

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

On Civics

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

Last June, I wrote about "We the People..." My point was that despite the seemingly endless debates at all strata of society over who constitutes "the People," in Coburg, it's pretty straightforward: the residents and businesses who live and/or work in town, pay property taxes, and consume city services.

Coburg is known for its strong sense of volunteerism: festivals, faires, shows, events, committees, commissions, and councils. It's fun and rewarding. It's how we manage our affairs. And it's how we define us.

Civics can broadly be defined as 'understanding the obligations of the individual to the collective.' Put another way, our Civic Responsibility means helping to create our Coburg Community.

This April, the City is hosting the first annual Coburg Conversations, an opportunity for you to find out what your friends and neighbors are up to, to learn more about local businesses and organizations, to tell others what you like about Coburg and what you'd like to see happen. It's an opportunity to discover how you can strengthen our community, build civic pride, and in the process, 'raise a few new friends.'

Stay tuned and see you there!



Jae Pudewell
Mayor, City of Coburg



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Meet City Staff

Anne Heath is a native of Lane County born at Sacred Heart. She was raised in Cottage Grove and is one of ten siblings. Anne began working in accounting at an early age when she was hired by a local CPA firm while attending school at Lane Community College. Anne has over twenty years' experience in administrative management, bookkeeping and accounting. Most recently Anne was the Executive Director and Finance Manager for Sisters Park & Recreation District. In 2011 she received her Executive Directors Certification through NRPA and North Carolina State University. Anne and husband Alan have five children and one grandson. They live on a small twelve acre farm in Creswell where they enjoy gardening and plant propagation.



Celebrating People in Coburg!

Do you have a success story you would like to share? Please email your story – and a photo – to sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us.

We Need You!

Have you considered volunteering for the many City committees? Our volunteers are critical to the shared success of our town! You can make a big difference! There are currently vacancies for the following committees. See www.coburgoregon.org for more information or stop by Coburg City Hall.



- Audit and Finance Committee (quarterly)
- Budget Committee (weekly in Spring for 3-5 meetings)
- Heritage Committee (monthly or less)
- Parks and Tree Committee (monthly)
- Planning Commission (monthly or less)

I.O.O.F.

West Point Lodge #62 of the Independent Order of Oddfellows meets twice monthly; 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30p.m.

Every Thursday (except holidays) the Hall is open for Game Night including ping-pong tournaments, dart board, and we hope to add foosball! Free popcorn & coffee. For more information call 541-484-0250.

Ford Institute Leadership Program: We've Got You Covered!

The picnic shelter project in Norma Pfeiffer Park is nearing completion. Hopefully by the time this article appears, the finishing touches will already be done. The volunteers participating in the Ford Institute Leadership Program have worked together with the city, local businesses, and individual volunteers to bring this project to fruition.

The completion of this project marks the graduation of the first cohort of the Ford Institute Leadership Program in Coburg. Representatives of the Program will be seeking community members to join the second cohort in the coming months. This program



is an important opportunity for our community and an enriching experience for the participants. Please consider becoming a part of the next group of participants.

Support for this project has been widespread, and it would not have been successful without the efforts of all those who worked together to make it possible. Watch for information on the ribbon cutting coming soon.



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Steve Lee (4th from right) accepting his award from Mayor Pudewell (right) with associates and family for 2014 Coburg Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations Steve Lee 2014 Coburg Citizen of the Year

Steve purchased the “old Monaco plant” and reimagined the site into CoburgNorth Commercial Condominiums, adding back over a thousand jobs by attracting such businesses as Carry-On Trailers, REARS Manufacturing, APEL Extrusions Limited, Hamilton Construction, and Pacific Headwear.

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Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their donations of time and money.
Many hands make light work and a better community!

