

Our Town

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Special LID Presentation for Coburg Wastewater Project

A special presentation will be held Tuesday, July 8th to discuss the **Local Improvement District Assessment (LID) for the Coburg Wastewater Project**. Coburg residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. The presentation will be held at Coburg City Hall, 91136 N Willamette St., Coburg Oregon at 7:00 p.m.



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We the People

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

"We the People..."—we all know the iconic opening of the preamble to the US Constitution. But since these words were first written, we've had a seemingly endless series of debates over who should and should not be included in "the People." The most terrible of these debates was the Civil War.

President Lincoln, in his hauntingly eloquent Gettysburg Address, reasserted the primacy of "government of the people, by the people, for the people" and succinctly and memorably articulated the essence of self-rule.

At the local level, "We the People" is pretty straightforward: everyone—residents (families) and businesses—who lives and/or works here, and, directly or indirectly, pays property taxes and/or purchases and rightly uses city services. We know who we are and to a large degree we—the people of Coburg—are responsible for ourselves. There's no 'them', only 'us'.

A few weeks ago, financial consultants hired by the City

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Judy Volta, “See You Later”

The community of Coburg finds itself saying “see you later” to one of our friends, former Mayor Judy Volta; a lover of and longtime public servant to Coburg. Judy has long been our neighbor. She is an example of someone with selfless love for Coburg. She always believed we were better than our current best. Judy’s daughter, Courtney, who grew up in Coburg, recently wrote a beautiful tribute to our community that described the town’s influence on her; the influence that her mom has worked so diligently and faithfully to make a reality for all:

As many of you know, our house in Coburg is [all but] sold, my mom put in for her retirement, and I’ve just moved into my very own first home near PLU. This is my last weekend in our Coburg house and today I took the chance to walk home from our community church as my way of saying goodbye to the sidewalks of the little town that has been so influential in making me who I am today. On the walk I realized I was on the same sidewalks that were my playground growing up; the sidewalks I covered in chalk drawings, where at

five a friend and I snuck away from home without telling anyone and had the police sent after us, where I licked dripping ice cream from the market on summer days, where I first learned to ride a bike — my safe place that fostered so much learning, imagination, and creativity. This may be the end of my days roaming Coburg’s sidewalks, but I’m off to find new ones.

Thank you to each and every friend, family, and community member who all helped to fill my childhood with love. I don’t know if I can adequately express how much you have meant to me over the years. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without you.

Judy... this is also the Coburg that we know and want to share with others. Thank you for your example and your heart for us. You’ve continued to help us make and remake ourselves more and more into the community we’ve always wanted to be. There is no goodbye here... see you later.



Representative Barnhart Hosts Town Hall in Coburg

Come and share your thoughts on issues facing Oregon and the 2015 Legislative Session and get your questions answered. If you can, please RSVP by email to rep.philbarnhart@state.or.us or by phone to 541-607-9207 so that we can ensure the space will hold the number of interested participants.

Tuesday, August 5th
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Coburg City Hall
91136 N Willamette St.

Coburg Quilt Show

Looking for something fun to do on Saturday, July 26th? Then come to downtown Coburg!!

The 10th Annual Coburg Quilt Show and Sale, “Sew Me Your Stitches”, will be held on July 26, 2014 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.



There will also be a Hoffman Challenge “Gold 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 Gold 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 2016 calendar. The 2015 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 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.



Wastewater Project Update

Construction of the Wastewater Project is finished. Everyone who was planned to be connected as a part of the project has been connected. At the time this is written there is still a little cleanup and repair work going on. Everyone hopes that by the time the newsletter comes out, the contractor will be gone entirely.

That does not mean that the contractor is no longer responsible for the work that they did. There is a one year warranty of the work (two years on the ground level fill). So if next week, or next month you discover a problem, call the City – 541-338-8135. Public Works will take the message and either address the problem themselves or have the contractor come back to fix the problem.

We know that the last part of the construction project, where the contractor was in people's yards testing and installing the STEP systems, was challenging. Some people had a great deal of difficulty while for others everything went smoothly, but it was not fun for anyone. One of the greatest difficulties that the City had with the contractor was in responding to citizen concerns. We know that not everything was worked out to everyone's satisfaction, but we hope that everyone understands that it was the City's intent to resolve all the issues in a way that was satisfactory to all concerned.

