

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner

### On Faith—in Each Other

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

At this writing, Good Friday and Easter weekend are upon us; discussing Faith seems appropriate. Faith is most often defined as a “belief in the existence of God, to strong religious feelings or beliefs.” The Book of Hebrews (11:1, NIV) defines faith as “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” In addition to our personal beliefs, however, we also keep faith with others. Merriam-Webster also define faith as “allegiance to duty or a person, loyalty; fidelity to one’s promises, a sincerity of intentions.” Examples include the sense of accomplishment of completing a team project, the camaraderie of athletic teammates, the lifelong bonds of friendship, the personal commitment and connections of police and fire fighting units, and the unshakeable bonds of those who’ve served under fire.

In our Coburg community, keeping faith means that even when we disagree, we can have confidence in the sincerity of each other’s viewpoints and assurance of our mutual good will. Citizens need confidence that Council acts seriously, thoughtfully, and deliberately. That it weighs the issues and makes the best decisions possible given the information available. Conversely, Council needs confidence that Citizens will speak up, on both sides of issues, and constructively make their perspectives and opinions known. And that once a decision is made, we will all move forward.

This summer we’re going to be closing down the sewer project. Finally. After all the costs have been tallied, Council will have the responsibility for setting (1) the Local Improvement District Levy (calculated as cents per square



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# City Council Brief

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



## MARCH

### CITY COUNCIL

Discussed – Wastewater Project

Discussed – City Administration Report

Discussed – Financial Report

First Reading – Ordinance A-163-M Adopting Oregon Criminal Code

Approved – Resolution 2014-04 Application from Oregon Parks and Recreation for Coburg Ponds

## APRIL

### CITY COUNCIL

Discussed – Wastewater Project

Discussed – City Administration Report

Discussed – Public Works

Discussed – Financial Report

Approved – LCOG Broadband Connection Agreement

Approved – Resolution 2014-05 Designating Authorized Signatures for Bank Accounts

Approved – Ordinance A-163-M Adopting Oregon Criminal Code

Discussed – Dispatch Contract Renewal

First Reading – A-229 Transportation System Plan

Approved – Ordinance A-228 Declaring a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

The Coburg Transportation System Plan Update is being considered for adoption at the May 8th City Council Meeting

The Coburg Urbanization Study Update is being considered at the June 10th and July 8th City Council Meetings.

## 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./mth. If you have time to give, and are interested in helping, call Kathy Emerson at 541-434-6404 for more details.



**walk→bike→bus→pool→WIN!**

**may 10 – may 16, 2014**

## **The 2014 Business Commute Challenge (BCC) is right around the corner!**

The Business Commute Challenge (BCC) is a weeklong friendly competition amongst local area businesses that encourages employees to walk, bike, bus, carpool, or telework for their daily commute as an alternative to driving alone. Participants have the opportunity to win prizes, have fun, promote teamwork, and help reduce carbon emissions all at the same time.

Last year more than 2,100 people, representing 172 business teams participated in the Business Commute Challenge! In just one week, the BCC participants reduced more than 69,030 drive-alone miles, and reduced more than 70,600 pounds of carbon dioxide!

Visit the website at [www.commutechallenge.org](http://www.commutechallenge.org) for a list of activities and ways to win. You can sign-up your business team for the BCC beginning April 7, 2014.

Teams that register before April 18 will be entered into a drawing to “Drive the Big Rig” (learn how to drive an LTD bus). The team captains can invite their CEO and 10 of their teammates along for the ride. Two teams will be randomly drawn.

Contact: Marcia Maffei – Business Commute Challenge Coordinator at 541.682.6206 or [bcc-info@ltd.org](mailto:bcc-info@ltd.org)

The 2014 Business Commute Challenge is an event coordinated by Point2point and sponsored by City of Eugene, Lane Transit District, City of Springfield, Arriving By Bike™, Paul’s Bicycle Way of Life, Clif Bar, and KEZI 9 News.



## Little Free Library



The motto is “take a book, return a book” and that is exactly what many can do when they go visit the Little Free Library box located on the corner of N. Willamette and E. Locust Streets. Founded in 2009 by Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, the Little Tree Library is a box, usually a make-shift miniature house, where anyone in the community can take one or two books and leave another in their place for others to enjoy.

