

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner - On Critical Mass

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

The term critical mass entered our vocabulary with the nuclear age—the Manhattan Project, Los Alamos, Fat Man, and Little Boy. It refers to the minimum amount of material needed for a nuclear chain reaction—followed immediately by a massive explosion.

Since then, critical mass has assumed the broader meaning of

“the amount necessary or sufficient to have a significant effect or to achieve a result.” Or for Coburg, the amount of money and people necessary to realize the city we want.

Our vision for Coburg is pretty consistent across town. We want efficiently run, modest, sustainable city services. Nothing fancy

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Coburg Quilt Show & Sale 2013

Looking for something fun to do on Saturday, July 27?

Then come to downtown Coburg!!

The 9th Annual Coburg Quilt Show and Sale, A Stitch in Time, will be held on July 27, 2013 in Pavilion Park, right in the middle of Coburg. About 300 quilts, made by local quilters, will be on display—with many for sale. The beautiful quilts, of all skill levels, are displayed for easy viewing as they are gently moved by the breeze.

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There will also be a Hoffman Challenge "Lavender Collection" Trunk Show on display. The Hoffman Challenge is a premiere traveling quilt, clothing, and doll collection. While the majority of the entries come from the United States, a wide variety of international entries are received. Each year, the top entries are grouped into traveling collections and visit quilt and fiber shows, seminars, quilt shops and quilt and doll makers guilds nationwide and in Canada. This year we are excited to display 20 quilts from the Lavender Collection.

In addition to the many quilts, there will also be vendors selling sewing/craft related items, a silent auction, live music performed by a local band, The Hideaways, and a beautiful raffle quilt donated by the Coburg Sew & Sew Quilters. You can vote on your favorite quilts and the top 13 will be featured in a 2015 calendar. The 2014 calendar (featuring favorites from the 2012 show) will be on sale.

Take your time as you stroll through town visiting the vendors, antique shops and other businesses and



9th Annual Outdoor
**Coburg
Quilt**
Show & Sale

Over 350 quilts
Traditional, Vintage & Art quilts
All sizes & skill levels
Vendor Booths, Silent Auction
Food, Antique Shops, Historic Coburg



Saturday,
July 27, 2013
9 AM - 4 PM

A Stitch in Time
Quilt Show & Sale

Entries due
July 14, 2013

Opportunities for:
**Quilters
Vendors
Volunteers**



Located in
Pavilion Park

For information
to enter, to vendor, or to volunteer
visit our website at www.coburgquiltshow.org
or contact us at 541-746-8655

COBURG QUILT SHOW • P.O. Box 8444 • Coburg • OR • 97408

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

enjoy a bite to eat at one of our restaurants. Bring a friend and come for a delightful and colorful day in the country.

The show is open from 9 am – 4pm. Admission is by donation or canned food for the Coburg Food Bank.

Quilt registration is open now. The show is only as good as the quilts that people are willing to display. All skill levels are encouraged to enter quilts—traditional, vintage, and fiber arts. Quilt registration is \$5 for the first quilt and \$2 for each additional quilt.

For more information or to enter your quilts, visit the website at www.coburgquiltshow.org or contact the *Coburg Quilt Show*, PO Box 8444, Coburg OR 97408, 541-746-8655.



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- but reliable, sound, and of good quality. We value our school and its unique mission. The Coburg Charter School provides tangible value to all of Coburg and is positive testimony to our involved and committed citizens and parents.

We value public safety. Our fire department is not just ours, in that it serves more than just Coburg, but it is certainly reassuring having the fire house right here in town. Coburg is by far the smallest city in Oregon to have its own police department, something very important to us. It is also a selling point for our community, given the difficulties the timber counties are having providing rural public safety services.

We value and want to encourage the historical charm and character that makes Coburg such a unique and wonderful place in which to live. We love our parks and festivals and fairs. We appreciate and want more downtown businesses that are focused on serving the community's needs and draw people to town - businesses that are personal in size and serve both the eclectic and the necessary. How about a four-star restaurant and maybe a brewery to complement our excellent pizza and burgers? And maybe an art gallery or two to complement our wonderful antique stores. And a bank branch; a small-scale but full-fledged grocery store, and a dry cleaners—so we don't have to make so many trips to Eugene.