Now that everyone is a part of the system, everyone will need to help the City keep the system up and running. The basic rules for using your septic system have not changed. You should not put

anything down the drain that would hurt the system; chemicals, paint, excessive food stuffs all damage the wastewater system. The City is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the STEP system on your property, but you remain responsible for keeping the system alive. Included with this newsletter is another copy of the Homeowner's Manual for you to read and keep in your property file

Having come to the end of the project, it is important to review why the City started on this process. Groundwater contamination was a problem in Coburg. The drainfields throughout the City were contributing to unsafe nitrate levels in the groundwater. The City was very concerned about this contamination ultimately affecting the City's drinking water. That water is safe now, and the new system should help keep it safe. During the project, polluting, leaking tanks needed to be removed. In the process of testing tanks, the project found that over half of the tanks in Coburg were leaking! This meant that not only liquid waste, but also waste solids were reaching our ground water. Removing this hazard was an important accomplishment of the project.

Thank you for sticking with the City on this Project. Our community was – by and large – very supportive and resilient! It was a very difficult process, but Coburg has come through and is now facing a brighter, cleaner future.

Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair

Sunday Sept. 7, 2014 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Out of the ordinary Not out of the way!



Historic Coburg is once again coming to life with the 27th Annual Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair, Sunday, September 7, 2014. The spotlight shines on the 250+ Antique & Vintage Dealers from four states who have a wide range of specially selected antiques & vintage treasures in every price range. From wonderful rust to fine antiques you will find it all in Coburg during this one day event.



Every year the Coburg Area Chamber of Commerce needs community volunteers to help make this event the largest one day outdoor antique & vintage show in the Northwest. There are several ways for a non-profit group to raise some funds for your organization as well. If you would like to be part of this fun upbeat event please contact Roxann at 541-683-0916.



Coburg Community Charter School Year End News

I once worked for a guy who had five grown children. At the time, I had a preschooler and a player-to-be-named-later who was impinging on most of my internal organs. My boss was in the left lane on cruise control, and I was still in first gear on the on-ramp of the parenting superhighway. He told me that the years with your kids are really short. I, of course, told him that may well be the case, but the days with your kids can be very long. I think we were both right.

That is how this school year felt to me. There were many long days that somehow combined to create a really short year. It seemed like we just started, and now we are done. In between those two points some

great stuff managed to happen. Students did science projects, made models of historical figures out of 2 liter bottles, slept with the fishes (overnight trip to the Oregon Aquarium, not a mob hit.), learned how to knit, flew a drone, ran farther than they thought they could, made a friend, danced til they dropped, read and read and read some more, and dug their roots in a little deeper to our school and our community.

And next year we get to do it all again!

We will have some new team members next year at CCCS. Join me in welcoming Jen (Mosier) Kelley to CCCS as our new community coordinator. Jen will be

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uncovered an accounting problem dating back from 2005-7. The problems were so entangled and complex it took experts several weeks to unravel them. It turns out that all of the conscientious city leaders and staff who for almost a decade believed they were taking the prudent, reasonable, and necessary steps to correct Coburg's financial woes weren't in fact doing enough. But now we know. This year's Budget Committee had no choice but to act with urgency and resolve, cutting General Fund spending by nearly fifteen percent, materially reducing city staff. Some have said it was not enough to be fiscally prudent, others, that it was too much for the city to continue to function.

As a consequence, our remaining staff is and will be very busy. I ask that you be patient with them. You may have to wait a bit longer for answers to questions, some things may not be acted upon as quickly as we'd all prefer, and some things may not be able to be done at all.

Therein lies an opportunity for you and for me—for all of us, the People of Coburg—to demonstrate that Coburg is truly a community “of the people” and “by the people.” There are many ways to help and all will be appreciated. For example, you could organize a volunteer group to help maintain the parks, enabling the City to spend its precious General Fund dollars on other tasks. Or you could volunteer to do filing or stuff envelopes one or two days a week, giving staff more time for other tasks we can't do.

The next few years are likely to be fiscally challenging as we once again cope with events from almost a decade ago. But we will prevail. Coburg is resilient, committed, and capable because we are a city “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

Best regards,



Jae Pudewell
Mayor, City of Coburg

Are you suffering from Nature Deficit Disorder?

Summer is upon us in all its glory. The trees are green, the flowers are in full bloom, and our garden is providing more produce than we can consume. As a child, I always looked forward to the arrival of summer. Not only because it marked the end of homework, but also because it meant long days playing outdoors. From long bike rides and baseball games, to vacations at the beach and hikes in the woods, these were how we filled our summer days. I can still remember my mother's admonition, "It's a beautiful day, go outside and play!"

Fast forward 50 years. The children of today (and many adults) are much more likely to be found staring at a screen, even on a summer day. It's a fact, that almost all forms of outdoor recreation have suffered a steep decline in recent decades. This includes everything from golf and tennis, to bike riding, hiking, camping, and fishing. The fact is, we're spending less and less time outdoors. And this is especially true for our children.

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"It's a beautiful day, go
outside and play!"*

The term "Nature Deficit Disorder" was coined by Richard Louv in 2009 to describe this phenomenon. In his now famous book, *Last Child in the Woods*, he raises concerns about a generation of children who are growing up disconnected from the world of nature.

