

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Spring Growth

Ray Smith, Acting Mayor

As volunteers, the Councilors and Mayor must always prioritize our personal lives and our jobs with serving our community. Mayor Pudewell recognized that his job and personal life could no longer cope with the many hours he dedicated as Mayor to our fair town. He regrettably resigned effective at the February Council meeting. Thank you, Jae, for your tireless dedication and skills during your eventful tenure.

The daylight hours are getting longer and early blooms signal that spring is just around the corner. Time for new growth and increased activity. Our City Council is experiencing a "spring growth" of its own. We have a newly appointed Councilor, Chris Page, who brings the perspective of a younger generation to the Council.

Serenity Lane will have their grand opening March 11. The

Serenity Lane staff has already shown they will be an active and beneficial part of our community. Coburg North (the old Monaco complex) will complete two more new buildings this year. Many new homes are being built throughout our town. There is exciting potential for our small town as we recover from the recession and see inevitable change and growth occur in our city.

As spring approaches, our Council is moving forward with optimism to try to deal with the many issues in our city. Our finances are stabilizing, but we still have some work to do. We are being very conservative with expenditures while continuing to provide the services we all want. Our streets are an obvious concern and the Council is looking at ways to generate revenue for street maintenance. Our staff works diligently to deal with routine

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City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed and issues likely to be discussed in the next couple of months.



JANUARY 12TH

Approved Annual Fee Schedule Update

Approved Resolution 2016-01 Applying a construction cost inflation factor to existing system development charges.

Annual appointment of Park and Tree Committee Members

Appointed new Heritage Committee Member

FEBRUARY 9TH

Jae Pudewell resigned as Coburg Mayor

Approved- Ordinance A-238 Establishing an assessment for court technology purpose on fines.

First Reading- Ordinance A-237 Adopting riparian and wetlands protections.

Approved Resolution 2016-02 Supplemental Budget

Arbor Day Proclamation

FEBRUARY 23RD

Council Work Session to discuss new revenue options including consideration of an increase to the gas tax.

Design of Fences

Even though some types of development don't require building permits, there are City design standards. For example, front yard fences may be no more than three and a half (3 ½) feet high. Side and backyard fences may be six (6) feet high. No chain link fences are allowed in front yards and picket-style (e.g. picture on right) is the preferred type. Fences may not be built on public property such as street right-of-way. If you have any questions about fences (or any other building project) please contact the Planning Department 541-682-7858 or planning@ci.coburg.or.us. We are here to help!



Coburg Food Pantry



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 Mondays of each month from 2:00-6:00pm. Call for more information: Kathy Emerson 541-434-6404.

2015 Coburg Citizens of the Year

Congratulations Cathy Emerson and Sharyl Abbaspour



Sharyl Abbaspour has at one time or another volunteered on nearly every organization and/or committee in Coburg. She is a committed leader who is very engaging and funny.



Cathy Emerson helped get the Food Pantry to Coburg in 2007 and is now the Coordinator. She has always had a passion to help those in need. The pantry supports about 40 local families and is operated by 100% volunteers--25 dedicated people.

Rain Barrels

Yes, Coburg water rates are 'up there'. Economy of scale impacts our community in many ways. Have you thought about rain barrels recently? There are so many choices these days! And, there are many more benefits beyond saving money on your water bill. Rainwater is better for your plants and soil. Rainwater is highly oxygenated, free of the salts, inorganic ions, and fluoride compounds contained



in tap water that accumulate in the soil over time and potentially harm plant roots. Use of rainwater in your garden dilutes this impact, making plants more drought-tolerant, healthy, and strong. The barrels reduce runoff pollution and help prevent erosion. They also help control moisture levels around the foundations of your home which is a common issue here.



Garden and lawn watering accounts for 40 percent of residential water use during the summer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A typical barrel can save 1,300 gallons of water during the growing season!





Challenge Your Commute and Join the 2016 Business Commute Challenge! May 14-20

Join a friendly competition – workplace against workplace or household against household – to see who can walk, bike, bus, carpool, or telework during the week of May 14-20. The workplace with the most participation wins (based on size). Individual participants can win too! The more you participate the bigger the prize you have a chance to win.