- ▶ Mr. Andrew S. Johnson, Executive Director – Engine Business, Cummins Northwest, LLC
- ▶ Mr. Richard Garlitz, Operations Manager, Cummins Northwest, LLC
- ▶ Cummins Northwest Community Volunteer Crew
- ▶ Joe Nation, NATCO Development, LLC
- ▶ John Brooks, Project Manager
- ▶ Robert Lamont, Licensed Contractor
- ▶ Rick and Robin Nation, Nation’s Mini-Mix, Inc.
- ▶ Janessa Bruce, Arts and Media Manager JB Designs
- ▶ John Tokatly
- ▶ JAJ Enterprises, LLC
- ▶ Scott Williams
- ▶ Hamilton Construction
- ▶ Vicki Pattle, V P Consulting, Inc.
- ▶ Coburg Volunteer Fire District
- ▶ City of Coburg
- ▶ Coburg Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Coburg Community Charter School
- ▶ Coburg Community Grange #535
- ▶ Coburg Car Classic
- ▶ Clint Egbert, DMS Trucking
- ▶ Vern Egge
- ▶ The Ford Family Foundation
- ▶ All of the volunteers who participated in The Ford Family Leadership Program



The Stories that Define Us

What defines a community? It's not a marketing slogan or City Hall. It's not the businesses that line its streets or even the special celebrations that, on occasion, fill its parks.

Certainly, these all make substantial contributions. But in the end, a community is truly defined by the flesh and blood interactions of its citizens and guests, expressed as a vast collection of human stories.

Not surprisingly, the most dramatic and important of these stories get shared often. Over time such pivotal anecdotes become a community's cultural foundation. Some communities are blessed with a rich and vibrant collection of these heritage stories. But this blessing is not without its own risk.

A compelling past can become such a point of emphasis that one loses sight of an essential truth: a community lives in the present.

It is only by the stories we continue to write each and every day - befriending neighbors, volunteering at events, patronizing local businesses, engaging with city council - that a community thrives and grows. The anecdotes of the past are essential as shapers of our cultural character, but being a living process fresh stories must be continually added.

A community defined solely by its history has stopped breathing. But the community that comes together to plan and celebrate and rest and rage and reconcile and step optimistically toward the future truly lives in the here and now

A community is defined by its stories. It is up to each of us to keep writing them.

Over the coming weeks you will see notices of the upcoming Coburg Conversations. This event is modest in structure but audacious in its purpose. It is structured to allow community members to meet and converse with the businesses, organizations and associations that work to keep our town growing. It also seeks to inspire new and renewed community involvement of its citizens.

You will have opportunities to share your vision of our town's future, as well as stories that illustrate what you love most about living here.

I look forward to meeting you there!

Robert Killen
Resident
Coburg Conversations Chair

Congratulations Brian Harmon 2014 Coburg Employee of the Year

Brian is the City's Wastewater Operator and has been integral to the success of the wastewater treatment facility and system.

*Brian Harmon (left)
accepting his award
from Petra Schuetz,
City Administrator
(right)*



Bronco News

Students have been busy at CCCS! February wrapped up winter Skill Days where students participated in a variety of classes including self defense, roping, sewing, international studies, small animal care and much more! Skill Days are unique to CCCS tying the school and community together. If you have a hobby or skill you would like to teach, our next and final



Skills Days at CCCS—Media

Skill Days of the school year will take place in May. Contact Jen Kelley at j.kelley@coburgcharter.org or (541)344-4113 for more information on how to be a part of this unique program!

Have you driven by the school lately? If you have, you may have noticed a garden! CCCS has been working hard creating a garden for the students to learn about agriculture. A Big Thank You to Oregon Community Credit Union volunteers who helped fill our garden boxes with dirt on President’s Day. We hope to begin planting this spring; if you would like to be a part



Animal Care

Skills Days at CCCS



Art



Roping



Sewing

of our garden project please contact John Sepulveda at j.sepulveda@coburgcharter.org or just stop by the school. We are excited to finally begin a garden at CCCS and encourage all green thumbs to join us!