There is a difference for example, between looking at mountains on Google earth, and going for a hike up Spencer Butte.

So here is a plea from an old fashioned "nature lover." Turn off the TV and the computer; put the cell phone on "silent" – or better yet leave it at home. Go for a walk or a bike ride, or just sit in a lawn chair and take in the beauty that is all around. How many different smells can you sense? How many colors of flowers can you see? How many birds do you hear singing? There is a beautiful world out there that is free for everyone to enjoy. And nature has a wonderful way of calming our souls. So "go outside and play" this summer.

Dr. Gary Powell

Coburg United Methodist Church

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out this summer at local events with information about CCCS and looking for ways to strengthen our school-community connections. Jack Harris is joining the team as a new member of the CCCS Board of Directors. Thank you Jack for volunteering your time to support the community in this way. We will also be adding a new 8th grade teaching position.

CCCS is still a very young organization, and we will face many changes and challenges in our future. Positions and people will shift as time goes on, but we will always appreciate those long days and short years we get to spend together. Thanks to everyone who contributed this year, and welcome to all those joining the community on September 3, 2014. It is fixing to be another great year!

Leah Claypool



New Support for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

USDA continues its commitment to the future of agriculture by unveiling www.usda.gov/newfarmers, a one-stop shop for new and beginning farmers entering agriculture. It's a practical, workable tool that will help farmers and ranchers of tomorrow tap into the range of USDA resources today. Featuring direct links to USDA programs and services, as well as case studies about how USDA support is being put to work to for America's agriculture future, www.usda.gov/newfarmers is a welcome new resource.



Come show your "Coburg Pride"
46th Annual Golden Years Festival
July 18th and 19th

This year's Festival is shaping up to be one of the best in recent years with a renewed committee and leadership, the goal of the committee is to deliver the Golden Years Celebration of yesteryear. With the support of new volunteers and community business sponsors we have lots of fun and exciting activities for the whole family. The usual favorites include the parade, the kids rodeo, and fireman's waterball tournament. All new kidzone featuring the Science Factory activities. Local bands, The Pop Rocks and Coburg's own Coburg Country Allstars will be featured in the beer garden. Also new this year a movie in the park, and we are bringing back our main stage outside of the beer garden located next to the Coburg Community Grange featuring various performances and activities. Please visit our new website for a listing of events and times.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!

www.coburggoldenyears.com

Coburg
Quilt
Show & Sale

"Sew Me Your Stitches"



10th Annual Outdoor Quilt Show & Sale
Pavilion Park • Coburg • Oregon

QUILT SHOW
Saturday
July 26, 2014
9 AM - 4 PM

Opportunities for:
Quilters
Vendors
Volunteers

Entries due
Monday
July 14, 2014

Over 350 quilts, Traditional, Vintage & Art quilts

All sizes & skill levels

Hoffman Challenge, Raffle Quilt

Vendor Booths, Silent Auction,

Food, Antique Shops, Historic Coburg

For information

to enter, to vendor, or to volunteer

visit our website at www.coburgquiltshow.org

or contact us at 541•746•8655

P.O. Box 8444 • Coburg • OR • 97408

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





Free Lunches at Norma Pheiffer City Park! ¡Almuerzos Gratis en Norma Pheiffer City Park!

June 23rd through
August 22nd
23 de junio hasta el
22 de agosto



Lunch/
almuerzo:
12pm to 1pm

E McKenzie and Locust Streets, Coburg, OR

Lunches are first come first serve for children ages 2 to 18.

Children ages 1 to 2 may eat when accompanied by a responsible adult. All food must be eaten on site.

Se sirve almuerzo a los niños/jóvenes de las edades de 2 a 18 años en primero en llegar, primero servido. Niños de 1 año a 2 son bienvenidos a comer si estan acompañados con un adulto responsable. Todo el almuerzo debe de ser consumida en el sitio

The USDA and FOOD for Lane County are equal opportunity providers and employers
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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

JULY/AUGUST EVENTS

- Tuesday July 8th 7 pm
Special presentation for Coburg Wastewater Project
- Saturday July 18th & Sunday July 19th
Coburg Golden Years Festival
- Saturday July 26th 9 am - 4 pm
Coburg Quilt Show
- Tuesday August 5th 6:30-8 pm
Rep. Barnhart hosts Town Hall
- Sunday September 7th 8 am - 4 pm
Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair

Summer Concerts in the Park!

Every Thursday in August 6:00-8:00 pm

August 7th - Joanne Broh Band | blues

August 14th - The Fiddlin Sue Band | blue grass

August 21st - Riffle | cover band

August 28th - Haywire | country rock

Do you have a community event to share?

Call 541-682-7852 or email sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us



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local businesses...**
