

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Jae Pudewell - Mayor

On Communication

I enjoy meeting people around town and hearing their concerns and what they care about. Several themes have emerged: "How do we get more businesses in town?" "What's going to happen with all the empty lots along Willamette and Pearl?" "I don't want Coburg to change." "Coburg doesn't need to grow. It's fine the way it is." "We never know what's going on. Why doesn't the City communicate better?"

I share these sentiments: An active business community is essential for a healthy town and surrounding community. Coburg also has a small-town colloquial charm and character no one wants to see changed or lost. There is, however, a natural tension between these objectives: it's very difficult to have more businesses in town without there also being some growth to support them. The balancing act is moderate growth, Coburg style, creating a bit more of the Coburg we know and love. A simple thing we all can do now is to support our local businesses whenever possible.

Buy Coburg!

I think citizen/government communication will always be a work in progress. Have you seen the updated City of Coburg website at www.coburgoregon.org? The update provides information about all the City Departments, major projects, and public meetings. Information about City services and events can often be found in the enclosures in your utility bill and on the City Hall reader board—both sides. The kiosk at City Hall has also been updated with information on major projects and activities in town. I also encourage you to attend City Council meetings when you can. City Council agendas are posted on the website and at City Hall.

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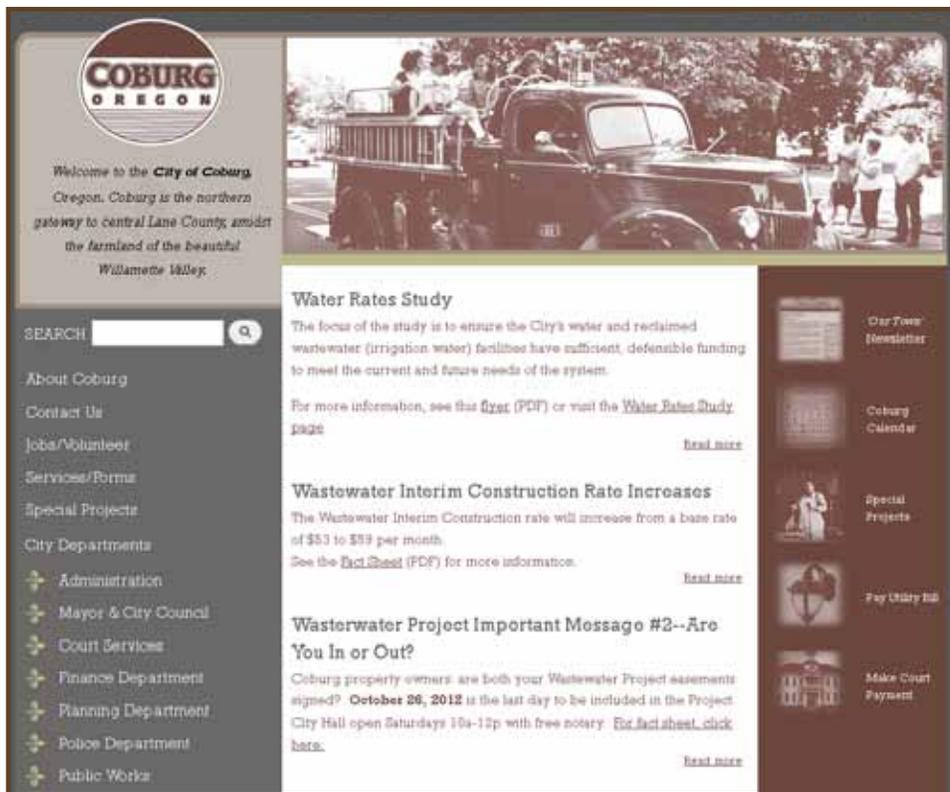
What are your preferences for the best way to communicate with you? Our resources are limited, so we're always interested in creative and cost-effective solutions. Please go to the "Contact Us" on the website to provide ideas and comments, or stop by City Hall.

It is important to also discuss how we communicate. The City works hard to listen to citizens and to respond as best we can. The City staff and elected officials also greatly appreciate the civility, graciousness, and respect for protocol demonstrated by the

vast majority of citizens, even when there is disagreement. Thank you.

We all care about the health, vitality, and direction of our City. What are your priorities, concerns, proposals, recommendations? Please feel free to stop by or contact me. I'd love to hear from you and I welcome your contribution and participation: mayor@ci.coburg.or.us, (541) 844-6735, 90990 S. Skinner in Coburg.

Best regards,



www.coburgoregon.org



25th Annual Coburg Antique Fair

The 25th Annual Coburg Antique Fair will take place Sunday Sept. 9, 2012 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Again this year there is free parking at the Monaco Coach facility at the I-5 exit with shuttle bus to the heart of the fair. The fair will have 200+ antique and vintage dealers featuring outstanding quality and variety with a focus on affordable prices. Antiques and vintage collectables of all types will be on display including American, Continental, and Asian furnishings, silver, paintings, prints, bronzes, Art Deco, lighting, jewelry, linens, art glass, rugs, scientific instruments, oriental, watches, porcelain, and much more.

"Our customers love coming to the Coburg Antique Fair," said Bill Judd, President of Coburg Chamber of Commerce. "Besides the physical beauty of the park setting, there is great food and wonderful music on site. The Coburg Antique Fair is a fabulous way to shop from different dealers; it's a destination for showgoers and a great way to end the outdoor show season!" "This year we have antique and vintage dealers coming from four states for this one day event"

In addition to the distinguished roster of exhibitors the fair features an appraisal clinic by local antique dealers for 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm just \$5 per item at the Coburg Grange building.

Buyers are in for a true treasure hunt and will discover an array of antiques and vintage collectibles for every taste level. "Our customers know that the Coburg Antique Fair is one of the best places to buy; we're thrilled about the long term success of the fair and encourage the public to join us." states Judd.