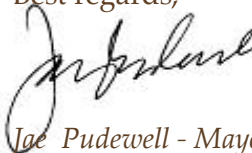
We value (some would say tolerate) the I-5 commercial and industrial corridor. I know the traffic and noise can be problematic, but with a recently

remodeled travel center now open, six new businesses coming in the next few months with more on the way, and Serenity Lane building a beautiful campus --this area has the potential to be an economic engine and a major tax-base for our town and region.

The challenge we have is that Coburg does not quite have the critical mass—citizens and revenue—needed to realize the City we all want. We need more customers for downtown business to thrive. We need to update our planning codes to ensure that development occurs the way Coburg citizens want it to rather than the way out-dated rules allow it to. We need a few more city staff to allow our dedicated and hard working city staff a chance to catch their breath, to ensure our water and wastewater systems are closely managed, and to provide sufficient officers to realize the 24-hour public safety patrols most people think we already have.

To get there we need two things: (1) a few more citizens and utility users to help lower utility rates and broaden the tax base, and (2) we need to start thinking about additional funding sources. Particularly, we need a way to stabilize and strengthen public safety funding. Please think about these and we'll be talking more in coming months. As always, your comments are greatly appreciated.

Best regards,



Jae Pudewell - Mayor, Coburg



City Council Brief (City Administration Report)

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

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CITY COUNCIL

City Administration Report

Major Projects Updates

Presentation – I-5 Detour this Summer through Coburg

Discussed – Water Rates Study

Approved- Merit based Salary Schedule

Discussed – City Hall Feasibility

Approved – Resolution 2013-06 Budget Transfers

Approved – Resolution 2013-07 Accepting Historic Preservation Office Grant

Approved – Resolution 2013-08 Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Eugene for Police Radios

Appointed – Park/Tree Advisory Committee Members

JUNE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Public Hearing | Approved- Resolution 2013-01-U Authorizing Urban Renewal Agency Budget for FY 14

CITY COUNCIL - June 11

City Administration Report

Major Projects Updates

Approved – Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan

Discussed – Judge Pro Tem

Public Hearing | Approved – Resolution 2013-09 Declaring the City's Elections to Receive State Revenue

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Approved – Resolution 2013-10 Declaring the City's Elections to Receive State Shared Revenue

Public Hearing | Approved – Resolution 2013-12 Authorizing City's FY14 Budget

Public Hearing | 1st Reading – Ordinance A-227 Adopting a Right-of-Way License and Establishing initial Rates

Discussed – Water Rates Fee Increase

Approved – Water Rates Study Contract Extension

Approved – Planning Commissioner Appointment - Judith Behney

Discussed – City Hall Feasibility

CITY COUNCIL - June 25

City Administration Report

Major Projects Updates

Approved – Wastewater Project Engineer Contract Amendment #12 with Kennedy Jenks

2nd Reading | Approval Ordinance A-227 Adopting a Right-of-Way License and Establishing initial Rates

Public Hearing | Approved - Resolution 2013-15 Water Rates Fee Increase

Public Hearing | 1st Reading - Ordinance A-100-C Granting Electric Utility Franchise and Utility Easement to Pacificorp

Public Hearing | 1st Reading - Ordinance A-172-B Adding Wastewater System Development Charges

Approved – Resolution 2013-13 Budget Transfers

Approved – Resolution 2013-14 Adopting General Fund Deficit Elimination Policy

Discussed – Judge Pro Tem

Approved Contracts –City Attorney | City Engineer | Wastewater Treatment Planning Construction Service | City Prosecutor



Summer Food Program – Delicious and Nutritious for all Kids

FOOD for Lane County has returned with their FREE LUNCH for all kids, Monday-Friday through August 23rd in Norma Pheiffer Park. Just show up and enjoy! (No service July 4th).

New garbage rates

New garbage rates and curbside recycling started April 1st! Contact Coburg Sanitary with questions at 541-683-5929. Bins and curbside recycling are a great convenience!



Wastewater Project is Humming

Our Wastewater Treatment Plant is up and running! Expect residential hook-ups through October. Property owners will receive a notice that their hook-up is coming about three weeks prior to when it is scheduled. This is the time to coordinate any questions. Another notice will be received a couple days before the work is done to remind folks to have their pets secured, access available to the contractor, and special landscaping moved aside. Thank you all for your cooperation on this community-defining project. The City could not provide this utility service without you!

