

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Election Time

Ray Smith, Mayor

2022 has been a very busy year for the Coburg City Council. The normal schedule for meetings is once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month. We have had several months with extra meetings to deal with many issues. Two of these issues have been referred to Coburg voters in November for a decision.

The first referendum is regarding the production and use of psilocybin in Coburg. State statute has created a mandate for cities to decide whether they want to allow the use of psilocybin products in their jurisdiction, and if so, whether the city wants to create their own regulations beyond what the State of Oregon will create.

Essentially, the city had three choices:

1. Agree to allow the use and production of psilocybin products in our city and be able to further regulate this beyond the state guidelines.

2. Implement a two-year ban, which would allow the city to wait for the state to create the regulations and then the city can decide whether to allow psilocybin use or to ban it completely.

3. Implement a total ban.

The new state law requires the council to refer one of these choices to the voters for approval. Coburg City Council chose to refer the two-year temporary ban, given that there was little citizen involvement in the discussion and the state has not completed the rules for administering this issue.

The important aspect of this referendum is the fact that if the voters say no to this referendum, we will have to operate under the State of Oregon statute and administrative rules, which allows the production and use of psilocybin products.

The second referendum is an updated City Charter. City Council has referred to the voters a new City Charter. The



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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.



July 2022

- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-163-T Adopting the Oregon Criminal Code, Oregon Uniform Controlled Substances, Oregon Liquor Control Act, and Vehicle Code
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-254 Declaring a temporary ban on psilocybin service centers
- Approved Resolution 2022-18 Authorizing grant funding application to the central MPO
- Approved Auditor Services contract for 2022-2024
- Approved ground lease agreement with Douglas Fast Net
- Second Reading and adoption Ordinance A-254 Declaring a temporary ban on psilocybin service centers
- Public Hearing on Ordinance A-200-L Amending article 7.C of the Coburg Zoning Code to implement a form based code for the central business district and implementing other general housekeeping updates to the zoning code
- Approved Contract with Wildish Construction Company for Roberts Road Repair

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday,
September 13
7:00 pm

Tuesday,
September 27
Work Session on Water
Project Feasibility Study
6:00 pm

Tuesday,
October 11
7:00 pm

August 2022

- Public Hearing and first reading on Ordinance A-200-L amending Article VII.C of the Coburg Zoning Code to implement a form based code for the central business district and implementing other general housekeeping updates to the zoning code
- Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance A-163-T adopting the Oregon Criminal Code, Oregon Uniform Controlled Substances, Oregon Liquor Control Act, and Vehicle Code
- Resolution 2022-19 Approving a ballot title to be submitted to the voters at the November 8, 2022 Election; the question of a temporary ban on psilocybin service centers and the manufacture of psilocybin products
- Resolution 2022-20 referring the adoption of 2022-20 Coburg Charter to voters
- Approved Resolution 2022-21 Conditionally accepting a dedication of a portion of Macy Street



Watch live stream
City Council
meetings on the
City's website at
coburgoregon.org

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission

July/August

- Recommended approval of proposed zoning code amendments
- Approved SR 02-22 Roberts Rd. Industrial Park
- No meeting in August - Summer Recess

Park/Tree Committee

July/August

- A Pickleball Court is coming to Coburg! Be on the lookout for a new Pickleball Court in Norma Pfeiffer Park in the next few weeks.
- The Parks Committee will be having a work party on Monday, September 12 at 8:00am at the Booth Kelly Trail. Come out and help us beautify our trail!
- Exploring grant opportunities for Veteran's Memorial at Norma Pfeiffer Park.

Heritage Committee

July/August

- CLG project discussion
- No meeting in August - Summer Recess

Check out the Window Restoration Booth at the Coburg Antique Fair on Sunday, September 11

Sponsored by the Coburg Heritage Committee

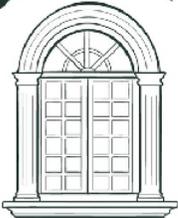
Park/Tree Committee Work Party

Monday, September 12



Meet at 8:00 am at the Booth Kelly Trail

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This exciting opportunity is sponsored by the Coburg Heritage Committee and funded with the assistance of a matching grant-in-aid from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Historic Preservation Fund, National Park Service, Department of the Interior



2022 Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair



The Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair is coming! Join us on **Sunday, September 11**, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm in the Coburg City Parks for a day full of shopping.