Photo by Ali Edwards

Early Shopping Starts at 4:00 am
Show Hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
You are invited to join us in celebrating the
**25th Annual
Coburg Antique
Fair**
Sunday Sept. 9, 2012

This fantastic, long running, outdoor antique show is the largest and best attended in the Pacific Northwest.



Antique Dealer and Food Vendor Packets
available March 1st at coburgorchamber.org

Sponsored by:
Coburg Chamber of Commerce
coburgorchamber.org
541-357-7055



Making a Difference One Step at a Time

With our backyard gardens in full swing, it may be hard to believe that Oregon ranks as one of the hungriest states in the nation. In particular, Oregon has the highest "Childhood Hunger Rate" in the nation. Food for Lane County is on pace to set a new record for the amount of food distributed to our neighbors in need. The same is true for our local Coburg Food Pantry which, thanks to your support, continues to serve a growing number of families.



Hunger is an issue that touches all age groups, all ethnic groups, all education groups, and all family groups. The bottom line is that too many of our neighbors don't have access to affordable and nutritious food. And it is a problem that is amplified all over the world.

In just a few weeks, our community will have a unique opportunity to help relieve hunger both here at home and around the world. This "opportunity" is called CROP Walk and it is taking place at Alton Baker Park on October 7, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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CROP stands for "Communities Organizing to Overcome Poverty." It is a unique collaboration between faith communities, schools, clubs, and businesses working together to overcome hunger. Seventy-five percent of the funds are used around the world, while twenty-five percent stay right here in Lane County to help fight hunger.

You can sign up to walk, to support a walker, or simply to donate funds by going to www.churchworldservice.org. Click on the tab marked "CROP Hunger Walk" to locate the Eugene/Springfield information page. Coburg UMC is fielding a team and we would love to welcome neighbors to join us. What a great way to get some exercise and to make a difference in the world "one step at a time!"

*Dr. Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church*



Coburg Wastewater Project Update

The Project is moving forward, approaching the half-way point. The collection system is nearly done. The Contractor is finishing up testing and has a little additional final paving and cleanup to do, and then the Phase 2 project will be completed (Projected closeout by the end of September). The treatment plant construction is now at or just past the half-way point. The buildings are nearly all up and the large lagoon liner is in. The next steps on Phase 4 will be to start installing the membrane filters themselves.

The engineers are also completing the design for Phase 4. This is the part of the project that involves physically inspecting and upgrading or replacing

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all the septic systems in town, and connecting those septic systems to the collection system. This cannot start until the treatment plant is ready to receive the effluent, but before that the plans need to be ready so that the work can start and move forward quickly.

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A reminder went out with the water bills, reminding everyone of the October deadline for completing the easements that are required to do the work on private property. The City needs these easements to be able to do construction on private property. The deadline is set to allow the engineers to finish their plans, which include a design for each property where there is an easement. These plans must be in place before a contractor can be hired, and the City needs a contractor in place in April, when work is scheduled to begin on Phase 4. The City will not be able to include properties that have not executed the easement in Phase 4. This will mean that the property will have to connect to the wastewater collection system later without City assistance.



City Council Brief

Highlights actions and issues that City Council addressed

JULY

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY DISCUSSION:
Urban Renewal Agency Forensic Audit

Consent Agenda

CITY COUNCIL

City Administration Report

Major Project Updates

CONTINUED: *Wastewater Engineering Contract Amendment*

DISCUSSION: *2011-12 Preliminary Audit Discussion*

PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 2012-09
PASSED: *Resolution amending the methodology for the calculation of interim construction rates for the wastewater system and setting a new rate*

PASSED: *Water and Wastewater Relief Methodology for Limited Income Households*

AUGUST

City Administration Report

Major Project Updates

DISCUSSION: *Forensic Audit Response #3*

PASSED: *Wastewater Engineering Contract Amendment*

PASSED: *Police Reserve Officer's Bylaws and Fund*

PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 2012-10
PASSED: *Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to create a revenue line within the general fund to receive monies from the Police Reserve Officers Program, appropriating funds and authorizing their expenditure*

DISCUSSION: *Eagle Scout Project with Public Works*

DISCUSSION: *Department of Environmental Quality 319 Grant Work Plan Options*

PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 2012-11
PASSED: *Resolution approving a Supplemental Budget in the Water Fund for 2012-13*



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 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, (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

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OTHER MEETINGS

September/October Events Schedule

Oct. 23 - Tuesday

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

6:30 pm

Dec. 7, 8, and 9 - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

CHRISTMAS IN COBURG



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Address Correction Requested

News from Coburg Community Charter School

It is hard to believe that another summer has come and gone already. School begins on September 4th, and there are a few changes in store for our second year. Please join us in welcoming Laura Ralls, Jennifer Fogarty-Gibson, and Angela Rose to Coburg. Laura joins us as the new Assistant to the Executive Director. Jennifer is coming on board as the sixth grade teacher, and Angela is our new music teacher. Students will find some new tasty options as we roll out a school lunch program. Students will now be able to enjoy fresh, healthy hot lunches two to three times a week. We are beginning to look forward to some fall traditions as well. Harvest Fest will be here before we know it, so start thinking about your costume. CCCS is once again looking for Skill Days volunteers with a desire to share something they love with our students. If you would like to participate

please email leahclaypool@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support of CCCS. Go Broncos!

We would also like to acknowledge the work of CCCS volunteers over the summer. They manned booths at all the local summer events. Hope you had a chance to stop by! A special thanks to The Bridge Church for helping prepare our middle school classrooms and the Cummins Company for their work helping us keep the playground safe and weed free. Thanks to all for your ongoing support of CCCS. Go Broncos!