I-5 Interchange Improvements Finished

After 10 years of planning and construction, the first phase of the Coburg I-5 Interchange Improvements is finished! Come enjoy the new landscaping, sidewalks, and first portion of the Coburg Loop Path!

Weeds

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



Food Pantry

Also, the Coburg Food Pantry is open to all residents of Coburg who meet the income guidelines. These guidelines are available at the pantry, and on Food for Lane County's website. The pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month, from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Call for more information. Kathy Emerson 541-434-6404.



Summer Sunshine

O.K., I'll admit it! I love sunshine. Truth be told, I love sunshine a little too much. (More about that below). The fact that I have made it through some 55 Oregon winters with endless cloudy days is a testament to courage, faith, and an annual winter vacation in the sun! My wife, on the other hand, loves rain. Walking in the rain, running in the rain, listening to the rain on the roof; these are all good things to Jane. They say that "opposites attract," which must be the case when it comes to weather preferences!

Back to liking sunshine a little too much. Last May, my doctor, found a small skin cancer on my back. No doubt, it was the result of too much exposure to sun. Fortunately it wasn't a "bad cancer," nor was it in a "bad spot" and he was able to easily remove it. First note to self- keep scheduling your annual physical. Second note to self- use sun screen (SPF 30 or higher) when you are out enjoying the sun (like maybe on your boat!) O.K. so now I really get it!

One of teachings of many faith traditions, including Christianity, is that human beings are called to be stewards of our bodies. Our bodies are our most precious gift. And they are "on loan" to us for the time we are on earth. Stewardship includes everything from diet and exercise, to sexuality, and yes, even using sun screen. We all struggle, at times, with the temptation to cut corners when it comes to caring for our physical health. But in the end, maintaining good health allows us to enjoy life, to work, to play, and to care for our loved ones. It is a "win-win" for everyone.

Enjoy the summer sunshine, but don't forget to use sun screen!

Dr. Gary Powell

Coburg United Methodist Church

Sponsored by Coburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Warm Summer Nights
Concerts in Pavilion Park 2013
Bring your blanket and/or lawn chairs and enjoy a wonderful
FREE evening of great music in historic Coburg.

Coburg's Pavilion Park
Thursday's 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Aug. 1 - Fiddlin Sue
Aug. 8 - Haywire
Aug. 15 - Etouffe
Aug. 22 - Ripple

Country Java Food Cart on Site
Bring the family! Everyone Welcome!



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

2nd 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

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7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

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JULY MEETINGS

July 23, 2013

CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Saturday / August 3, 2013

* Show & Shine * Poker Walk * Pancake
Breakfast * Raffle Drawings * Engine Blow
* Sponsor Picked Awards * Kids Raffles &
Model Car Building * Chicken Bar-B-Que

Registration 8:00 am / Show & Shine 9:00 to 4:00 pm

Exit 199 from I-5 or 5 miles N of Beltline Rd on Coburg Rd.

-Coburg City Park-

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or visit: www.coburgcarclassic.com





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Address Correction Requested

Golden Years Celebration Turns 45

The 45th annual Coburg Golden Years is fast approaching July 19-20. The theme for this year is "Takin' It Back". We are in the process of getting all the entertainment booked and soliciting food and craft booths for the celebration. As always, this event is put on by volunteers. We would welcome any and all who want to help or head up an event or category. Some of the events we could use help on include the 'Cake Walk'. Golden Years needs you to come help celebrate Coburg with us! We will have the 'Gallon House' Friday night with a 'Horseshoe Tournament' starting at 7:00pm. Registration is at 6:00pm and then a 'Karaoke Contest' which will have finalists from area businesses doing their best to win. Friday night band starts at 9:30pm.

Saturday will be busy with the 'Grand Parade' at 11:00am. The 'Kids' Rodeo' starts at 12:00pm as does the 'Fireman's Waterball Games' - which is always entertaining. Saturday, the 'Gallon House' opens at 6:00pm with the Karaoke finals and then a band at 9:30 pm. New volunteers are needed! From new faces comes new ideas and helping hands. We work hard to put on this event for the enjoyment of the community and surrounding area. We enjoy seeing old friends and neighbors and just celebrating this beautiful town we live in. We hope to hear from and to see you all at this year's 45th Annual Coburg Golden Years. For more information call 541-521-2467 and you will be directed to the right person. Thank you all for your support and come out and enjoy Coburg Golden Years!