The 35th Annual Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair is a great time to shop through the Coburg Historic District for treasures from the past. Enjoy lunch in the park from one of the many food vendors while you listen to the music of Outlaw Shine.

If you'd like more information or you're interested in helping out for a few hours during the event, please contact Megan Dompe, Coburg Antique Fair Director at 541-913-6570 for more information. See you out shopping!

Coburg Scarecrow Festival ...A Harvest Celebration

It's scarecrow time in Coburg! Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate with the Coburg Scarecrow Festival on **Friday, October 14** from 5:00-8:00 pm on E. Mill Street.

There will be music, food, a map of scarecrows in Coburg, games, and fun for the whole family! More details will be coming soon!

For information about the Scarecrow Contest, see page 10 in this newsletter.



Coburg United Methodist Church Update

When the congregation of Coburg United Methodist Church closed in 2021, denominational and area leadership resolved that the building should continue to be an asset to Coburgers. Just in new ways.

My name is Brandon Rhodes, and I'm the fella they asked to carry this building's legacy into a new chapter. A bit more about myself: I'm a lifelong Oregonian and proud Duck ('05). I've spent most of my years working at the intersections of community development, church, and food justice. My wife Kelly is a former nun (there's a story...) and midwesterner who provides contemplative formation and coaching. We live up north a bit, but can't wait to buy our first house together in this amazing little town soon.

Now, how to describe what comes next with the building? No, conventional church services won't be returning to the Coburg UMC building. But Yes, it

will return as a place of connection.

Perhaps a slightly audacious anecdote from history will help. A couple thousand years ago around Greece, a habit developed that a huddle of folks would meet at a town's gate to seek that town's common good. Their word for that huddle – ekklesia in Greek, now church in English – is the word that Jesus' followers used for their own networks of dinner parties. These ekklesias sought the common good with love at the center and an eye to neighbors that were left out. I pray that root meaning of church can inspire this church building's future.

My longing is to see it become a hub for connection around the common good. Specifically: likely a blend of event/art space, non-profit use, and a food business or two. If that's got your wheels turning, I'd love to meet up for a coffee, pint, or walk. Let's play. You can reach me at bdrhodes@icloud.com.

Upcoming General Election

November 8, 2022



A few things to VOTE on in the upcoming election:

1. Mayor

- No Candidate Filed

2. Candidates for three City Council Positions

- John G. Lehmann
- Alan Wells
- Cathy Engebretson

3. Should the 2022 Coburg Charter be adopted repealing previous Charters?

Oregon Constitution allows City voters the right to adopt, amend, and revise the home rule charter. The Charter grants legal authority to the city and sets duties. Coburg voters adopted the most recent revision to the Charter in 1992. Many charter provisions are outdated and hinder effective and efficient municipal operation. The proposed 2022 Coburg Charter largely follows the League of Oregon Cities 2018 model charter. Among other things, the proposed Charter will add the City Administrator as an officer, clarify the responsibilities of the officers of the City, update the responsibilities of the Mayor and Council, update how vacancies are filled, and clarify what consists of a quorum.

4. Shall the City of Coburg declare a temporary ban on Psilocybin-related businesses and the manufacture of Psilocybin products?

