

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner - Growing Pains

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

It's been an eventful few months and weeks. On August 13th, the City Council voted to join with Lane County and the State of Oregon in moving forward with a Strategic Investment Program (SIP) application for Materne North America, part of the Groupemom, owned and operated since 1854 in Boué, France, and the makers of the widely popular GoGo squeeZ applesauce products.

The SIP is an economic incentive program that exempts a portion of large capital investments from property taxes for a fifteen-year period. With the SIP, Coburg can be competitive with alternate industrial sites—all of which are in Enterprise Zones.

Moving forward with the SIP application is an important first step in bringing Materne's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility to Coburg. There is much yet to be done, but we're optimistic. Materne, with its agrarian roots, commitment to

organics, and community values is a good fit for Coburg.

On August 27th, however, the City Council voted to affirm the early decision of the Planning Commission to deny the application of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores to build a Love's facility on North Coburg Industrial Way, across Pearl Street from the Shell Station and diagonally across the street from the future Serenity Lane treatment center. The City Council carefully reviewed the submitted documentation, listened at length to all parties, and in the end, agreed with the Planning Commission that the application did not meet the locational design standards in the Zoning Code.

Love's appears to be a well-managed company that provides economic opportunities for many communities. Love's also says

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Our Town Delivery Options

22nd Coburg Classic Car

The 22nd Coburg Classic Car was a super fun day. One hundred and seventy awesome and beautiful classic cars were on display in the Park. The VFW served a delicious breakfast followed by the Grange providing a scrumptious Chicken BBQ. During the BBQ, guests were treated to the music of the Mud Skippers Band

Seventy-five young people, with the assistance of Lane Modelers Club, made a model car that they got to keep. Each model car maker got a raffle ticket where they could win one of two bikes, a scooter, a skateboard, or a \$10.00 gift card. The smiles on

each child's face as they completed making their model car was a joy to watch.

Show participants took advantage of the Poker walk to visit the many great businesses in Coburg. The Coburg Fire District's engine blow was fun to watch as the car, minus all oil and water, lasted one minute and fourteen seconds. Coburg Police car and officer on sight for the kids and adults to get into and ask questions.

All in all, it was a fantastic day. We look forward to you joining us next year on August 2, for the 23rd Annual Coburg Classic Car Show.

Mayor Pudewell's "Mayor's Choice" car for the 2013 Car Classic!



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that the "Love's difference is a dedication to treating others like they are family." Legal and technical arguments aside, a Love's facility at this proposed location is not a good fit with the adopted vision the Coburg family has laid out for our city. I would encourage Love's to locate their facilities where there is a good fit between their business operations and with community values and needs.

Coburg has embarked on infrastructure development programs to protect our groundwater, to provide for our future needs, and to enable moderate growth in our wonderful little town. I'm sure no one had any illusions this was going to be easy. Some parts have been downright difficult and messy. Many of us are parents, though. This is all just growing pains.



City Council Brief (City Administration Report)

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

JULY

CITY COUNCIL

City Administration Report

Major Projects Updates

Considered- Wastewater Systems Development Charges Methodology

Acknowledged- Economic Development Strategy

Approved – Resolution 2013-06 Budget Transfers

Approved – Water Rates Increase

Approved – Workers' Compensation Coverage to Volunteers

Approved – Limited Income Assistance for Water Bill

Considered- Coburg Municipal Judge Pro Tem

CITY COUNCIL – July 23

Public Hearing – CU-02-13 land use application Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores

Continued- CU-02-13 land use application Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores

AUGUST

Joint Meeting with Lane County Board of Commissioners

Approved- Project Squeeze Strategic Investment Program (Approved by Lane County Board of Commissioners August 20th)

CITY COUNCIL - August

City Administration Report

Major Projects Updates

Approved – Resolution 2013-17 Wastewater Systems Methodology

Sworn-in – Judge Pro Tem

Presentation- Water System by Engineers

CITY COUNCIL – August 23

Denied- CU-02-13 land use application Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores



Wastewater Project Moving Along

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 two 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!



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

The pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month, from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Call for more information. Kathy Emerson 541-434-6404.

