

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

On Stepping Up

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

The chief petitioner behind the recall effort fourteen months ago is now a City Councilor. It's been an interesting week. But in many ways these events reflect well on the health of Coburg: we can accept our differences, still come together as professionals and, for the good our City, make it work.

To his credit, Mr. Stearns has stepped up. He's pledged to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct, to weigh carefully and independently the issues before Council, to commit himself to a reasoned view of the information presented, to constructively contribute to Council deliberations, and in the end, to accept the Council's decisions and move on. "That was then, this is now." I ask no more of every Councilor.

It's now up to you, the residents and businesses of Coburg, to step up, to hold the Council accountable, and be willing to be part of the solution. Does the direction being taken by

the Council align with your vision for Coburg? Are the decisions being made decisions you support? Does knowing where and how your money is spent matter to you? Are you receiving the value you expected for your hard-earned taxes and fees? If not, why not?

There will be three council seats as well as mayor up for election next year. Does the character and future of your town matter to you? Are you willing to assume some of the responsibilities of leadership? I know you've never done anything like this before. Neither had any of us currently serving. I know you wouldn't know what you're doing. No one does at first. But you can and will readily learn. We did. I know you're pressed for time. So are all of us. But each of us also makes time for that which matters. I know it's a big responsibility. You can handle it. It's also rewarding knowing you are doing something memorable and valuable for your

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The Coburg Urbanization Study Update

is being considered at the June 9th City Council Meeting.

Arbor Day Celebration

The Coburg Public Works Department hosted the 5th grade class from Coburg Community Charter School on April 23rd for the City's annual Arbor Day celebration. This was the 17th year that the City has sponsored this event, and fulfills one of the requirements in maintaining our "Tree City USA" recognition. This year, after a presentation on the history of Arbor Day and the importance of our City's trees, the class planted three new trees in Gazebo Park. After the planting, the Public Works Department provided a BBQ lunch for the class at Norma Pfeiffer Park.



**COBURG
COLOSSAL
CLUTTER
CLEAR-OUT**

SATURDAY, MAY 16

GATHER YOUR FOR SALE ITEMS | THROW UP
YOUR SIGN | MEANDER TOWN | FIND YOUR
NEXT TREASURE.

COBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS IN
THE REGISTER GUARD & ON CRAIG'S LIST

A small circular logo for the Coburg Chamber of Commerce, featuring a crown and the word "COBURG" below it.

The Coburg Food Pantry Needs Your Help!



We are in need of an energetic person that would like to help with this year's Postal Food Drive on May 9th. Food is dropped off at the fire station by the rural carriers. A team of volunteers then takes the food to the pantry, weighs it and sorts it. They would then report back to FFLC with the final weight. The postal food drives provide a large amount of food to our local pantry since all food collected in rural areas stay in those areas. If this is something that you would be willing to help with, please contact Kathy Emerson at 541-221-5055.

Helping fight hunger has been a long time passion of mine. I saw the need here in our community several years ago, and began planning in the fall of 2006. The doors opened in February 2007, and we continue to serve the people of Coburg on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We are staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers. I have continued to oversee the needs of the pantry, but now feel it is time to 'pass the torch'. While I would like to still volunteer in a different role, I am looking for someone that has the same passion to fight hunger as I do, and would like to step up to managing the food pantry. If this is something you think you may be interested in, or just want more information, please give me call (541-221-5055). Kathy Emerson, Pantry Manager

Volunteer Help Needed

We currently have need for help at the food pantry. We are looking for people that would be able to work on Mondays and could commit to twice a month for about 4 hrs./mo. If you have time to give and are interested in helping, call Kathy Emerson at 541-434-6404 for more details

Q is for Quilt

“Q is for Quilt” . . . and you will see about 300 quilts in Pavilion Park on Saturday, July 25 from 9am – 4pm at the 12th Annual Coburg Quilt Show & Sale.

Along with all the beautiful quilts, there will be about 20 vendors spread out on Harrison and Mill Streets. Stay and have lunch here in town and listen to live music during the show as you stroll through the park and Vendor booths! Pick up a bargain at our all-day Silent Auction. Visit the “Hoffman Challenge” tent to see the trunk show of quilts we received from across the nation! Vote for your favorite quilts and buy a calendar featuring last year’s winning quilts!

Do you have a Quilt you’d like to enter or sell? Interested in joining our other Quilt-related Vendors? Would you like to join other Volunteers as we prepare for this year’s show? Visit our website: www.coburgquiltshow.org and find out how you can: (1) Enter a Quilt, (2) Sell a Quilt, (3) Become a Vendor, or (4) Volunteer at this year’s show!

