

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Jae Pudewell - Mayor (Acting)

New Beginnings

For the first time in many a year, the Mayor's column is being written by someone not named Volta. We will miss you Judy. Your relentless optimism and grace. Your dedication and leadership. But we understand. Life moves on. All the best to you and yours.

Coburg is in transition, a groundswell which has quietly been gaining momentum for a number of years. The city stumbled a few years ago, but through the efforts of many dedicated citizens and staff it has recovered and matured. Even as the budget remains tight and many key services are underfunded, all in all, City Hall is in a better place.

Economically, Coburg continues to just limp along. The RV era has come and gone and new development has been by and large hamstrung by restrictive land use rules. Signs of change, though, are visible in seemingly every street in town. Yes, it's messy, noisy, and disruptive—and expensive—but a necessity for the continued health and viability of Coburg.

Yet throughout all the change, a constancy continues to be the dedication and commitment of our city staff and citizen leaders, from Golden Years to the Charter School to City Council. Thank you.

Here's to new beginnings. Again.



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Think Quilts!

Now is the time to start thinking about entering your quilts in the 8th Annual Coburg Quilt Show and Tea. Finish up those tops that are almost done and get them ready to display outside in Pavilion Park in downtown Coburg. We are now accepting entries for traditional, vintage, contemporary and fiber art quilts.

The name for this year's show is "Crazy 8". The show will be held on July 28, 2012 (always the last Saturday in July) from 9 am - 4 pm. Events included in the FREE show are music, horse drawn wagon rides, the Hoffman Challenge Trunk show and beautiful quilts made by local quilters. There will also be a Silent Auction, vendors with sewing related items, High Tea, of course, more beautiful quilts.



The show is only as good as the quilts you decide to display. We can't do it without YOU! We encourage all skill levels to participate in the show as we are trying to showcase our love of quilting. This is NOT a juried show. You can vote on your favorite quilts and the 13 highest vote recipients will have their quilts photographed for the 2014 Coburg Quilt Show calendar. Enter your quilts and have your friends come to the show to vote for you! You may also enter quilts for sale (the committee will receive 25% of the sale price to help support the show for the next year).

To enter quilts, to become a vendor, or to volunteer to help the day of the show, please visit the Coburg Quilt Show website at www.coburgquiltshow.org or email Alice Brooks at brooks91554@gmail.com or phone her at 541-746-8655.

*"Crazy 8" Quilt Show
Saturday, July 28, 2012
9 am - 4 pm*

'Our Town'

Petra Schuetz • City Administrator, City of Coburg

Ford Institute Leadership Program Free Workshop Invitation

Saturday, May 12, 2012 • 9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. • Coburg Fire District Building

Are you one of our community leaders? Do you want to be? This short, interactive workshop brings together people representing diverse interests to increase awareness and understanding of the Program and helps prepare the Coburg community to use the opportunities the Program brings over the next five years.

WHO WE ARE INVITING

- Established Leaders
- Education Leaders
- Connectors and Cheerleaders
- Emerging Leaders

CORE TOPICS

- Appreciative Inquiry
- Community Vitality
- Asset Mapping
- Working In Groups

The cost is free. A catered lunch is provided.

Please RSVP by May 10, 2012
541-682-7850 or
brenda.fritsch@ci.coburg.or.us

Funding provided by: The Ford Institute for Community Building & Sponsored by the Rural Development Initiative



Coburg Community Charter School

Leah Claypool • Coburg Community Charter School Board Member

We have covered a lot of ground so far this spring at Coburg Community Charter School (CCCS). The State Board of Education granted CCCS a waiver to the state law governing the charter school lottery for admission process. The waiver allows for students from within the former Coburg Elementary School's attendance boundary to be given priority over other 4j students for up to fifty percent of our total enrollment.



Also in March, the new superintendent of 4J, Shelley Berman came to CCCS. He was very impressed with the work done and the community support. He stated that he would be very reluctant to disrupt our program and the efforts of the community to support CCCS.

The annual benefit auction was held on April 14. Thanks to everyone who planned and supported this very important event. The end of the school year brings several great community activities. Cal Young band students will be offering a music and film night at CCCS on May 17 at 7pm. Proceeds will benefit CCCS and the Cal Young band program. June 15 is the last day of school. A community picnic will be held that evening at the school. Hope to see you there!

New Coburg Community Charter School logo!

Coburg Elementary School has closed, but the Coburg Broncos tradition continues! Our new school, Coburg Community Charter School, has a new school logo, featuring an updated Bronco and new colors - kelly green and black.



On Fridays, the students may wear a logoed tee-shirt to school. If you are interested in ordering any logo wear, feel free to contact Carleen McKillop at carleendana@gmail.com or 541-514-4395. Order forms (and a full color printed example of the logo) will also be available at the school and at city hall. As always, thank you to our fabulous community for your support. *Go Broncos!*

Park Clean Up

A reminder of **PARK CLEAN UP** on Sat June 2nd from 9am - 1pm, followed by a hot dog barbeque. We will be working on the Canterbury Slough! Bring your garden tools and a wheel barrow, if you have one, and your gardening gloves.

Reach the World From Right Where You Are...Become a Host Family!



Discover the rewarding world of hosting students in your own home this summer!

