

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year

Ray Smith, Mayor

The new year arrives with much excitement and energy for me. I retired after more than 25 years with the Eugene Springfield Fire Department. This will help clear my schedule for a very busy retirement.

It has been so rewarding to see the dialogue from our citizens on such a broad spectrum of issues. The introduction of many ideas and the input from so many citizens has created a palpable energy that is exciting. We are seeing some rewards from our Vision Coburg process.

Our Community Dinner held on December 5th was attended by 75 people. We had a spaghetti dinner and then broke into several discussion groups. I was happy to see many new faces along with long-time residents talking about turning our visions into actions. It was a very successful night and

I am looking forward to what the future holds for our community.

I could feel the energy in the building as the discussions carried on.

Groups are beginning to focus on specific projects and are assessing the resources needed to accomplish our goals. Our biggest resource is our people. Citizens are committing their skills to help get things done.

An important project that I support is the creation of a non-profit foundation for community support and coordination of projects and programs in the Coburg community. Leah Claypool and Michelle Sunia gave a presentation encouraging the creation of the Coburg Community Foundation. The group will access some resources



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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

- Annual reappointment of the Planning Commissioners.
- First reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-245 Regulating the Parking and use of recreational vehicles in City limits.

DECEMBER

- Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance A-195-A Adopting Flood Hazard Regulations.
- Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance A-245 Regulating the Parking and use of recreational vehicles in City limits.

Announcements:

The City of Coburg is currently accepting applications for City Councilor Position (5). Applications will be accepted at Coburg City Hall through 5pm on Wednesday, January 31st.

This position is open to all City of Coburg residents, though applicants must have lived in the city limits for one year to be eligible. The term serves through December 31, 2020. No prior experience in Government is necessary. Applicants are required to be at the February 13, 2018 City Council meeting to be interviewed by City Council.

See www.coburgoregon.org or stop by City Hall for more information.

Representative Phil Barnhart will hold a Town Hall at City Hall, January 24th, 2018, 6pm-8pm

Call for Emergency Volunteers

The City of Coburg is looking for local people who might be willing and able to help as a volunteer in future emergencies (weather related, floods, earthquakes, etc.). We are interested in people with backgrounds in medicine, construction, public utilities and/or communications. There is, at this time, no organization or meetings, only a list of people who we can contact if needed.

Please email Jim Bell at Coburgjimbell@outlook.com if you could help Coburg and the local area in an emergency.

TOO DRUNK TO DRIVE?

Chance: THIS CAR MAY BE KEPT INTO WEEKS OR LONGER. GET OUT OF JAIL FREE.

**You don't need a Get Out of Jail Free card...
If you let us be your designated driver**

**The Coburg Police Department
will give you a ride home
free of charge.
No bail required!**

Free ride home on New Year's Eve. No questions asked.

**Part of the Safe and Sober Ride Home Program*

Call the
Coburg/Junction City
Dispatch Center
for your safe, free ride
541-998-1245

Enhancing Our Community

The poster features a black background with white and yellow text. At the top left, there is a small graphic of a car with a person inside, and a speech bubble containing the text "Chance: THIS CAR MAY BE KEPT INTO WEEKS OR LONGER. GET OUT OF JAIL FREE." The main headline is "TOO DRUNK TO DRIVE?" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the text reads "You don't need a Get Out of Jail Free card... If you let us be your designated driver" in yellow. The central message is "The Coburg Police Department will give you a ride home free of charge. No bail required!" in bold white letters. Below this, it says "Free ride home on New Year's Eve. No questions asked." in smaller white text. At the bottom, there is a call to action: "Call the Coburg/Junction City Dispatch Center for your safe, free ride 541-998-1245" in white. The bottom right corner features the Coburg Police Department logo and the tagline "Enhancing Our Community" in a script font. The background of the poster shows two glasses of champagne clinking.

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

November/December

- Joint work session for the Development Code Update.
- No December meeting.