We definitely **NEED VOLUNTEERS** * on the following days:

- Sunday, July 19 12 noon – 4 pm
Quilt Take-In at the Coburg School Gym
- Monday, July 20 4 pm – 7 pm
Quilt Take-In at the Coburg School Gym
- Friday, July 24 9 am Setting up of teepees, fencing, etc. @ Pavilion Park
- Saturday, July 25 6 am – 7 pm Set up & take down of quilts on poles, vendor traffic control, trash cans, food donation cans, setting up chairs & tents, park clean up, etc.
- Sunday, July 26th 11 am – 2 pm Quilt pick-up at the School gym

* Contact Karen Klemme, 541-343-6407, for an available time-slot or any other information. Don’t be surprised if I show up at your door asking you to help out for an hour or two! Thank you in advance for making the Coburg Quilt Show a success! (All proceeds go back into our community and next year’s show).

Over 350 Traditional, Vintage & Art Quilts
All sizes & skill levels
Vendor Booths • Silent Auction
• Food • Antique Shops

Admission by donation or
canned food for the Coburg Food Bank.

Q is for QUILT
Coburg 11th Annual Outdoor
Quilt Show & Sale

For VENDOR,
QUILT ENTRY or VOLUNTEER
information, visit our website at
www.coburgquiltshow.org
or contact us at 541•343•6407,
PO Box 8444 • Coburg • OR 97408

Coburg
Quilt
Show & Sale

Pavilion Park
COBURG
Oregon

Saturday
JULY 25, 2015
9am - 4pm

Green House

90972 S. Coleman Street

Original Owner

This home on the City's Historic Walking Tour was constructed around 1912 by local builder Earl Simmons. The wood used is probably from Coburg, as the Booth-Kelly mill was in full operation at the time. (The mill was dismantled and reassembled at its Springfield location after a fire in 1912.) The building is known as the "Green House" after the Green family who lived there for many years.

The first owner was Mr. Tomesson who came to Coburg from Canada, and operated a feed store in town. In the late 1980s Tomesson's grandson and niece traveled through Oregon and came to Coburg to see the home. They spotted it right away, as restoration to the front of the house has retained the original lead glass windows, and the porch has been rebuilt with stone as seen in old photographs. The chimney to the living room fireplace has also been restored in stone and brick, preserving the original architecture.

Tomesson and his niece shared old family photos of the home with the current owners, Richard and



Green House today

Mary Mosier. They had pictures of the sidewalk being poured out front of the house, and other snapshots of life in early Coburg.

Coburg Cottage Architecture

The Green residence is well-built, with two broad gables to the street; the gable of a porch veranda in the front has tapered posts on a cast stone base. The house is a 1½ story wood-frame rectangle with a decorative gables and end brackets. One signature of the Green House construction is exposed aggregate between the front clapboards. This style of architecture is called Western Stick design, a variation of the Bungalow, also called Coburg Cottage. It was constructed during a transition from the Western Farmhouse style to the popular Bungalows of the 1920s.

Basements

This is one of the few homes in Coburg built with a basement during this era; there was fear of flooding at the time after the December flood of 1861 washed away houses, barns, and livestock in the area.



Green House circa 1912

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Meet Reserve Police Officer Liz Meza

Liz Meza is a native Lane County resident who graduated from Creswell High School and is raising two young sons. Liz was recognized for her basketball skills and received a full ride scholarship to the University of Oregon. Liz graduated from the Firefighter Academy in 2006, receiving her EMT basic certification from Lane Community College in 2008. In addition, she is also a graduate of the Umpqua Community College Reserve Police Officer Academy and a recent graduate from Pioneer Pacific College. Liz is currently working for the Lane County Medical Examiner's office. She has been a dedicated reserve police officer for the City of Coburg since 2012. Liz is enthusiastic, with great communication skills and a professional demeanor. Liz is also bilingual in Spanish. Being a Firefighter and First Responder, Liz is a valuable asset to the City and Coburg community.



Road Improvements Coming to Intersection of South Coburg Industrial Way and Roberts Road



The City has received a SCA (Special City Allotment) grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, specifically awarded to make much-needed repairs at the intersection of South Coburg Industrial Way and Roberts Road.

The Coburg Public Works Department has received bids and is planning to schedule the repairs in the near future. The repaving overlay project will include the intersection and extend approximately four to five hundred feet south.

