

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner Happy New Year

*Nancy Bell, Mayor*

As many of you know, as Council President I became Acting Mayor when Mayor Smith was unable to complete his term. I had the good fortune to work closely with Mayor Smith and other council members for the last 6 years. During that time, I have learned much about the complexities of city government and have come to appreciate the uniqueness of Coburg. During the transition from councilor to council president to acting mayor to mayoral candidate and finally to mayor, I have been humbled by the support and well wishes of this community—thank you to all who helped spread the word of my decision to run for mayor and to all who wrote my name on the ballot! As your mayor, I will do my best to always keep what is best for Coburg in mind as we approach new challenges in the new year.

2022 was a very busy year for the Coburg City Council and I expect 2023 to be a continuation. We have water projects, pavement preservation, new sidewalks to improve safety of pedestrians, new housing construction and street changes. There will be continued opportunities for you to share your ideas as we move forward. The normal schedule for City Council meetings is once a month, **on the second Tuesday of each month**, but we often have extra meetings to deal with important issues. Community members are encouraged to attend—council loves to hear your concerns and opinions—you are what makes Coburg so special!

On your November ballot there were several items that directly impacted Coburg.

- Elected a mayor and three councilors



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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 2022

- Adopted Resolution 2022-27 Approving the Final Payment for the Purchase of Property Located at 91430 Stallings Lane, Eugene, Oregon
- Adopted Resolution 2022-28 Naming the Coburg City Council Chamber “Ray Smith Council Chambers”
- Approved short term real estate lease agreement for 91430 Stallings Lane

## December 2022

- Dedication of the “RAY SMITH COUNCIL CHAMBERS”
- Public Hearing and first reading on ORD A-199-I and A-200-M amending the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning maps
- Adopted Resolution 2022-29 Accepting the results of the November 8, 2022 General Elections
- Approved Resolution 2022-30 Declaring property surplus and allowing the disposal
- Approved contract with Emerald Excavating, Inc. for Secondary Wellfield Access Road and Wellhead Protection Pad
- Re-appointed John Marshall and William Wood to Planning Commission for two-year terms expiring October 2024
- Recognized Councilor Alexander and McConnell at their final City Council meeting for their service as City Councilors

### Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday,  
**January 10**  
6:00 pm

Tuesday,  
**January 24**  
6:00 pm

Tuesday,  
**February 14**  
6:00 pm



The Smith Family

## The Ray Smith Council Chambers Dedication



Claire Smith, Commissioner  
Heather Buch, Mayor Nancy Bell

# Coburg Committee Highlights

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

## Planning Commission

### November/December

- Recommended approval of map amendments (MA 01-22) to City Council.
- Held public hearing on Coburg Creek Subdivision First Addition (SUB 01-22)
- Subdivision hearing continued to January 18 at 6:00 pm

## Park/Tree Committee

### November/December

- Established goals and tasks for 2023
- Discussing long term ideas for parks
- Discussing guidelines for park usage for events

## Heritage Committee

### November/December

- Established goals and priorities for 2023
- Recommended to City Council to appoint Jacob Spores to the Heritage Committee

The City is accepting applications for City Councilor and Planning Commissioner

Contact Sammy Egbert at 541-682-7852 for more information



## HOW ARE ALLEYS BEING USED IN COBURG?

The City is conducting an analysis on the alleys in Coburg. We invite you to take this short survey online to let us know how the alleys are being used.

<https://tinyurl.com/CoburgAlleys>

If you don't have access to the survey online, please call Megan Winner at 541-682-7862.



# Citizen Questions, Concerns, and Complaints

Citizens who have questions, complaints, or concerns regarding something they have witnessed or are experiencing often contact the City of Coburg. We have provided information below to help assist you in addressing your questions and concerns.



## City Ordinances

A city ordinance is a type of authoritative law, rule, or regulation made by a city government, as opposed to a law made by a state, province, or national government. It is intended to address issues of local concern, and typically applies to people subject to the city's jurisdiction. Examples of ordinances within the City of Coburg are:

- Nuisance Ordinance (Noxious Vegetation, Junk, Pollution, Odor, Attractive Nuisances, Hazards)
- Noise Ordinance
- Dog Ordinance

When a citizen experiences something they feel the City should be aware of, they can fill out a Citizen Inquiry Form. When received, these forms are logged, and then circulated to the appropriate department in the City. City staff then investigate the incident and respond to the person who has filed the Citizen Inquiry Form. If a violation is occurring, City staff will contact the violating party and will likely first provide a friendly reminder and education on the City Ordinance that governs the circumstance. If there is a reoccurring violation, the City has the ability to fine the party in violation.