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

November/December

- Coburg Loop Path is in phase II and concrete is being placed from Sarah Lane to Industrial Way. They discussed the project and funding. Brian Harmon was going to look into some history and report back to the committee.
- Voted in favor of Norma Pfeiffer Park be first priority in beautification efforts.
- Discussed the timeline and plans for the Hayden Homes development.
- Chair Smith will be presenting the annual Park and Tree report to Council in February.
- No December meeting.



Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

November/December

- CCCS Coloring Contest
- New Historic Display Case in City Hall

Finance/Audit Committee - Anne Heath

November/December

- No meetings held.

**2017
LEAF
PICK-UP**

*Leaf piles only
No garbage or yard debris*

Pick up will occur between December 11-January 19
Leaf piles must be accessible on City right-of-ways

**Questions?
Call 541-682-7857**

CITY OF COBURG
91136 N. WILLAMETTE STREET
www.coburgoregon.org

Coburg Police Department

Parents Night Out



On Friday, December 15th, we hosted our annual Parents Night Out event at the Coburg Community Charter School. We had a fun-filled, jam-packed gymnasium of area youth. The night was full of movies, sports, crafts, snacks, games and just some good ol' fashion fun. There was even a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and KEZI 9 News. We can't say who had more fun, the kids or the police officers!



We certainly hope the parents or guardians had a great break and got some much-needed holiday shop-

Pizza with Police

One of the most delicious raffle prizes won at the Harvest Festival was a certificate for Pizza with Police. Chief Larson and a few others from the Coburg Police Department had a great time with winners Emily, Ella and Allison from Coburg Community Charter School at Coburg Pizza Company. We all enjoyed a "slice of justice" as Chief Larson likes to put it. We supplied the pizza, they surprised us with cream puffs!

ping done, an enjoyable date night or some quality "me time."

We want to thank the Coburg Community Charter School for the use of the gymnasium, the Coburg Pizza Company for the donation of the awesome pizza, KEZI 9 News who spotlighted our event, our many volunteers that helped during the event, those individuals who donated to the Coburg Police



Reserve Officer Program, and of course, our Coburg Police Officers (and Oakridge Police Department) who came out to hang out and connect with our community's kids.

Shop with a Cop

On Saturday December 9th, we had our annual Shop with a Cop event. We shared the day with a few students from Coburg Community Charter School. We first greeted our guests with stockings filled with goodies and keepsakes.

We then paraded with them in police cars to Wal-Mart at Green Acres who welcomed us with hot cocoa and goodies. Wal-Mart provided all youth with stockings filled with gifts and a visit from Santa and his elf.



The youth purchased gifts for their families and a few for themselves.

After shopping, we paraded back to the Coburg Police Department to wrap gifts and enjoy a catered lunch by Coburg Pizza Company.

This was a truly heartwarming event we enjoy doing and just one of many ways in which we try to give back to

our community. Thank you to all who helped make this event a special time for our guests. We cannot begin to express the depth of our gratitude to those that donated money, Wal-Mart and Coburg Pizza Company. Our financial donators are awesome, many donate annually. Wal-Mart was especially welcoming and we received fantastic treatment. Coburg Pizza Company never hesitates to assist by any means necessary in our endeavors and their food is delicious! Thank you all so very much.



After warming our bellies, we set out on our shopping adventures having a great time all around.

Keep It Clean

The winter Light Parade was another great event for Coburg this year. As someone who is new to Coburg, I am delighted to see the amount of energy and turnout that events like this attract.

You will notice that the City put out a good number of new waste receptacles along the street. Unfortunately, many event attendees either failed to notice them or chose not to take advantage of this. Similarly, there are a number of waste stations in the parks and around the city for dog owners to place their pet's waste. It is valuable to have these. They support a cleaner and healthier community for everyone to enjoy.

It's part of our culture in Coburg to "keep it clean." Residents often speak with pride about Coburg, and the appearance and cleanliness of the city is important to them. Residents should remind each other of the importance of this goal. Moreover, we should make an effort to educate visitors to Coburg and encourage them to exhibit good habits when here.