Whether you are a bus rider, you are thinking about bike commuting for the first time, or you want to have fun with your co-workers...this Challenge is for you!

Visit commutechallenge.org to learn more, for a list of prizes and events, and to sign-up.

The 2016 Business Commute Challenge is an event coordinated by Point2point at Lane Transit District.

walk → bike → bus → pool → WIN!



SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

Offering Café 60 & Meals On Wheels

Coburg's CAFÉ 60

Welcomes Older Adults

(age 60+, regardless of income or address)

For Lunch & Friendship

Noon on Wednesdays

Oddfellow's Hall

91119 N. Willamette

Just drop-in!

Donations for the meal are appreciated.

www.laneseniormeals.org

or call 541-682-4378 for more information




Historic Preservation Commission Vacancy

City of Coburg is accepting applications for up to two (2) Historic Preservation Commission positions.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Demonstrate a positive interest in the Historic Preservation of Coburg
- Preferred, but not required, that applicants have professional or educational experience in the disciplines of: History, Architecture, Archaeology, Planning, or other related fields.

The Position:

- Voluntary, two & three-year terms
- Will meet at least 4 times a year

Deadline: Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Contact: Jeff Kernen, Planner
Phone: 541-682-7858
Email: jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us

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HELP PRESERVE OUR HISTORIC IDENTITY

Congratulations Anne Heath 2015 Coburg Employee of the Year



Anne is the City's Finance Director (right) and has been integral to the successful management of the Finance Department. Petra Schuetz, City Administrator (left) presents this annual award to a deserving staff member.

Singing Creek Center Spring Break Camp: Animal Stories and Puppeteering for ages 7-10

Listen to some great animal stories from different cultures and create shadow puppet play characters. Make crafts and play games in our pioneer style "homestead." Some outside time on our beautiful 100 acre farm including a pond. Enjoy nature while learning about animals of the Pacific Northwest like bear, frog, eagle, coyote and more.

More information at www.singingcreekcenter.org

City Council Vacancy

Are you interested in serving as a local elected official? Contact Sammy Egbert, City Recorder, 541-682-7852 or email sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us for more information.

A photograph of a group of children sitting on a grassy field, participating in an Easter egg hunt. They are surrounded by many colorful plastic Easter eggs scattered on the grass. Some children are holding baskets or bags. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a community event.

**Coburg Community
Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, March 26, 10am
Coburg's Norma Pfeiffer Park

Bronco News March/April 2016

CCCS was fortunate to have the help of Oregon Community Credit Union volunteers on their Day of Service to help paint the gym. Many of you know how old the facility is at CCCS. Transitioning from Coburg school to CCCS, the building was never updated and many quirks that made up Coburg school still make up CCCS today.

In February on a no-school day, OCCU employees volunteered to help paint the gym and give it a long-needed fresh coat of paint. The bottom of the gym wall is now black to help reduce the scuff marks on the walls and a fresh coat of white paint was added on the upper part of the wall. The painting of the gym is not completely finished, but OCCU helped initiate the process.

The remainder of the walls will be painted white. A green stripe will go between the black and white paint tying the new school color green together with the old high school color black. If you get a chance to peek into the gym on your daily walk, please do!

Skill Days, a program unique to CCCS that is completely reliant on volunteers, wrapped up the end of February. Skill Days occur twice a year, winter and spring.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers making Winter Skill Days successful!

Bill Morach with Eugene Country Club, Jim Reid with Eugene Country Club, Carrie DeGree with Eugene Country Club, Ryan Thorburn with The Register Guard, Janessa Bruce with JB Design, Janel McPherson, Miriam Clark with Little Hands Can, Mandi Vance with Little Hands Can, Dick Flynn, Scott Leavengood with OSU, Tania Straub, Diana Hollingshead, Erin Dickerson, Jaclyn Logan



Colleen McGarvey, John Barry, Liz Jaqua with Be Well Jazzercise, Jen Hayworth with Hayworth Farms, Darren Hayworth with Hayworth Farms, Walt Jenkins, Margery Shedd, Jean Vanderlinde, Mary Loftin, Erica Piquette, Abigail Dowd, Debbie Glessner with Be Well Jazzercise, Sierra Dillon with Be Well Jazzercise, Kate Hartley, Mary Mosier