Bol constructed the first library in memory of his late mother, who was a school teacher. Many people loved his idea, so he decided to make more, added a “free books” sign, and gave them away. The Little Free Library never looked back and has grown ever since.

The purpose of these little libraries is to promote a sense of community and wisdom through reading and the love of books by providing free access to them by the building of these boxes. Today there are little libraries worldwide and the number is growing rapidly. So, gather up the books that you’ve had for so long that you can’t remember why you bought them, some of your favorites, the books that you can no longer fit on your bookshelf, or simply children’s books, and stop by! Leave them and grab a few that capture your interest! You never know what could be lurking on those shelves!

For more information or to start a little library of your own: visit <http://littlefreelibrary.org/> to learn more.

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## We’re getting closer!

As an update on the community effort in partnership with The Ford Family Foundation to build a covered 20’ x 30” pavilion in Norma Pfeiffer Park by the playground. We have successfully raised \$2750 in cash, \$6880 from in kind donations, and are working on a \$5,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation. Special thanks to those individuals, groups and businesses who have stepped forward to be a part. We are in

the final steps of getting our park structure launched!

In the next weeks, we are hoping to finalize the budget, begin construction and have it completed in time for a public dedication this summer. We will keep you all posted.

Be part of making our Norma Pfeiffer Park a more beautiful place to visit!



## Weeds

Please remember to keep weeds on your property below 10 inches high through September. This is a local safety and visual ordinance.

## How Does a Garden Grow?

A little over two years ago, I joined the board of Food for Lane County. This amazing organization provides everything from food and cooking classes, to snack packs and sit down meals to hundreds of thousands of hungry people here in Lane County. In fact, we are on track to move nearly 8 million pounds of food through the warehouse this year! But the question we keep asking ourselves is, "How do we shorten the line?" In other words, how can we help people to transition from being "food insecure" to being "food self-sufficient?"

One part of the answer involves helping people grow their own food. And right now we have an opportunity right here in Coburg to make this happen. There is a lovely older home on the corner of North Willamette and Locust streets, with beautiful raised beds that are not currently being used. The owner passed away last year and his daughter would like to make these garden plots available for the community.

*"How do we help people to transition... to being food self-sufficient?"*

I approached Food for Lane County and they are more than willing to provide seeds and fertilizer and even training to help us get started with a community garden. Our church is willing to help with the additional water needed for a garden. The question now is, "Are there enough community members to help organize this opportunity?" We're not talking about a major responsibility, but we will need people with time and energy to make this dream come true. And we will need to reach out to persons who may need a place to grow some of their own food. Let's see where we can go with this. If you have ideas or would like to help, call me at 541-683-1466 or email me at "coburgumc@qwestoffice.net." How does a garden grow? Let's try it and see!

*Dr. Gary Powell*  
*Coburg United Methodist Church*

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foot) and (2) the monthly sewer rate. These are interrelated. The LID Levy is a one-time assessment; whatever costs remain must be covered by the monthly rate. If the LID Levy is set higher, the monthly rate can be lowered, and conversely, if the Levy is set lower, the monthly rate must be raised.

We know this task will be challenging. But if we keep faith with each other, Citizens can have confidence that the Council will deliberate the options carefully and dispassionately, and Council can trust that Citizens will take the time to be

informed and to make their priorities, concerns, and preferences known. Call or write a Councilor. Attend an open house. Have coffee with the Mayor (fourth Saturday of the month at Nana's Café). I believe in Coburg.



Jae Pudewell  
Mayor, Coburg



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# COBURG COLOSSAL CLUTTER CLEAR-OUT

SATURDAY, MAY 17

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*



# Calendar



## STANDING MEETINGS

1st Wednesdays

### PARKS TREE COMMITTEE

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Bob Butler, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

1st Fridays

### POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm Game Begins

Coburg Community Grange

2nd Monday

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm

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

1st Thursdays

### METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Contact, Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

541-682-7871

3rd Wednesdays

### PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Petra Schuetz, Planning Director

541-682-7871

4th Mondays

### COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire Hall

4th Wednesdays

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

## MAY/JUNE EVENTS



Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m.

*Do you have a community event to  
share?*

*Call 541-682-7852 or email*

*sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us*



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