Coburg Annual Antique Fair

Sunday, September 8. Come join us!

26th Annual Coburg Antique Fair
Sunday Sept. 8, 2013
Wonderful antiques & vintage treasures!
5 miles north of Eugene, OR off I-5
200+ Antique & Vintage Dealers from 4 states.
Terrific food on site, *Free Admission*
Beautiful park setting in historic Coburg, OR.
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Early shopping starts at 4:00 am

"Out of the ordinary ...
Not out of the way!"



Coburg Community Charter School Update

We could not be happier to be starting our third year here at Coburg Community Charter School! It's amazing to think the first day of school is just around the corner on September 10th.

We have several exciting changes to share with you. First, please join us in welcoming our new staff members: *Michelle Epperson - 7th Grade Teacher, Angi Meyer - P.E. Teacher, Shirley Kirkpatrick - School Secretary*

We feel very fortunate to have each of them joining our team. Additionally, we want to extend a huge welcome to all of our new students and families, as well as our returning students —Welcome Back!

This year we are thrilled to be starting 6th & 7th grade band and choir under the direction of our

music teacher Angela Rose. Students will put on performances throughout the school year both at school and in the community. We hope that you will be able to attend. In addition, students in K-5th will have music performances in the fall and spring. Please mark your calendars for our annual Harvest Festival. This fun-filled event will be held on October 25th at 6:30pm in the CCCS gym. Come in costume, play games, eat yummy food, and enjoy the haunted house.

Finally, thank you once again for your unwavering support of our school. We feel fortunate every day to have the community and family support and involvement. We could not do this without you!

- *Laura Ralls, Principal*

Something for Everyone: A New Project for Our Town

The Ford Family Foundation has once again favored Coburg with a generous investment in our community! The Foundation has sponsored a five-year program that will help educate local residents and organizations on how to be successful agents of change in our community. Participants in the program were charged with selecting and completing a project that will benefit the community. The Foundation will assist with the project by providing up to \$5,000 in matching funds. With the Ford Family Foundation's blessing, the Coburg Cohort team chose the construction of a general use shelter in Norma Pfeiffer Park. The shelter will provide a covered picnic area and a centrally located in-

formation hub for local events, and will establish a permanent location for sharing Coburg's history. All residents with a skill to offer or a desire to improve the vitality of our town are encouraged to participate. The Cohort has a goal of raising \$2,000 in cash donations and the rest from "in-kind" donations to complete the project. The Foundation's program will create opportunities for economic and social institutions to work together for positive changes in our community. Be watching for further details. For inquires, e-mail coburghillstfff@gmail.com

This announcement provided by the Fundraising Committee for Coburg Hills.



“The winds of grace are always blowing; all we need to do is raise our sails.” –Anonymous

My friend Bill has these words carved in the transom of his boat at Fern Ridge Lake. It reminds him that there is so much beauty, goodness, and grace in this life. We just have to “raise our sails” to catch these blessings.

I’ve been thinking about these words as I prepare my own sailboat for winter storage. No, winter is not yet upon us! In fact, as I write these words, it is another picture perfect August day here in the Willamette Valley. Unfortunately, Fern Ridge Lake is getting dangerously low for sailing. This is the

paint last summer. There is family to visit, picnics to share, bike rides along the river, and maybe even a trip to the beach if the temperature ever rises above 70 degrees there!

Sometimes, the best things in life happen when we get out of our routines. Like the time I met an old friend from high school at an airport in Hawaii. Or the transportation museum my wife and I discovered in Maine while we were waiting to pick up our son. OK. So maybe I was a little more excited about the cars than my wife. But she loved

What routines are you changing this season? What blessings are nearby, just waiting to be discovered? What “new sails” might you hoist to take your life in a new direction? After all, the winds of grace are always blowing.

combined result of a very dry spring, followed by a very warm summer. By the time you read this, I suspect that all of the boats on Fern Ridge will be gone.

I’m trying to be philosophical about the “early end” to an already brief sailing season here in Oregon. I tell myself that there are plenty of other things to do besides sailing. There is my lawn to mow, and my garden to tend, and the fence that I promised to

the full size replica of the Wright Brother’s airplane!

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*Dr. Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church*



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

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