respectfully. He was steadfast in bringing our concerns and challenges to the regional and state government.

Mayor Smith believed in public opinion, he demanded a fair process no matter the time it took, and when the public showed up to Council meetings, he welcomed, encouraged and appreciated their input. He did all of this professionally, humbly, quietly, and with the deepest respect.

To the City staff he was more than our leader. He was our friend, our mentor, and our greatest cheerleader. He believed in leadership at every level and encouraged the recognition of the skills of every employee. He took the time to talk to staff, listened to and encouraged their perspectives. He stood up and advocated for equitable wages, safe and healthy working conditions, and inspired employees to retire from the City.





A wise man once told me that service is a torch that you run with as hard and long as you can and before your torch burns out, you light the torches of those around you and run along with them until they can run on their own.

I suspect that Ray was lighting torches for most of his adult life, and certainly for the years of service for the City of Coburg. Whether his service was at the Fire District, as a Planning Commissioner, City Councilor, Council President, or our esteemed Mayor, Ray was running with his torch as hard as he could for this community.



The key to the continuation of great leadership is that it has to be important to more than the leader. It has to be important to the whole community and Ray believed in this community fiercely. Ray's motto was "Bring the City Government Back to the Community". Everything he did was to ensure that community members had the opportunity to get involved, provide input, and exercise their rights as citizens. He respected your opinions, and he worked hard at providing opportunities for you to share them. Especially when he might have an opposite opinion.

Ray would tell each of you that this is your community, step up and take ownership. If you love Coburg then stand for it, with it and by it. Guard this beloved historic community, while embracing the inevitable and sometimes unavoidable changes that will come with growth. Never lose sight of the community values and priorities as established in the community vision.



Mayor Smith will be greatly missed in this community. We are honored to celebrate his tenure as our Mayor, and we can honor his legacy of leadership by keeping the torch he carried for this community lit and burning bright for the future.

A huge thank you for a life of leadership and service to this community Mayor Smith.

Anne Heath
City Administrator

City Council Brief

September 2022

- Approved contract with Paverite USA, Lane Council of Governments Planning Service Agreement, and 5 year lease agreement for Farm Land
- Adopted Ordinance A-200-L Amending the City of Coburg Zoning Code
- Approved a Liquor License Application for Brave Bull
- Appointed Elise Landry to Finance Audit Committee

October 2022

- Adopted Resolution 2022-23 Adopting the Coburg Succession Plan
- Adopted Resolution 2022-24 Adopting the Coburg Continuity of Operation Plan
- Adopted Resolution 2022-25 Initiate amendments to the Coburg Comprehensive Plan Map and to the Official Zoning Map
- Appointed Jonathon Derby, Alan Wells, Seth Clark and James Bell to new term on Planning Commission
- Water Reservoir Feasibility Presentation

**Upcoming
City Council
Meetings:**

**Tuesday,
December 13
6:00 pm**

Why Scoop That Poop?

Pet waste that is not cleaned up will find its way into our storm sewers, which lead to our local streams and water reservoirs. These are public facilities that we use for both recreation and for our community drinking water.

There are 23 million fecal bacteria in 1 gram of pet waste which is equivalent to the weight of a paper clip.

Common myth — dog waste is as effective of a fertilizer as cow or horse manure, when it is actually more toxic. Due to their high-protein diet, dog waste is highly acidic and can burn your grass creating brown patches.

Two or three days' worth of droppings from 100 dogs contributes enough bacteria to close a bay and its watershed areas within 20 miles to swimming and fishing.

When walking your pet, always carry disposable bags with you and deposit the pet waste in a trash can or at a pet waste station.

500 Million Tons of waste per year created by 4 million dogs in the Chesapeake Bay is enough to fill 15,000 tractor trailers.

Source: This document was prepared using published materials and data as provided by the Pennsylvania Extension Office and the Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources.