Future Paving Projects

The last SCA Grant the City received was used to pave a south portion of Roberts Road, starting at Roberts Court. As additional funds become available, more paving projects will be scheduled in this area.

County Ballot Measure May Help Coburg Roads

Recently Lane County proposed a measure to increase vehicle registration fees. The County placed the issue on the May ballot. If the ballot measure passes, Coburg would receive much-needed revenue that could be used for future repaving projects in the City.

—Bob Butler, Public Works Director

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However, a new school in Coburg was completed in 1911, with a basement that held the cafeteria. The school's large wood-framed building was in colonial revival style, with a central portico and bell tower. Many prominent citizens taught or attended here, including Leona Green. The building was declared a fire trap in 1962, and students began attending the Eugene School District. The building was demolished in June 1965. The current fire hall is located on the site.

The Green Family

The house on S. Coleman passed from Mr. Tomesson to the Green family, where Leona and Harold "Jack" Green lived for many years with their son Johnny. They remodeled the home in 1949, adding to the basement and enlarging the kitchen at the back of the house. Leona decorated the kitchen in pink and turquoise, and added a modern electric clock in the wall.

Two large rooms and a bath were added upstairs. In the process, the original staircase was abandoned and new stairs built adjacent to them, oriented in the opposite direction. The original stairway would be found boarded up inside a wall 50 years later when the next owners remodeled.

Jack Green built a nook in the stairwell wall where he installed a GE grandfather clock with ornamental pendulums and electric chimes, which were popular in the 1950s. It ran continuously for many years until Jack died in 1959, when the clock suddenly stopped.

The Mosier Family

Richard and Mary Mosier bought the house from Leona Green in July of 1983. They found someone to repair Jack's GE clock, it ran continuously until it again stopped - the day that Leona Green died. It still sits in the wall nook, but is now silent.

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**Coburg Heritage Interpretive Walk
of Homes and History**
Saturday, May 30, 10:00am
Tour begins at Coburg City Hall
Q&A reception to follow tour

107 - A SCENE AT COBURG ORE. ON "THE ROAD OF A THOUSAND WONDERS"

City Receives Coburg Community Charter School Golden Bell Award

It has become a tradition at CCCS for classes of students to receive 'Golden Awards' for good behavior, cleanliness and character in P.E., library, music & in their classrooms.

In keeping with tradition, we have created the 'Golden Bell Award' for businesses that have shown us their character & community support through major contributions of monetary funds or volunteer resources to our school.

On behalf of the board, staff, families, and students, congratulations on being a 2015 Golden Bell Recipient, and thank you for helping us inspire children & build a stronger community.

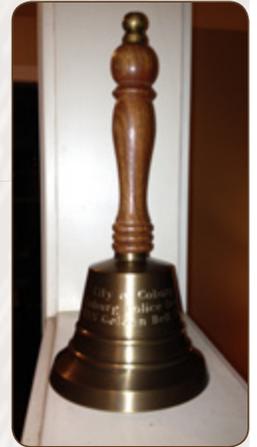
The Coburg Police Department's collaboration on safety, volunteer time at school events, and community outreach over the last several years has

meant so much to our school. Shop with a Cop, lunches with students, safety meetings and planning, and serving meals at the community dinner, are just a few of the many ways that the Coburg Police have supported our school just this year.

One way that we publicly honor our Golden Bell Award Recipients is with a presentation of the Golden Bell at our annual Dinner and Auction.

Again, thank you so much for your continued support of this community and our school!

*Sincerely, Mollie Smith
CCCS Board Member*



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The Mosiers have worked to maintain the historical value of the structure, especially the street-facing and south sides of the home, where the porch and chimney have been restored to the original appearance. During their remodel in 2000, they discovered the hidden stairwell to the second floor. The oak stair steps were recovered and now reside in the "Brockway House" on N. Miller Street, which was built in 1909.

Also found were receipts from the Green's remodeling in 1949, and a sports page from the Oregonian, circa 1950. They also uncovered the original kitchen wall and plumbing that was changed during the Green's residence.

Mary Mosier shared a humorous experience that occurred during upgrades to the home in 2000. She and Rich hired electricians to install a doorbell. In

the process they reconnected old wires that had run to Leona Green's 1949 kitchen clock. Returning home from an errand, Mary found the workers spooked and on the front porch. "You have a ghost in your house!" they complained. Tracking down the strange sounds, they discovered that the "modern" clock Leona bought also had a doorbell, which was hidden beneath wallpaper for many years.