WHAT: Middle and High School Age Chinese Students participating in the 13th bi-annual Music/English Camp at the University of Oregon

WHEN: July 2012 Multiple camp sessions available - camps range from 9 to 11 days

NOTE: Host family provides students with a place to sleep, meals, transportation and hospitality. Students spend only evenings and weekends at home. Families may choose to host one or both camp sessions. A stipend will be offered to cover expenses.

For more information, please see our website at: www.gpyinternational.org/hostfamily.html or Contact Rylie at rbreeden@gpyinternational.org
Direct Telephone: 541-221-4989

Food for Thought

Our college daughter emailed me the other day to discuss a paper she is working on for her comparative religions class. Her professor asks them to identify one of the greatest challenges facing the modern world and then to reflect on how different religions address this challenge. It's a good question and one that got me thinking.

What are some of the big challenges facing our community, our state, our nation, or our world? Issues like global warming, hunger, or war come to mind quickly. But then there is unemployment, health care, drugs, and domestic violence. The list goes on and on. It is easier to list the challenges than it is to figure out how to address them. But frankly, this is the part that got me thinking. What if each one of us took up just one challenge? And rather than just talking about it, we actually took small but deliberate steps to address the challenge.

Take hunger for example. Alone, we can't feed the world, or even all who are hungry in Lane County. But we can spend one to two dollars each week on food for the Food Pantry. We can't solve global warming, but we can cut out one driving errand each week and walk instead.

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Dr. Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church

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Colossal Clutter Clear Out

May 19, Saturday
8am - 4pm

City Wide
Garage Sales



City Council Brief

(Highlights actions and issues that City Council addressed)

March

Written Department Summaries

PASSED: Budget Calendar for FY13 process

PASSED: Arbor Day Proclamation and event for April 20th

Considered and moved to April Staff recommendation for Serenity Lane Health Services Open Space Covenant, Land Donation, and Parks Systems Development Credit Consideration

A First Reading for Water Ordinance A-224

First Reading to consider Ordinance 163-L adopting the Oregon Criminal Code, Oregon Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Oregon Liquor Control Act, and the Oregon Motor Vehicle Code

Wastewater Monthly Updates

Information on Wastewater Systems Development Charge methodology

Information regarding Department of Environmental Quality Loan Agreement

Kennedy Jenks Contract Amendment for the Wastewater Project

Transportation System Plan Monthly Update

April

Coburg Mayor Judy Volta resigns; City Council President Jae Pudewell becomes Acting Mayor

Written Department Summaries

PASSED: A Resolution to diversify banking services to Citizen's Bank

PASSED: Staff recommendation for Serenity Lane Health Services Open Space Covenant, Land Donation, and Parks Systems Development Credit Consideration

A new First Reading and Public Hearing for Water Ordinance A-224

PASSED: Ordinance adopting the Oregon Criminal Code, Oregon Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Oregon Liquor Control Act, and the Oregon Motor Vehicle Code

Wastewater Monthly Updates

Transportation System Plan Monthly Update

Deb Galardi Wastewater Systems Development Charges Report Redistribution

Calendar

Standing Meetings

1st Wednesdays
PARKS TREE COMMITTEE
6:30M, 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 Tuesdays
CITY COUNCIL
7:00 pm, Coburg
Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder
541-682-7852

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
GRANGE/GOLDEN YEAERS MEETING
7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

2nd Thursdays
METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE
11:30 am, (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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Other Scheduled Meetings

May 1 - Tuesday
COBURG BUDGET COMMITTEE
6:30 pm, Coburg City Hall
Contact, Ramona Sweere, Finance Director
541-682-7870

May 12 - Saturday
NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS DRIVE
Please put non-perishable food items in a waterproof bag and either hang it by your mailbox, or if you have a P.O. Box, put your bag of food in the food drive barrel located in the Dari Mart.

May 15 - Tuesday
TENTATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
6:30 pm, Coburg City Hall

May 19 - Saturday
COBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Sponsored Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear out
City-wide Garage Sales

City Councilor Highlight

Jae Pudewell - Mayor (Acting)



Mr. Pudewell has over twenty years of management experience, most recently at the University of Oregon's Lundquist College of Business. A political independent, he has served on City Council since May 2010.

Mr. Pudewell and his wife Lalla have lived in Coburg since April 2008. They have three grown children. In their free time, the Pudewells enjoy cooking, hiking, and working on their 1913 cottage home. Prior to moving to Coburg, Mr. Pudewell worked for McAfee, Intel, Novell, and Hewlett Packard. He has an engineering degree and an MBA from the University of Colorado.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Budget Committee Vacancy:

The City of Coburg is accepting applications for one (1) Budget Committee position with a term ending June 30, 2014.

Applicants must be qualified electors within the meaning of the state constitution and have resided in the City one year immediately preceding appointment to the position.

For more information, please contact Sammy Egbert at 541-682-7850 or sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us.

Planning Commission Vacancy:

Help Shape Our Future!

- Requirements: Must be at least 18 years old
- All but two positions must live within Coburg City Limits
- Voluntary, two-year term
- Reappointments are made in October by Planning Commission recommendation & City Council appointment
- No term limits
- Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm, Coburg City Hall.

For more information, please contact Petra Schuetz, Planning Director at 541-682-7871 or petra.schuetz@ci.coburg.or.us.

APPLICATIONS are available at Coburg City Hall, 91069 N Willamette St., Coburg, M-F, 8am-5pm, or www.coburgoregon.org.