Psilocybin is a psychedelic drug found in certain mushrooms. State law allows operation, manufacturer, distribution, and possession of psilocybin and psilocin. State law provides that Coburg may adopt a measure to be referred to the voters to prohibit the establishment of any registered or licensed activities. The Oregon Health Authority has initiated a rulemaking process to implement the state's psilocybin regulatory program and intends to begin accepting applications for psilocybin-related licenses on January 2, 2023. This measure would add a two-year moratorium for the establishment of operations of psilocybin-related businesses within the City's jurisdiction. The Oregon Health Authority has not completed the rulemaking process to implement the state's psilocybin regulatory program. The City Council believes that prohibiting psilocybin product manufacturers and psilocybin service centers within the city's jurisdictional boundaries to enable the adoption of the state's psilocybin licensing and regulatory program to allow the city to have reasonable time, place, and manner to adopt regulations is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Coburg.

October 18, 2022 - Voter Registration Deadline
(Contact Lane County Elections)

October 20, 2022 - Ballots are mailed out



Questions on the election or process - Contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234
Questions on the two measures or candidates - Contact City Recorder at 541-682-7852

Pavilion Park Plaza

The Park and Tree Committee worked with engineers on a conceptual design to upgrade and expand Pavilion Park. This design was presented to the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department during their annual Local Government Grant competitive process. The City has been recommended for a full award of our request for this project, and it will be approved in September. The park upgrades will include ADA compliant restrooms and parking, pathways, picnic areas, a water feature, benches, and landscaping. The preliminary design of a plaza reflects public space that is inclusive and accessible to all. More information to come on the final design and public input process and construction of the project.



City of Coburg Capital Projects

The City of Coburg is working on several very important capital projects at this time. These projects will improve the livability in Coburg. The following are projects currently in process:

PARKS

- Pavilion Park Plaza
- Coburg Loop Path – Industrial Way

STREETS

- Roberts Road
- Roberts Court
- McKenzie Street (east and west of Willamette Street)
- Collector Street reconstruction (portions of Coleman, Skinner, Delaney and others)
- Preservation – Beginning in the northwest area of the residential neighborhoods

WATER

- Third well and water line
- Mainline Replacements
- SCADA System Upgrades
- Water Reservoir Feasibility Study

OTHER

- Public Works Shop

For more information on the Capital Projects of the City, please see the full newsletter article online at coburgoregon.org or contact Anne Heath at 541-682-7871, anne.heath@ci.coburg.or.us

Coburg Main Street



Many of you may be wondering what happened to the Chamber of Commerce or asking, "Who/What is Main Street?" Coburg Main Street is the newest nonprofit in Coburg and is taking over where the Chamber left off. "Main Street" is based on a nation-wide program, Main Street America, which is the coordinating program for Oregon Main Street. Oregon Main Street helps communities develop a vision for how they want their downtown to "look, feel, and function" and then

assists with finding the people and resources to help make those changes happen.

Coburg Main Street is in the process of adding to its Board of Directors and committees and will be working on goals and projects for Coburg's historic downtown. From coordinating events, preserving the historic downtown district, bringing more art to Coburg to assisting downtown businesses, creating wayfinding signage, and having a website for tourists/locals with updated information (coburgmainstreet.com), Coburg Main Street is excited to be working with the community to enhance our wonderful town.

If you are interested in helping create a future vision of Coburg, or want to get involved with Main Street, please call or email Tracey Pugh at 541-682-7858 or tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us

We'd appreciate your feedback on future ideas and projects for Coburg. Please go to <https://forms.gle/jZADMbm6Xn9TEf15A> to fill out our short survey about your interest in being a part of Main Street, other organizations, and downtown projects.

****"Proposed Mural in the Park" photo (to go on the bathroom wall in Norma Pfeiffer Park) is on page 8 of this newsletter.**



Coburg Community Charter School

Coburg Community School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Dave Wallace as its new Executive Director. Over the course of his 23 year career in education, Dave has taught each grade third through eighth, served as a building administrator at elementary and middle schools, and has most recently served as the Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction in Tillamook. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Northern Illinois University, Masters from University of Wisconsin - Madison, has taken doctoral level coursework in School Business Management and Leadership leading to superintendent licensure in Wisconsin and district administrator licensure in Oregon.