## Public Safety Concerns

Concerns regarding the safety and health of citizens should be reported as soon as possible. Non-emergency complaints and concerns may be reported by visiting the Police office at City Hall or by calling the non-emergency number at 541-682-7853. This is a non-emergency number that can be called 24 hours a day. When you call this number and get the recording, you may choose to leave a message or you can choose for your call to go to dispatch. Dispatch is a 24-hour service and will notify our department of your call.

### Example of a concern:

*"My neighbor is having a loud party on a Saturday night. It is now 1:00 am and the party is very loud."*

What should I do? Call 541-682-7853 and choose "dispatch".

***More serious concerns such as imminent danger to an individual, or concerns considered an emergency incident should be reported by dialing 911. The Coburg Police and/or Coburg Fire will be dispatched to the scene of these emergencies.***

## Noise Complaints

Noise is governed by the City's noise ordinance. Complaints are hard to

follow up on if they are reported days or even hours after an occurrence.

Reporting the complaints while the noise is happening, or soon after, makes it easier for the City to respond.

## Air Quality Complaints

Clean air is an important component to a healthy community. LRAPA accepts, records, and investigates air quality complaints throughout Lane County. They respond to industrial complaints, fireplace and wood stove complaints, outdoor burning complaints, asbestos complaints, and more. LRAPA inspectors and compliance officers respond to complaints during business hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information on filing a complaint with LRAPA visit: [lrapa.org/air-quality-protection/current-aqi/file-an-air-quality-complaint](http://lrapa.org/air-quality-protection/current-aqi/file-an-air-quality-complaint)

Citizen Inquiry Forms for the City of Coburg are available at City Hall or online at [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org)

Forms can list your name or be filed anonymously and may be returned to City Hall or emailed to the City Recorder: [sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us)

# THANK YOU COBURG PUBLIC WORKS

THANK  
YOU

A special THANKS to the amazing Public Works crew for setting up all the wonderful holiday decorations in Pavilion Park for Christmas in Coburg. The park looked beautiful and helped make the holidays extra special for the Coburg community!



## Coburg Food Pantry

The Coburg Pantry is so grateful to Kara Schmidt and her wonderful family for coordinating our first annual Christmas in Coburg food drive. We brought in 1,388 pounds of food! This made a huge difference in filling our shelves, especially with hard-to-get items such as cereal, crackers, and condiments. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful Coburg community to support us as we support our fellow neighbors in need. Thank you very much!



### Items in need:

Condiments – ketchup, mustard, salad dressing  
Oil – Olive, canola  
Cereal  
Crackers

## Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement (C.A.R.E) Program

One of the most frequent requests or complaints made to the Coburg Police Department is for speed enforcement and speeding automobiles. The Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program (C.A.R.E) has been established to meet the needs of our community members.

The C.A.R.E program contributes to public awareness by involving the public in recording vehicle speeds to determine if a speeding problem exists. Once this is done, the Police Department can focus its resources to address the problem. The goal of the program is to engage members of the community in addressing issues involving speeding autos in their neighborhoods.

We would like to offer a Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program Class but need at least two (2) people who are committed to attending the 2 hour training class in order to offer the program.

If you are interested in the C.A.R.E program, or have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call Chief Larry Larson at 541-682-7853 or send email to: [larry.larson@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:larry.larson@ci.coburg.or.us)



# Coburg Welcomes New Mayor Elect Nancy Bell

Nancy was elected to City Council and began serving in 2016. She was appointed Council President in 2017 and served as acting Mayor from October 2022 - December 2022. Nancy was elected for a two-year term as mayor beginning January 1, 2023.

Nancy is a native Oregonian and moved to Coburg in March 2015. She worked for Samaritan Health Services in various clinical capacities for 37 years before retiring in 2017 as VP of Academic Affairs. As a retired nurse she currently volunteers at Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Springfield and has previously volunteered with Cascade Hospice, Coburg Community Charter School and the Medical Reserve Corp.