If you have information about your home or business, or you want to learn more about your older home, please contact the Coburg Heritage Committee, at heritage@ci.coburg.or.us.

If you have question on how to restore your historic home or commercial property, please contact City Hall at 541-682-7852. There are many State resources available for historic restoration.

A Bump in the Road

Sooner or later it happens to everyone. Everything is going along fine until we suddenly run into something we hadn't anticipated. It could be a medical problem, or a financial problem, or a family problem. As a result, life suddenly looks different. And we may need to make adjustments – both minor and major, just to get through the situation.

Last month, I experienced a literal “bump in the road.” I was on vacation in Florida and out for a morning run. Somehow my foot hit a rock; I lost my balance and went down hard alongside the road. As I gathered my wits, I knew immediately that something was wrong with my right arm. Later that morning, X-rays revealed a bad break in my upper arm and shoulder. All of the sudden, life looked different.

As I sit down to write, it has been some five weeks, and here are a few of the lessons that I have learned so far:

First, accept the help that people offer you. I often talk on Sundays about the importance of helping others. I talk much less often about how to accept help from others graciously. From my buddy Bill who helped me navigate the three flights home from Florida, to the friends who are giving me rides, to the people who offer to carry things that I can't manage with my left arm alone, I am learning to be grateful for every small favor.

Second, your Doctor isn't as young as they look! I know I am getting old, because everyone at the doctor's office seems so young. And they are young,

but they are also highly trained professionals, who are at the top of their game. I trust them and I am grateful for their skill and dedication.

Third, not everything needs to be done today. I am accustomed to starting every day with a list and checking things off as I go. These days my lists are much shorter, and I don't check much off after 4:00 p.m. The truth is most of the stuff can wait. So I am learning to let go!

Fourth, I never realized how many tasks require two hands. Like getting dressed, opening a zip lock bag, reading a book, or washing dishes. Combing my hair left handed is a chore. And forget about tying a tie or polishing shoes. (See #1 above)

Fifth, we sometimes joke in our family about how some inconvenience is a “first world problem.” Right now I am grateful for “first world assets.” Things like cars that function, and cell phones, and trained doctors, and safe medicines. Having a broken arm is a problem in North America but it would be a crisis in many parts of the world.

Life is unpredictable to be sure. But trust me when I say that my glass is “still half full!” I have much to be thankful for including the blessing of family and friends and the good people of my church who continue to be supportive. If you see me around town, honk. I'll try to wave back with my left hand!

Pastor Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church

“ Life is unpredictable to be sure. And we may need to make adjustments– both minor and major ...”

Bronco News



May and June are busy months at CCCS and a time to celebrate many accomplishments. The 8th grade class of 2015 will be

the first graduating class since 1964 in Coburg! We are so proud of all the hard work the students have accomplished throughout the year! Thank you to all the community members making it possible to have a successful school in our town and volunteers in surrounding areas for being a part of our community and school! Go Broncos!

Spring Skill Days are finishing up in May; thank you to all the volunteers making Skill Days possible this spring! This program makes our school unique because of the opportunities it provides the students to learn a variety of skills and hobbies from community members.

A BIG THANK you to Erik Lovendahl, Rachel Henderson, Cummins Northwest, Lane County Sheriff Dive Team, Erica Piquette, Glory Bee, Lane County Master Gardeners, Kate Harley, Will Lewis and many more for teaching this spring.

We are currently selling Johnson Brothers gift cards as a fundraiser for CCCS. The school receives 20%

of each gift card purchased (thank you Johnson Brothers!) You can buy the gift cards in increments of \$25 and \$50. Please contact Jonelle Lewis to purchase the gift cards at 541-870-0393 or jonellemlewis@gmail.com.

These gift cards are valid through 12/31/2015 and an easy way to support the local school!



The circus is coming to town in May! The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be in Coburg Tuesday, May 26th. Show times are 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now; please contact Jen Kelley at j.kelley@coburgcharter.org to purchase your tickets, or they will be sold at the school May 14, 15, 21 from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:15 p.m. and May 22 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. And at the annual Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear-Out in the City Hall parking lot May 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This rare event is sponsored by the Coburg Community Grange and proceeds go to CCCS. Advance ticket prices for youth are \$6, adults \$10.

For Upcoming Events at CCCS, see Calendar page 11.



City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed.