Dave was drawn to this particular opportunity due to the strong focus at CCCS on community based learning, tight knit learning communities, and the enthusiastic support and trust of the Coburg

community as a whole. Dave and his family recently relocated to Eugene and are starting to settle in. Having relocated from the Madison, Wisconsin area, they are feeling very much at home already. You may have seen them with the CCCS crew in the parade, or watched Jude, age 9, enthusiastically throwing a ball at the police dunk tank during our recent Coburg Days.

Dave is currently in the process of learning all the things that makes CCCS tick and why it is such a valuable part of our community. He has been exploring our town, meeting folks in the community, and welcomes community members to contact him directly at d.wallace@coburgcharter.org if they have questions, comments, or simply want to "talk education".



Coburg Police Department



Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic.

You can help by cleaning out your medicine cabinets and turning unused medications into the Coburg Police Department - safely and anonymously!

Saturday, October 29, 2022
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Coburg City Hall

Proposed Mural in the Park

One of Coburg Main Street's goals is to have more art and murals in Coburg. The Art Committee has proposed putting a mural of colorful trees in Norma Pfeiffer Park facing the playground. We would like your feedback regarding the design and the idea of having more murals and art in town. Please go to <https://forms.gle/Vi7WZNKZUj3kqfCWA> to fill out a short survey or email Tracey Pugh at tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us. Thank you!



Coburg Community Grange

It's been a busy summer in Coburg. We hope you've been able to enjoy the events that have been going on in town.

On Saturday, Aug 6, there were 238+ vintage and antique cars that rolled into Coburg for the 31st Annual Coburg Car Classic. It was a fun day for all with activities happening throughout the day. The band playing in the park afterward was a good way to relax and unwind. THIS is what Coburg is all about!!

A big shout out and thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, city staff, visitors, and participants who made this event successful! Please support those who always support the activities of Coburg! We couldn't do it with their support!

The Grange is looking for Veterans from WW1, WW2, and Vietnam and will honor those who have served by putting up banners in November. Please contact Joe at 541-228-8650 if you know of or are a veteran. Please don't be shy. The Grange will also be supporting Coburg Main Street in honoring Police

and Fire personnel with a dinner to thank them for their service.

Fall will be here before we know it and the planning has already started for the scarecrow on the porch. Keep an eye out as it is so much fun to see what everyone comes up with.

As always, we are looking for new members. The meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are only about an hour, so come check us out!



Coburg Community Foundation

It has been quite a summer! Our community is bringing back so many of our summer events, and Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) has enjoyed participating right alongside you!

We enjoyed visiting with many of you during Coburg Days, and hope you got a free hot dog from CCF at the Concerts in the Park in August. We enjoyed the opportunity to share about the Foundation and serve hungry concert goers.

CCF is pleased to have awarded \$500 scholarships to three individuals: Sophie Ulm, James Woods, and Carly Wheeler. This scholarship opportunity was made possible by the generous support of community members and is open to all residents within the Coburg Rural Fire District. CCF will be awarding another three \$500 scholarships in Spring 2023.

This summer we have enjoyed music, food, games -- fun of all kinds! While we are sad to see another summer coming to a close, we are also excited

for what the rest of the year will bring. We look forward to the return of the marvelous scarecrows this fall, the Coburg Antique and Vintage Fair, and Christmas in Coburg. CCF will once again present the holiday's Trashy Tree, so be on the lookout for more information on this crazy December activity! The Coburg Community Foundation would like to thank all of you who volunteer in our community to make all these great things happen!

For more information about the Coburg Community Foundation, please visit our website at coburgfoundation.org or e-mail us at info@coburgfoundation.org.



RAIN (formerly Oregon RAIN)

RAIN would like to help entrepreneurs who are looking for financial options or ways to explore growth opportunities.

We are offering a free 4-week virtual program that is designed to help YOU.

When: September 14 - October 5, 2022

Weekly on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30 am

Deadline to Register: September 11, 2022

For additional financial help, sign up for MONEYmaker'22: A free 10-week virtual program designed to strengthen your business finances and position you for growth and funding.