Nancy and her husband, Jim, enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of Coburg and its people. They enjoy hiking, going to the beach, kayaking, numerous hobbies and spending time with their adult children and 8 grandkids.

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## State of the City

Mayor Bell cordially invites you to attend the Annual State of the City on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm at Coburg City Hall. You may also view live streamed at [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org)

You will hear about the progress of Coburg and the accomplishments over the past year and learn what's in store for the Coburg community in 2023.

Mayor Bell's  
**STATE**  
★ **OF THE** ★  
**CITY**  
**January 10, 2023**  
**6:00 pm**  
Coburg City Hall | 91136 N. Willamette Street | Coburg, OR

# Coburg Main Street

Happy New Year!! 2022 brought many fun projects and events to the Coburg community and we are looking forward to 2023!

The Coburg Chamber of Commerce has officially dissolved and all prior Chamber events and activities will now be managed by Coburg Main Street. The former Chamber website will host Coburg Main Street and will list downtown businesses, events happening in Coburg, and a map of downtown businesses. Check out [coburgmainstreet.com](http://coburgmainstreet.com) for more information about Coburg and Main Street.

Coburg Main Street is non-profit 501(c)(3) and at this time will not be a membership organization. All Coburg businesses are welcome to be a part of Coburg Main Street and our goal is to support and promote all businesses. All events sponsored by Main Street in the future will be funded by vendor fees, sponsorships, donations, grants, volunteers, and community support.

The mission of Coburg Main Street is to promote and enhance historic downtown Coburg as the economic, social, and cultural heart of the

community while inspiring partnerships and community engagement in order to increase community vitality, growth, and prosperity.

As we are working on events and projects for 2023, we welcome your input and ideas as to what you would like to see happening in our community.

Reach out to Main Street Coordinator, Tracey Pugh, at [tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:tracey.pugh@ci.coburg.or.us) or any of our Board Members:

Russ Hayworth - President

Terry Dawson - Vice President

Alison Cramer - Secretary

Debbie Stewart - Treasurer

Board Members: Vicki Bell, Megan Dompe, and Claire Smith



Christmas in Coburg



# Coburg Community Charter School

Blue Bag Can recycling is a great way to support our local school. Just come by the front entrance and pick up some pre-labeled bags. When they are full (cans only please) just drop them off at the same place and Family Volunteers will take care of them.

CCCS welcomes and appreciates all our neighbors who drop by the field to stroll through our school garden or run their dog out in the field. Keeping an eye on our space helps keep things safe for our kids, and everyone's help keeping the space clean is an asset to our community as a whole.

Please feel free to reach out to Dave Wallace, executive director, at [director@coburgcharter.org](mailto:director@coburgcharter.org) if you have any questions, comments, or simply want to "talk education".

# Coburg Police Department

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the CHETT Program (Community Help Easing Troubled Times) and Shop with a Cop!

The CHETT Program received \$1,250 in donations. Donations are used to provide resources to meet the short-term emergency needs of the most vulnerable in Coburg.



The **Shop with a Cop** program received \$1,825 in donations and enabled underprivileged youth in our community to “shop with a cop” for Christmas presents for their families. Thank you so much for your support!!



# Coburg Community Grange

Wow, what a season! Christmas in Coburg was different this year but it all worked out. The chili feed before the parade went well and we had a lot of leftovers, so we were able to feed the Fire Department too. The Veteran banners went up around town in November and we hope you got to see and enjoy them. We also honored the Police and Fire Departments with a nice dinner - thank you first responders for all you do.

The Coburg Fit Club is going strong in their new home upstairs at the Grange. And Bingo is back – the Grange is hosting Bingo again, so look for future times and dates and join the fun!

The Grange doesn't have too much on their calendar the first couple months of the year, but feel free to check out our meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Grange.



# First Responder's Dinner

On December 1st, the Coburg Community Grange and Coburg Main Street hosted and sponsored a dinner for our local First Responders. The Coburg Volunteer Fire Department, the Coburg Police, and other local first responders were honored for their service to our community! Guest speakers, special signs made by students at CCCS, dinner, and dessert were provided to thank our first responders for all they do! **THANK YOU COBURG POLICE and COBURG FIRE** for making a difference in our community and assisting those in need on a daily basis! We appreciate all you do!