Prepared By: Hanover Borough Department of Planning & Engineering (DPE)

2022 Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick up will occur between December 12 - January 20

Leaf piles must be accessible on City right of ways

Leaf piles ONLY (no garbage or yard debris)

Zone #1 is Pearl St. South and S. Willamette St. East

Zone #2 is W. McKenzie St. South and S. Willamette St. West

Zone #3 is Pearl St. North and S. Willamette St. East

Zone #4 is W. McKenzie St. North and N. Willamette St. West

Questions??
Call 541-682-7857

City of Coburg Public Works
coburgoregon.com

“Pruning Cuts” from Coburg Park & Tree Committee

Fall weather with its cooler temperatures and diminishing sunshine stimulates deciduous trees to drop their leaves. Now is a good time to appreciate our big leaf maples.

A little history about these trees ...as the story goes, Eugene Skinner attended the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia and came back with the idea of planting trees along our city streets. A few years later big leaf maples were planted in numerous locations in the valley, including in and around Coburg. The deep rich soil and high water table allowed these native trees to thrive. The predominant tree in Coburg is the big leaf maple.

One of the most beautiful big leaf maples is in Norma Pfeiffer Park. Other big leaf maples of note are

found between Coleman and Skinner, at Pavilion Park, on Diamond Street across from Norma Pfeiffer Park, along Willamette Street north of the Blingy Barn. You may notice that a number of our maples have been topped. A common practice was to top the trees to control their growth. This practice greatly affected the health of the trees. We have lost several trees in the past few years due to this unhealthy practice. Fortunately, today this is no longer an acceptable practice by arborists as it affects the long-term health of the tree. Some of these trees have been here over 125 years or longer. They are living witness to the history of Coburg.

Because these trees are vital to our livability, imagine what Coburg’s skyline would be like without them.

Or imagine sitting at Pavilion Park for the summer concerts and not having the shade from the big leaf maple located in the northwest corner of the park.

Take time to walk through Coburg and “look up”. Appreciate the beauty and many gifts these trees provide for us. Not only do they offer shade in the summer, beauty to our skyline, but they also hold carbon and release oxygen, provide homes for wildlife, and help cool the air.





Coburg Police Updates Shop with a Cop

The Coburg Police Department is accepting donations for its annual Shop with a Cop program. This is the 11th year the Coburg Police Department will be holding this event. The concept behind this program is for police officers to develop positive relationships with the underprivileged children in our community. The activity pairs up the children with police officers in a positive situation, such as shopping for Christmas presents. The officers get a chance to interact and begin building relationships with the kids while they help them select Christmas presents for their families. Each child will receive a gift card. After shopping they spend the rest of the afternoon wrapping presents and eating

pizza together. Kids are selected by the Coburg Community Charter School.



If you would like to help, please make donations to the Coburg Police Department, Shop with a Cop program. All donors will receive a tax receipt in the mail. 100% of your donation will be used for Shop with a Cop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by City Hall or call Chief Larry Larson at 541-682-7855.

Make your donation to:
Coburg Police Dept., Shop with a Cop Program
PO Box 8306
Coburg, OR 97408

CHETT Program Accepting Donations

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 this 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.

Examples of uses could include, but are not limited to: meals, lodging, transportation, crime scene damage repair, and/or other immediate short-term emergency assistance. A motel room for a victim of domestic violence and a new car part for someone stranded were provided by Coburg officers using CHETT funds.

To keep this program robust, we need your support. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please contact Larry Larson, Chief of Police, at 541-682-7855 or larry.larsen@ci.coburg.or.us, or mail donation to: CHETT Program P.O Box 8306, Coburg, Oregon 97408



Christmas in Coburg

Join us on **Saturday, December 10** for a day of Holiday Cheer! The Coburg Holiday Market will be back in the IOOF Hall from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Shop for holiday gifts from candles, pottery, jewelry, art, and books, to paintings, watercolors, purses, and more. The Coburg Charter School will be serving drinks and baked goods!