What a “Time to Celebrate” at CCCS! The end of February marked the 5th annual auction at CCCS. The auction was a huge success and we want to thank individuals and businesses who donated as well as the volunteers who spent countless hours making this event go off without a hitch! THANK YOU!

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A special thank you to this year's business sponsors: Chvatal Orthodontics, Wildish, Coburg Pizza Company, Brenners Furniture and Knife River Corporation.

The annual auction at CCCS is one of the largest fundraising events for the school. Our charter school is funded in part by the state and school district, the rest must be raised by CCCS in order to operate. Fundraising events held by CCCS are vital in keeping our school operating. Thank you again to everyone who sponsored, volunteered and donated to this year's auction!

CCCS is in need of one or two volunteers who would like to present and inspire our middle school students of the importance on workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. No teaching experience in required to volunteer! Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization provides all the required materials. Volunteers are needed to make this program a reality at CCCS this spring. If this program interests you, please contact Shara MonDragon at (541) 344-4113.



Skills Days at CCCS—Music

It's that time of year again at CCCS, registration time! Open enrollment for CCCS begins March 2nd. The lottery will be held April 8th. Applications are on the

school website and available at the school front office. CCCS is a community based school where those living in the old Coburg elementary school boundary have priority over other 4j and out of district families.

As a charter school, anyone can apply to CCCS and a lottery is held in the Spring for the following school year. But, at CCCS, those living in the old school boundaries have first priority (after siblings) until Coburg students reach 50% of the school population (at which time the priority goes away). We aren't to the 50% marker yet, so we encourage all Coburg families interested in being a part of CCCS to apply!



Skills Days at CCCS—Golf

The annual CCCS Community Bingo Night and Book Fair is fast approaching. Please join us March 19th for a fun evening of bingo and books! The event will be held at the CCCS gym starting at 6:00p.m.

Would you like to become more involved with the school or have a service project our students can do in the community? Please contact Jen Kelley with details at j.kelley@coburgcharter.org or 541-344-4113.

Parks/Tree Committee

The Coburg Parks and Tree Committee has scheduled a weeding and pruning event at Jacob Spores Park, on the corner of Sarah Lane and Shane Court. It will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 14. Bring appropriate tools for digging in the dirt and help us get this park ready for summer! More information will be posted on flyers around town. In April, we will sponsor an event to clean the restrooms at Pavilion Park, on Saturday, April 11, beginning at 9:00 am. More information will be posted as the time nears.

The Committee currently has an opening for a citizen member. If you are interested, please pick up an application at City Hall. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm. in City Hall. For more information about the coming events, or about joining the committee, you may contact: coburgclaire@gmail.com.



“This is more than a meeting place. It is a place of meeting.”

I ran across this line many years ago as part of a speech dedicating a new church building in California. It has stayed with me ever since, because it is consistent with what I have experienced in every church I have served.

Churches are one of the places in the community where people come together in times of celebration and in times of tragedy, in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Some people come through our doors seeking fellowship and activity. Others come through our doors seeking solitude and quiet. Some come looking for help through a rough time. Others come looking for a way to reach out and help others. After years of working in Church buildings, I can truly tell you that no two days are alike.

The Coburg Church was founded in 1903 and a modest wooden church was constructed soon thereafter. That building was destroyed in a tragic fire and rebuilt on the same location (with cement block) in 1948. It has stood in the same location pretty much unchanged since that time. People often stop on their way through town and tell me that they were baptized here, or went to Sunday School here, or were married here, or held their father’s funeral here. And it makes sense when you think about it. After all, how many other Coburg businesses have operated in the same location for 112 years?

Today we are looking to the future. Our kitchen, which was built with used cabinets in 1948, is in need of an “extreme makeover.” This central room, that serves as the hub for so many church and community activities needs to catch up with the 21st century. We’ve drawn plans, solicited bids, and lined up volunteers to help. Now we are raising funds to help us create a kitchen that can serve the needs of the community. We envision things like a community soup dinner open to all. We want to host cooking classes in partnership with Food for Lane County.