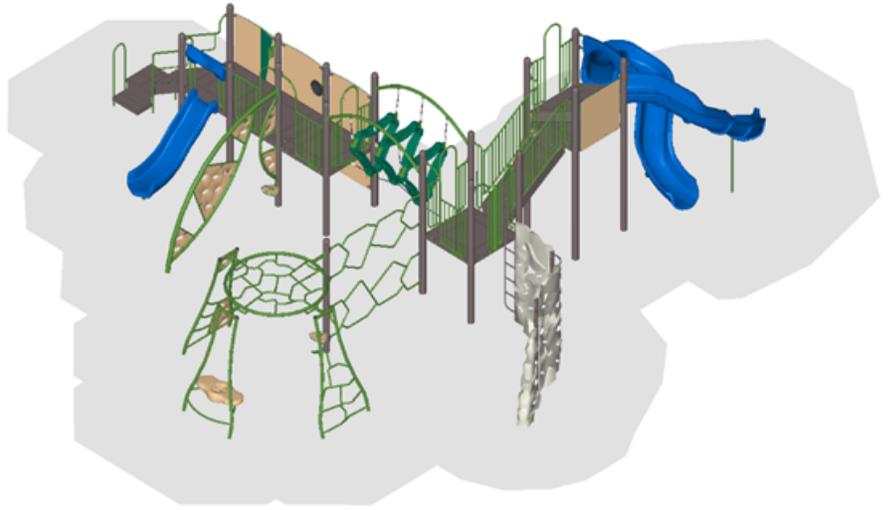
CCCS is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at CCCS, please contact Jen Kelley the community coordinator at j.kelley@coburgcharter.org or call the school at 541-344-4113. The annual auction went off with a bang in February! Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who helped make the 2016 auction one to remember! The auction is the largest fundraiser for CCCS put on by the parent group (PCS.) Funds raised help pay for curriculum, school garden/ag program, safety equipment and so much more; making CCCS the best place for learning to occur.



What's Happening at Norma Pfeiffer Park?

You may have noticed excavating in Norma Pfeiffer Park between the play structure and restrooms. This is the new home of an additional play structure scheduled to be completed by Spring Break! The new structure is aimed at ages 5 to 12 and features:

- 2,200 square feet
- Universal access with ADA access ramp and ground level activities
- Replaces old tractor spring rocker with a spin cup
- Focus on gross motor play skills on several climbing and challenge elements
- A historical and artful interpretive sign describing the historic significance of the train depot theme design of the play ground



The new structure was made possible

by a generous grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The City is providing the required match for the project which was planned with the assistance of the Coburg Park and Tree Committee and the Heritage Committee.

Congratulations Eagle Scout Daegan Becker



Daegan Becker, who is a member of Troop 282 in Eugene, was recently honored at an Eagle Court of Honor at the Coburg Fire District on January 9th, 2016. Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts.

Daegan is a member of the Coburg community, a sophomore at Sheldon High School, and is the son of Suzanne Becker, and grandson of Walt and Sharon Becker, all of Coburg. He joined Boy Scouts in March of 2011 and has earned 44 merit badges. Daegan has received the God and Church Award and the World Conservation Award. He attended National Youth Leadership Training in the summer of 2013.

Daegan's Eagle project consisted of planning and organizing the planting of 15 trees at Camp Harlow in Eugene. The trees were planted around the horse stables at the camp to provide shade for the horses and the riders. In all, the project required 50 hours, and

Daegan directed 15-20 helpers. Daegan continues to be active in Troop 282 and looks forward to his next adventure. Congratulations to Eagle Scout Daegan Becker!

CCCS Survey Link

The atmosphere at CCCS is lively and fun! We love having residents come and share their expertise during Skill Days and many other times throughout the year. Several of our activities are open to everyone in the Community and we welcome your attendance. Watch our Reader Board and website for announcements. Coburg Community Charter School would love to hear from you as we plan for our future. We've set up a survey for you at <http://goo.gl/forms/MVJfczNT3x>



Your feedback is important to us. Not only does your opinion help us continue offering excellent educational choices in Coburg, but it helps us plan better ways to partner with our community. Thank you for taking a few minutes of your time to go to the website and take our short survey. You can find out more about our school and programs on our website at www.coburgcharter.org.