MARCH

CITY COUNCIL

Discussed – Serenity Lane Update

Discussed – City Administration Report

Presented – Mind Mixer Technology

Approved – Resolution 2015-05 Approving payback of wastewater loan to Oregon Infrastructure and Finance Authority (IFA)

First Reading – Ordinance A198-B amending 'Special Events Ordinance'

First Reading – Ordinance A199-E Urban Growth Boundary

First Reading – Ordinance A122-A amending 'Wastewater Ordinance'

APRIL

CITY COUNCIL

Appointed – Steve Stearns to City Council Position 3

Discussed – City Administration Report

Approved – Limited Income Assistance Methodology 2015-16

Endorsed – Greenhouse Gas Scenario Planning Preferred Scenario - www.clscenarioplanning.org

Second Reading – Ordinance A198-B amending Special Events Ordinance'(no action)

Second Reading – Ordinance A199-E Urban Growth Boundary (no action)

Second Reading | Approved – Ordinance A122-A amending 'Wastewater Ordinance'

First Reading – Ordinance A155-A amending 'Sign Ordinance'

Discussed – Staff Retention and Payscale

Parks/Tree Committee Update

The Parks/Tree Committee has scheduled a year full of events to help improve and celebrate our parks. In January, we held a weeding event on S. Industrial Way. Our February and March events were cancelled due to inclement weather. In April volunteers weeded and groomed Pavilion Park. We hope to see more volunteers on May 9 at Norma Pfeiffer Park to clean picnic tables and the play equipment, plus whatever weeding needs to be done.

For the month of June there will be a park naming celebration. Did you know that last year the City officially named three parks, following the suggestions of the Parks Committee? The park

formerly known as Moody Park was named Jacob Spores Park. The walking path along Canterbury Slough was named Booth Kelly Mill Pond Trail. And the Wetland Park was named Trail's End Park. Signs will be made and erected this year.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to join us at any of the events scheduled for the rest of this year. Most events will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 9 am. Flyers will be posted around town the week of the event. There is also an opening on the Parks/Tree Committee. If you would like more information about an event or the Committee please contact: coburgclaire@gmail.com.

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community, for your neighbors, for your friends. It's rewarding knowing that you've stepped up and been willing to assume the responsibilities of leadership and of being part of the solution.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jae Pudewell".

Jae Pudewell
Mayor, City of Coburg

Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

4th Saturdays

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

8:00-10:00 am

2nd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

GRANGE/GOLDEN YEARS MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Petra Schuetz, Planning Director

541-682-7871

3rd Wednesdays

PARKS TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Bob Butler, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

1st Thursdays

METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or Springfield library)

Contact, Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

541-682-7871

Thursdays

GAME NIGHT

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

1st Fridays

POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm Game Begins
Coburg Community Grange

MAY/JUNE EVENTS

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY (FFLC)

2015 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Beginning Monday June 22 through Friday August 21

Noon-1:00 pm Norma Pfeiffer Park

COBURG FOOD PANTRY POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 9

COBURG COLOSSAL CLUTTER CLEAR-OUT

Saturday May 16th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

COBURG CITY HALL CLOSED

Monday May 25th for Memorial Day

COBURG HERITAGE INTERPRETIVE WALK

Saturday May 30 10:00 am Starts at City Hall

Upcoming Events

at Coburg Community Charter School

May 1, 8, 15 Skill Days

May 16 Garage Sale 8:00 am -2:00 pm at City Hall

May 26 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus 5:30 pm &
7:30 pm north of City Hall

May 28 Band Silent Film night in the Gym at 6:30 pm

May 18 Board Meeting

June 2 K-2 Music Concert in the Gym at 6:30 pm

June 5 Jog-A-Thon

June 9 Board Meeting

June 12 Last day of School!

Do you have a community event to share? Call 541-682-7852 or email

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Address Correction Requested

First Annual Event Generates Community Optimism

On Saturday, April 25th over 30 businesses, organizations and programs came together in the first ever *Coburg Conversations*. The purpose of the event was to generate positive dialog and energy for the business community and upcoming event season. By all indications the event was a great success.

Businesses from all corners were included. From the industrial corridor Pacific Headwear, Hamilton Construction, Serenity Lane and Camping World were in attendance. From out west were Agrarian Ales, Johnson Brothers Greenhouses and Camas Swale Farms. And of course a large number of our downtown businesses were there as well. For a complete list of attendees go to facebook.com/CoburgConversations. And LIKE the page while you are there!

Bringing businesses together and connecting with the community are essential to building a vibrant local economy. Congratulations to all the participants who stepped up!

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 www.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