Stop by the Grange from 5:00pm until after the parade for some homemade chili.

The tree lighting will take place in Pavilion Park at 6:00pm, and the Bridge Bible Church will be serving hot cocoa and singing Christmas carols before the parade starts.

The Holiday Light Parade will make its way through downtown starting at 7:00pm.

Happy Holidays!



CHRISTMAS IN COBURG



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

11:00AM-4:00PM - HOLIDAY MARKET (IOOF HALL)
5:00PM - CHILI FEED AT THE GRANGE
6:00 PM - TREE LIGHTING AND CAROLING
7:00 PM - HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

For more information go to:
coburgmainstreet.com or call 541-682-7858

Coburg Community Charter School

School Beautification

This year has been a year of beautification at CCCS! Our amazing new school caretaker, Fernando, has gone above and beyond making our school shine (literally) with the deep cleaning, waxing, polishing, painting, and the list goes on and on.

Bronco Dash!

We had an amazing Bronco Dash (jog-a-thon) event this fall. We surpassed our CCCS Bronco Dash goal of \$15,750!! This money will go toward technology needs and making updates to our track! If you would like to donate to our Bronco Dash, please email pcs@coburgcharter.org

How You Can Help

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

- **Amazon Smile:** Log onto your amazon account and

choose Coburg Community Charter School as your non-profit of choice, and a portion of your purchases is donated to CCCS!

- **Blue Bag Fundraiser:** Email pcs@coburgcharter.org to pick up some blue can bags! We will even take them back for you, just ask!
- **Direct Donations:** All direct donations can be mailed to 91274 N. Coburg Road, Coburg, OR 97408

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions? pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions? community@coburgcharter.org



Coburg Food Pantry

Hello from the Coburg Food Pantry!

The rising cost of food has been a challenge for the pantry as donations are down as well as many foods that are normally available to us from Food For Lane County.

Please keep us in mind as you are out grocery shopping and see any of these needed items on sale.

Please drop off any non-perishable food items to our food barrel in the back of Dari Mart or at the barrel located outside the pantry at 32697 East Pearl.

**Most of our shoppers have very limited storage space so please, no large family size bottles.

Food Pantry Items needed:

- Crackers
- Jam/jelly
- Ketchup/mustard/relish
- Salad dressings
- Pre-cooked rice
- Oil
- Canned veggies (no green beans please)



Thank you so much for helping us provide much needed food for local families.

The pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 2:00-4:00 pm.



Coburg Community Grange

Welcome fall! Thank you to John and Alice Brooks for bringing their apple press to the Block Party on October 14.

BINGO is back! We had two fun nights in October and have more dates to come!

The Coburg Community Grange supports and sponsors the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight. 60 Veterans, their guardians, and support staff, went to Washington DC to visit their memorials. It's a quick and busy trip but so worth it - honoring our Veterans is such an honor.

THANK YOU LOWE'S for providing materials and man and woman power for the new floor upstairs at the Grange, it looks wonderful and is the new home of Coburg Fit Club.



Veteran's banners will be going up in November to honor those who have served. We have 15 returning banners and 12 new ones.

Upcoming events include: First Responders Dinner for Coburg Fire and Coburg Police on December 1st sponsored by Coburg Main Street and hosted by the Coburg Community Grange. Christmas in Coburg will be Saturday, December 10 and the Grange will be having our annual chili feed, but it will be different this year. We will be serving **BEFORE** the parade (if any chili is left we will also serve after the parade). We are asking for stuffed animals, toys, and plushes again this year to hand out at the Holiday Light Parade. You can drop them off on the front porch of the Grange. We also have a Food Pantry donation barrel on the porch. Please feel free to drop off canned goods for the Food Pantry this winter.



Coburg Community Foundation

We love fall! Leaves turning beautiful shades of red, orange, and gold; and scarecrows in full display throughout our delightful town! The scarecrows have been a fun way to showcase our vibrant community along with this vibrant season, and it's wonderful to see participation grow each year!