The City and Chamber will continue to work together to enhance our festivals and the associated cleanup efforts. Ideas for the future may include portable bathrooms, increased signage on trash receptacles, fines for littering or not obeying dog ownership and park regulations, or more planning for management of crowds.

We also will try to promote increased membership and participation by service organizations. These organizations fulfill critical roles in making the community great. One of those is the cleanup after events, and many cities cannot function without that type of volunteer effort. In Coburg's history, there used to be many of these types of volunteer groups. A new generation is required to take on this type of leadership.

Keeping Coburg clean requires partnership and good intentions. Let's all continue our efforts.

Thomas Boydell, City Administrator

Christmas in Coburg Spotlight

Many Hands Make the Light Parade Work

Once again this was a great Christmas Season for the Coburg Community Grange! We couldn't have done it without all the wonderful neighbors who came out to support our community.

The Grange hosted our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning, serving up pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs. We had a great turnout and ran out of everything. Thanks to Santa's helpers in the kitchen: Linda Egbert, Dale Aleska, Patti Gianone, Alene Roberts and her grandson.

We spent the latter part of Saturday decorating Santa and Mrs. Claus's float for the Light Parade. Moore and Kenny Mays oversaw the bonfire and had it nice and toasty for those that wanted to warm up!

Sunday was chili making in the Grange to serve the hungry folks after the Light Parade. We made six cookers full to feed everyone and ended up with just a bit left over. Again, we had lots of helpers for the chili feed. Too many to remember but thank you all. No matter how big or small the task somebody was always willing to step in and help.

The Grange handed out stuffed animals again at this year's parade and they were a big hit! We were also able to collect some canned goods on behalf of the Coburg Food Pantry, as this is the time of year that donations are especially needed. If you haven't already, please consider making your own contribution to the Food Pantry.

The Coburg Community Grange is always looking to boost membership, so come by on the second



Christmas in Coburg Transportation Truck

Wednesday of the month at 7pm and check us out. We have about an hour-long meeting and then we're done. The Grange has made a lot of changes in the last few years and simplified how we run the meetings. The Grange (Alice Brooks) wrote up a letter to ask for grant monies to help with replacing the roof and we got it. We're so excited to get started and get it fixed and then on to prepping, sanding, filling and painting the outside. We are able to do this with all of the fundraising that we do. We're always in need of help with doing these things. You don't need to be a member to lend a hand. Without the Grange, the town would have one less place to have a wedding or baby shower or 4H or quilters or... You get the idea. The Grange plays a huge part in the community so that's why we do membership drives and fundraise and keep the Grange busy with rentals. Check us out for your next shindig. We hope you and yours have a very Merry Christmas season and a happy and safe New Year. See you in 2018.

Terri Morneau
Coburg Community Grange Secretary

Christmas in Coburg Spotlight

Christmas Brings Coburg Together

Once again the lights of Christmas travelled slowly down the center of town to everyone's delight. This year's Christmas in Coburg weekend was wonderful for all who joined in the fun!

The festivities began on Saturday, Dec 9th with Breakfast with Santa at the Grange. The Grange is an integral partner in our holiday weekend celebration, with a long history of community support. On



Christmas in Coburg Tow Truck

Sunday the celebration continued with our annual Community Sing at the Methodist Church, where the Oregon Tuba Ensemble joined those in attendance!

After the music the Light Parade rolled down Willamette. According to long-timers, it was the best attended in memory! Our streets were lined with happy watchers as brightly decked displays rolled by, all aglow. Mr. and Mrs. Santa led the parade with their joyful faces. Following them was a wide assortment of floats, trucks, cars, bands, horses and more. The bands were particularly festive, and the horses were clearly a crowd favorite.

After the parade people filled the Grange once more for the annual Coburg Grange

Chili Feed & Bonfire – chili, coffee and good conversation with neighbors. Some stayed inside while others chatted around a toasty bonfire. Yet no matter where people gathered you would always find the friendly faces that are the trademark of our beautiful town of Coburg.

The Coburg Chamber thanks the Grange, the City of Coburg, the Police and Fire Departments, the businesses who helped during these events and all who attended. You all make Coburg wonderful!