—CCCS Strategic Planning Committee

The CCCS Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Town!

What:

Coburg Community Charter School will be hosting a “Groovy” Scholastic Book Fair from March 7 - 11th, with morning and afternoon shop times. Funds raised from this 70’s themed event will help purchase *books* for the school library and allow the school to cycle in new learning material. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair will feature a special Community “Bingo Night” including a snack and prizes such as toys and Book Fair gift certificates on March 11th from 6 pm - 8 pm!

When:

The Book Fair will be open in the mornings daily from 7:45 am - 8:15 am. In addition, Monday-Thursday we will be open in the afternoon from 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm and Friday from 11:45 am - 12:30 pm.

More:

Unable to make it to the fair? No problem! You can shop from your office or home at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/coburgcommunitychartersch1> starting March 2nd through March 18th. All purchases will help buy books for the CCCS library!

Eight Months and Going Strong!

By Rev. Dr. Craig Pesti-Strobel

It has been eight months since my wife, Susan, and I arrived in this, the southern end of the Willamette Valley, and I might say that we've settled in if it weren't for a garage full of boxes still to unpack. Have you ever been in a similar situation? I'm not really sure what it means to really be "settled in," maybe it is more a state of mind than a state of uncluttered order.

I am the new pastor at the Coburg United Methodist Church, the sky-blue church on the corner of Van Duyn and Willamette here in Coburg. I follow the Rev. Dr. Gary Powell who retired this last summer after serving here in Coburg for twelve years. His were very big shoes to fill, and I know I can't, so I think I will wear my own footwear instead.

I am new to Coburg, but not new to Oregon. I have deep roots in the Oregon Territory, including relatives who came to Medford in the mid-1800s and other relatives who settled in Heppner and Lexington (Morrow County) in the late 1800s. Another part of the family settled in northern Idaho in the late 1800s and married into my Oregon ancestral family. Most of them were farmers and ranchers.

I grew up in Boise, Idaho, the oldest of eight sons, but moved to Oregon upon graduation from high school. After a short stint working with a minister in John Day, Oregon, I followed in the wagon tracks of my ancestors from a century before and traveled to the Willamette Valley where I studied Theater and Biology at Willamette University in Salem. After attending seminary at Yale and Pacific School of Religion, I served churches in Sheridan, Willamina, Jefferson, Heppner, Fossil, Joseph (all in Oregon), and Pocatello (Idaho) before coming here.

In addition to my ministerial and theater training, I have also completed the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation, and I returned to Graduate School in 1992 to study for a Ph.D. in Performance Studies and Religious Studies. As some might say, things are Piled High and Deep with me. I managed to graduate for the final time in 2001. As part of my doctoral work I studied various religions of the world in addition to the practices and methods of spiritual formation.

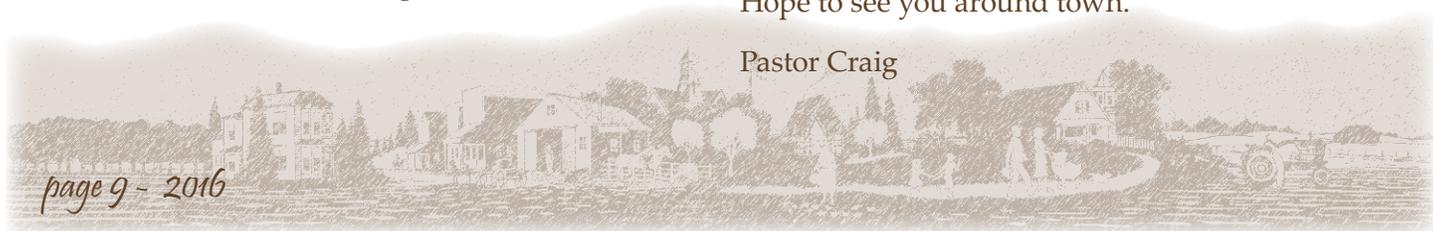
I have three daughters, two of whom have graduated from colleges in Oregon, and the youngest of whom is planning on attending Willamette University this fall. My wife, Susan, currently is employed at T.J. Maxx. You can find her smiling face and cheery voice in the fitting room or behind the jewelry counter.