And we want to provide space for community groups to gather along with groups from our own congregation.

We are confident that we can raise the roughly \$17,000 needed for this project.

We are already well on our way. But we would also welcome help from the wider community. It might come in the form of a cash donation, or volunteer labor. Just give us a call, and we will let you know how you can get involved. Together we will create “a place of meeting” for our community.

Pastor Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church

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City Council Brief

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



JANUARY 13TH

CITY COUNCIL

Swearing-In ceremony for new elected officials: Jae Pudewell – Mayor, Patrick Kocereck – Councilor, and Donald Nelson – Councilor. A Council vacancy remains.

State of the City Address – Mayor Jae Pudewell

2014 Year in Review – Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

2014 Citizen of the Year – Steve Lee, CoburgNorth Commercial Condominiums

2014 Employee of the Year – Brian Harmon, Wastewater Operator

Appoint City Council President – Ray Smith

Recognition of Service for outgoing elected officials; Jeffery Kaliner and Brian Pech

Discussed – Council Retreat Summary

Discussed – City Administration Monthly Update

Approved – Resolution 2015-01 Inflation Factor for Systems Development Charges

Approved – Resolution 2015-02 Sale of Wastewater Project Revenue Bond #1

Approved – Resolution 2015-03 Sale of Wastewater Project Revenue Bond #2

Approved – Pioneer Valley Estates Water Rates Raised from \$85 to \$120/month

Appointed – Park Tree Members

Approved – Park Tree Bylaws Amendment

JANUARY 27TH

CITY COUNCIL

Discussed – Financial Monthly Update

Approved – Resolution 2015-04 Supplemental Budget

Discussed – LID Status Report

FEBRUARY 10TH

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Discussed – Financial Report

Approved – Resolution 2015-01-U Supplemental Budget

CITY COUNCIL

Discussed – City Administration Monthly Report

Approved – 2015 Requests for Proposals

Discussed – Financial Monthly Update

Approved – Local Improvement District Assessment for City-owned Properties to Respective Funds

Discussed – Diamond Ridge Public Safety Update

Discussed – Urban Growth Boundary Expansion and Transportation System Plan Co-Adoption Status

Proclamation – Arbor Day

Presented – Lane Council of Government Services

Discussed – City Council Vacancy-Extended to March 31st

FEBRUARY 24TH

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Appointed – City Council Liaisons

- Councilor Behney - Public Works & Utilities
- Councilor Smith - Police & Public Safety
- Councilor Nelson - Planning Commission & Heritage Committee
- Councilor Abbaspour - Chamber of Commerce & Parks/Tree Committee
- Councilor Kocurek - Audit/Finance Committee
- Metropolitan Policy Committee Alternate - Councilor Smith
- Lane Area Commission on Transportation Alternate - Councilor Smith
- Lane Council of Governments Board - Councilor Kocurek

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

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

MARCH/APRIL EVENTS

COMMUNITY POKER NIGHT

March 6th at 6:30 pm

Grange Hall

GRANGE MEETING

March 11th at 7:00 pm

WEEDING & PRUNING-PARKS AND TREE COM.

March 14th at 9:00 am

Jacob Spores Park

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4th at 10:00 am

Norma Pfeiffer Park

CLEANING-PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE

March 14th at 9:00 am

Pavilion Park

COBURG CONVERSATIONS EVENT

April 22nd at 11:00 am

Coburg City Hall

Upcoming Events

at Coburg Community Charter School

March 2 New Student Enrollment Begins-
Applications available

March 19 Bingo Night and Book Fair held in CCCS
Gym

March 22-27 Spring Break

April 4 Noon—New Student Application deadline-

April 8 Lottery Held for new students

April 24 Talent Show in CCCS Gym

Do you have a community event to share?

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Address Correction Requested

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 going on 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