Robert Killen
Coburg Chamber of Commerce

Photos courtesy of Robert Killen



The parade is almost here



Christmas in Coburg Bucket Santa

Recipe for Success: Vision to Action

The City of Coburg held a Community Dinner at City Hall on December 5th. The delicious spaghetti dinner courtesy of Coburg Pizza Company was enjoyed by seventy-five people who turned out for the occasion. People of all ages dined together and the holiday craft table for kids was a big hit. The event was sponsored by the Ford Family Foundation and in attendance was their Director of Community Building, Roque Barros. Community members were enthusiastic to participate in our after-dinner discussion concerning Coburg's Vision action groups. There are currently 9 action groups that were established as a result of the Community Visioning Project. Coburg's action groups include: Community Garden, Farmers Market, Public Art, Community Center, Branding, Historic Coburg, Leadership Team, Pathways, and



charming town. As we transition from vision to action, it is imperative that we receive your continued support. This is the perfect time to become involved in our action groups that will be working together to produce exciting outcomes for the community. If you have any questions or wish to become involved, please reach out to our RARE AmeriCorps member, Emma Vallillo. Emma will be serving Coburg for the next eleven months coordinating future vision group efforts to propel the implementation process.

Emma Vallillo

Email: emma.vallillo@ci.coburg.or.us

Phone: 541-682-7862



Events. These groups assembled as a direct result of community participation throughout the visioning process and will reconnect again in the coming weeks.

Coburg residents are part of a tight knit community who care about the future of this historic and



CCCS Bronco News

January/February 2018

School is back in session as of January 3rd! We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break catching up on much needed sleep and family time!

Skill Days are starting right away this year and we have exciting classes provided by community members and parents. Students will enjoy a variety of classes including art, movement, water purification and much more. Our next round of Skill Days will take place this spring, if you would like to pass along your hobby or skill to our youth please contact Christine Shepard or Jen Kelley.

The largest fundraiser for CCCS, the annual auction will take place February 24th at Valley River Center. Dust off your 'Boots and Lace' and join CCCS family and friends as we celebrate Coburg's success of having a school in the community for our children! Tickets are being sold at the school office, contact Jen Kelley at the school or Andrea McGarvey (auction lead) mamaofgrace@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

January 3rd	Classes Resume
January 5, 12,19,26	Winter Skill Days
January 15th	No School MLK Day
January 24-25	Coburg Pizza Fundraiser (Springfield location)
January 26th	Talent Show
February 1st	Band Concert
February 2nd	No School Grading Days
February 9th	Bingo Night
February 12th	Board Meeting
February 19th	No School Presidents Day
February 24th	Annual Auction

@Valley River Center

Heritage Committee Coloring Contest

Coburg Community Charter School students (Kindergarten through 3rd Grade) participated in a Coburg-centric Coloring Contest with winners chosen by the Heritage Committee. Each entry was a work of art in itself and selecting the finalists was a very difficult job. Each winner was awarded a gift certificate courtesy of Coburg Pizza Company. A big thanks and congratulations to every student who participated!



Cox House

Kindergarten: Abygail Dowd;
1st Grade: Jonny Jenkins;
2nd Grade: Lilly Jenkins;
3rd Grade: Allison Glock



Allingham House



Allingham House



Cox House

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and hopefully begin moving forward on this very soon. As we move forward, we will be able to take advantage of grants, donations, and volunteer commitment to turn ideas into successful projects.

I want to thank the City Hall staff, Councilor Patti Gianone and all of the other citizens that put so much effort

into a successful evening and look forward to the fruits that this will bear.

Have a safe and happy New Year.



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



Mayor Ray Smith's
**STATE
OF THE
CITY**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30pm



Coburg City Hall | 91136 N. Willamette Street | Coburg, OR



Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

ODDFELLOW MEETING

6:30 pm, I.O.O.F Hall

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

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

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

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

TBD

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

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Do you have a community event to share?

Call 541-682-7852

or email sammy.egbert@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