This holiday season, in association with Christmas in Coburg, CCF will once again present Trashy Tree! As the holidays get closer, be sure to check for more information on this wacky, silly, and very merry event on our Facebook page as well as the I Love Coburg page!

Coburg is home to so many generous folks who give in so many special ways. Along with CCF's endeavor to build community, it is that shared value of generosity that has inspired the Foundation to proclaim 2023 as The Year of Giving Back. This coming year, we will be hosting quarterly events to come together as a community and to reconnect and engage with our neighbors, new and old. Check your mailboxes for information coming soon on the year's events and on ways that you may support our community! Also in the

new year, the annual scholarship process will open in early January. This program supports lifelong learning for community members of all ages in both academic and vocational settings, promotes volunteerism in our community as part of the application process, and is open to all residents within the Coburg Rural Fire District and/or the Coburg Community Charter School residential attendance boundary. In 2022, we awarded \$500 scholarships to three local college-bound students; and in Spring 2023, CCF will be awarding another three \$500 scholarships. The 2023 Application, and additional information, will be available on CCF's website, coburgfoundation.org, right after the first of the year.

As we approach the holiday season and the close of 2022, all of us on the CCF Board would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our community supporters! We appreciate those who have volunteered their time, supported our mission of community building, and made financial donations that have helped us launch the first-ever scholarship program for local students. We look forward to reconnecting with our community in 2023, The Year of Giving Back!

Senior Meals



We need volunteers in:

Coburg - 2
Cottage Grove - 3
Creswell - 9
Eugene (various locations) - 40
Florence - 9
Junction City - 3
Oakridge - 8
Springfield - 20
Veneta - 9

**Call 541-682-1366
to volunteer!**



Supervisor of the E. McKenzie Street Construction Project

"Just keeping my eyes on the workers to make sure they are doing a great job."

Photos courtesy of Walt's Photography

City of Coburg Vision Statement

The lovely City of Coburg is a safe, historic, neighborly community, whose residents enjoy a slower-paced, small town, quality of life. The charming Main Street, rich agrarian heritage and vintage homes are celebrated with numerous family-friendly events, gatherings, and festivals. Coburg's bountiful spiritual and rural life generates an atmosphere that is warm and welcoming to all. The community center is home to a library, art gallery, technology center, and features programs for residents and visitors, old and young. Clear and transparent communication between government, business and residents, as well as a culture of volunteerism and philanthropy, are at the heart of Coburg's progress.

While Coburg enjoys close proximity to a metropolitan area, it maintains its own resources and services including responsive and well-equipped fire, police, and public works departments. Residents appreciate the city's beautifully maintained parks, green spaces, and well-lit bike and walking paths, all in the context of a distinguished historic town. Children benefit from high quality, locally managed schools. In addition, Coburg's clean, well-maintained, treed streets feature an attractive range of housing options that reflect the city's attention

to thoughtful growth and are consistent with its small town appeal.

Coburg's historic downtown showcases beautifully preserved buildings accommodating a diverse and inviting array of locally owned, culturally congruent businesses, including antique shops, restaurants, groceries and markets. The vibrant economic environment fosters entrepreneurship, generates jobs, and builds on Coburg's prominence as a popular visitor destination and agricultural center. As a unique and welcoming community, Coburg sustains the heart and soul of its rich traditions, while continuously embracing its exciting future.

City of Coburg Vision Statement
Adopted July 2017



Council Chamber Dedication

On October 11, 2022 the City Council voted to name the council chamber the "Ray Smith Council Chamber". A dedication ceremony will be held on December 13th starting with an open house reception at 5:00 pm followed by the dedication at 6:00 pm. The community is welcome to join 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
6:00 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)
6:00 pm, City Hall
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

GRANGE MEETING

2nd Wednesdays
7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd Wednesdays
4:00 pm, I.O.O.F Hall
Contact, Tracey Pugh, Main Street Coordinator
541-682-7858

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