For more information go to raincatalysts.org



Special thanks to Hayworth Wine Bar for hosting the "Business After Hours" mixer for local businesses - a good time was had by all!

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas in Coburg

December 10, 2022



from page 1 - Mayor's Corner

City Charter is essentially the constitution of the city. The last update to this very important document was done in 1992. Since then, our city and many state laws have changed to make many parts of the existing charter obsolete. Coburg chose to write a new charter based on the League of Oregon Cities charter template. This proved to be much easier than trying to amend the old charter. The new charter removes old confusing verbiage on the description of a quorum and clearly defines the roles of our executive officers.

Due to health and personal reasons, I have announced that I will not run for re-election. I will fulfill my term which expires at the end of this year. It has been a challenging yet rewarding experience to be the Mayor of Coburg for over 6 years. I am

honored to have worked with some amazing people over the 8 years I have served in city government. I feel the city government is in a good position to move forward with new leadership. We have a solid knowledgeable City Council and our staff is committed to excellent service with efficiency and integrity.

The future of Coburg is in good hands.



Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg
541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

Coburg Scarecrow Contest

It's almost fall and that means the scarecrows are coming!!

PURPOSE: To celebrate autumn with Coburg community-spirit and an invitation for our region to come and experience the best of Coburg and harvest. We will be holding a contest for scarecrow creation. We have established five (5) categories for awards:

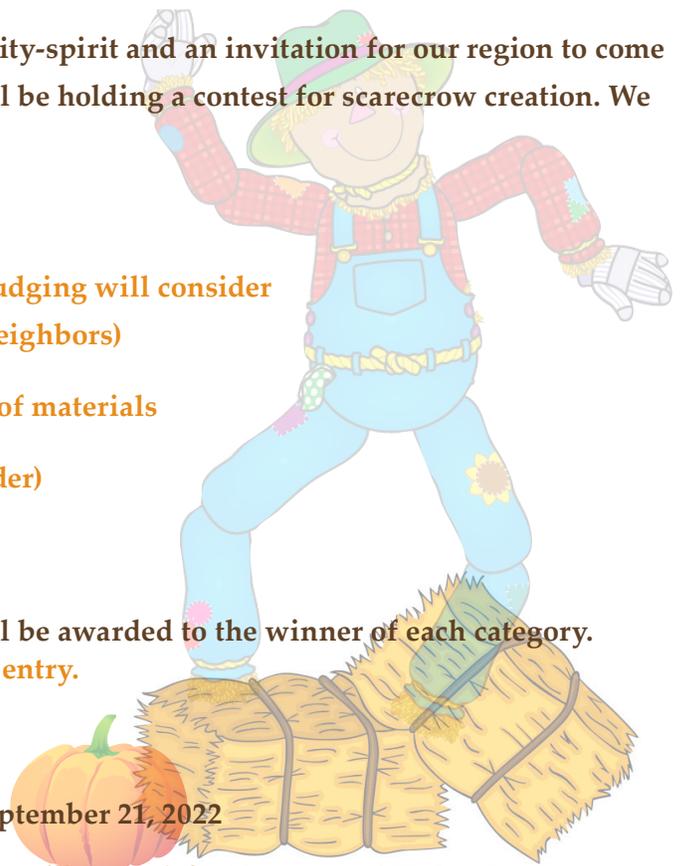
- 1. Historic**
- 2. Neighborhood (2+ complementary exhibits, judging will consider content and number of displays/participating neighbors)**
- 3. Mechanical/Technology/Animation/Best use of materials**
- 4. Children (contributions from ages 12 and under)**
- 5. Funniest**

Prizes are donated by local Coburg businesses and will be awarded to the winner of each category. There will be a separate award for the best BUSINESS entry.

It's FREE to enter the contest!!

Entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2022

To enter the contest and read the contest rules, go to <https://forms.gle/cq16WuVmNB57y3cU7> or contact Tracey Pugh at 541-682-7858 or 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

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?



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What do you want to hear about? How do you like to get information? Let us know.

- Coburg City Staff