# Coburg Community Foundation

The start of a new year is always a time of both reflection and hope, and we at Coburg Community Foundation have a lot of hope for the coming year. For us, 2023 is the "Year of Giving Back." We hope that many of you will join us in giving something back to our community. Let's celebrate 2023 by volunteering, donating, connecting, and building community.

CCF is excited to announce the creation of the McKibben Community Building Fund! This fund will provide support for programs, activities, and events that strengthen our connections to Coburg and to one another. A very special thanks to Judi and Tim Welch for being inaugural donors and for helping CCF launch this fund. This past summer, Judi and Tim attended one of the Concerts in the Park and enjoyed a free hot dog dinner, compliments of CCF. They said they were inspired to make this donation

by witnessing community building in action, and specifically, the dedication displayed by fourth generation Coburg resident Nanci McKibben. The McKibben family is synonymous with community; and at the suggestion of Judi and Tim, the CCF Board of Directors named the fund to reflect the McKibben family's multi-generational impact on the Coburg community.

The CCF will once again offer three \$500 dollar scholarships in 2023. These scholarships are available to community members of all ages who reside within the Coburg Rural Fire District and/or the Coburg Community Charter School residential attendance boundary, and can be used to further lifelong learning in both academic and vocational programs. Scholarship funds may be used to assist with the cost of tuition, fees, materials, and tools needed to participate in an accredited academic

or vocational/technical program. High school seniors, current college students, adults seeking training or retraining opportunities, and non-traditional students are all encouraged to apply. The 2023 Application and additional information will go live on CCF's website, [coburgfoundation.org](http://coburgfoundation.org), on January 15. Applications are due by March 15, 2023; scholarship awards will be announced by April 15, 2023.

CCF is looking forward to hosting several in-person social events for 2023 and will kick off our events calendar with Trivia Night at the IOOF Hall, 91119 N. Willamette St., on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Save the date! To be kept abreast of additional coming events in 2023, go to CCF's web page, [coburgfoundation.org](http://coburgfoundation.org), and be sure to follow us on Facebook! Interested in giving back to your community? Go to [coburgfoundation.org](http://coburgfoundation.org) and donate today!

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- Determined the production and use of psilocybin. You chose to 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 in clinical areas or to ban it completely in Coburg. This time allows us to determine how best to manage this substance in our town once the state guidelines are finalized.
- Approved a new City Charter, which 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. The new charter removes old confusing verbiage on the description of a quorum and clearly defines the roles of our executive officers.

We will miss Mayor Smith, his smile, his kindness and dedication to Coburg, but because of his leadership the city government has continued without disruption and is in a good position to move forward with new leadership. We have a solid knowledgeable City Council; our staff is committed to excellent service with efficiency and integrity and we have passionate and involved citizens. The future of Coburg is in good hands.

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are ready to celebrate all the good times yet to come.

Mayor Nancy Bell, City of Coburg  
mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

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## Love to Sing?!

Mark your calendars for Wednesdays starting Jan. 11th, from 7:00-8:00 pm, in the beautiful Coburg Commons (formally known as the United Methodist Church) for the gathering of the Coburg Community Choir. Under the direction of David Fitch, long-time Coburg resident and recently retired music teacher, all skill levels are welcomed. Come join us for a relaxing evening of music making and meeting new friends.

Questions???

Contact Dave at [Davefitch11@gmail.com](mailto:Davefitch11@gmail.com)



# Calendar



## STANDING MEETINGS

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

2nd Mondays  
6:00 pm

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### COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

4th Mondays  
7:00 pm, Fire Hall

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### CITY COUNCIL

2nd Tuesdays  
6:00 pm, Coburg City Hall  
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder  
541-682-7852

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### PARK/TREE COMMITTEE

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

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### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)  
6:00 pm, City Hall  
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder  
541-682-7852

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### GRANGE MEETING

2nd Wednesdays  
7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

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### MAIN STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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

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### PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Wednesdays  
6:00 pm, City Hall  
Contact, Megan Winner, Planner  
541-682-7862

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### METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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### SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP

2nd Thursdays  
6:30 pm, Coburg Community Grange

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### 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](http://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*