Because I also serve the Junction City United Methodist Church, we have adjusted our Sunday services here in Coburg to 9:00 in the morning, with an Adult Study at 10:30, and a Thursday Bible Study at 10:00 as well. I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come by and say hello some time. I'm enjoying getting to know people here. Who knows, maybe you will be the next person I meet!

Holy Week is coming up and you are invited to join us in worship Palm Sunday, March 20 (9:00 am) as well as join us for a very meaningful Passover Seder on Thursday, March 24th (beginning at 6:00 pm) and Good Friday at noon, March 25th. We are co-sponsoring with Countryside Church the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the park on Saturday, and then everyone is warmly invited to join us Easter Sunday, March 27th as we celebrate the triumph of God over all forces of death. What a week! What a message!

Hope to see you around town.

Pastor Craig



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operations and maintenance while taking on work from new development in Coburg.

There are many items on the City's wish list. The reality is that the City has a very tight budget so the money is hard to allocate to this wish list. A great opportunity was found by our staff for a grant to fund a playground upgrade in Norma Pfeiffer Park. We received the grant! It requires a 10.27 percent match, which can be "in kind". This means hours given by staff and volunteers can be applied to that match. Finance Director Anne Heath is the project manager and the Heritage Committee and the Parks/Tree Committee have worked diligently to create a new addition to our park valued at over \$92,000! The upgrade will have an historic theme with equipment suited for a wider range of ages. (See article on p. 7) Thanks to all the Committee members and staff who helped make possible this wonderful addition to our city park.

Park/Tree Committee

The Parks/Tree Committee is a citizen volunteer group that meets once a month to discuss current and future park issues, and to advise City Council on recommendations for improvements or other related items. We have been involved with the new playground structure in Norma Pfeiffer Park, which is on schedule to be in place before the end of March. Later, an historical sign will be placed near the structure and we will host a dedication ceremony. Currently, the committee is compiling an inventory of park trees to accompany the street tree inventory. This will provide accurate information for the committee to select types of trees to replace those that are lost or removed due to damage or disease.

Your input is always appreciated. You will have an opportunity soon to share your input by completing a survey, which will be sent by an intern from the University of Oregon, who is working on updating the Coburg Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

If you are interested in joining the Parks/Tree Committee or have concerns to share, please contact: coburgclaire@gmail.com, or Public Works.

We are constantly trying to improve communication between the City and our residents with newsletters, websites and community postings. The Councilors continue to echo the need to keep Coburg a small, family oriented and safe community. Information from our constituents is critical to our decision making process.

As spring approaches, I look forward to a renewed energy in our great little town. I have raised my children here and now I watch my grandchildren growing up here. Change can create some anxiety, but I am excited about the future of Coburg. I will always try to protect our comfort and safety that gives Coburg its small town charm. But we must all accept that Coburg must move forward with some change to keep our small town viable for all of us. The flower buds are bursting forth with new life and energy. I look forward to a wonderful spring in Coburg.

Acting Mayor Ray Smith



Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

3rd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

ODDFELLOW MEETING

6:30 pm, I.O.O.F Hall

4th Mondays

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire Hall

2nd Tuesdays

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 pm, Coburg

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Petra Schuetz, Planning Director

541-682-7871

3rd Wednesdays

PARKS/TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Bob Butler, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

3rd Wednesdays

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

6:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Noon, City Hall

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

4th Wednesdays

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

1st Fridays

POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm Game Begins

Coburg Community Grange

MARCH/APRIL EVENTS



Upcoming Events at CCCS:

- March 3 Music Concert 6:30 pm @ CCCS Gym
- March 7-11 Book Fair @ CCCS Gym
- March 11 Free Community Bingo @ CCCS Gym
- March 14 Board Meeting 6 pm @ City Hall
- March 17-Apr 8 Math Madness Fundraiser
- March 18 No School
- March 21-29 Spring Break/No School
- March 30 Classes Resume
- April 8 March Madness Event 1pm @ CCCS Gym
- April 18 Board Meeting @ City Hall
- April 22 Talent Show 6pm @ CCCS Gym
- April 29 Science Fair Open House Noon @ CCCS Gym

March 21-25 Singing Creek Center Spring Break Camp

Do you have a community event to share? Call 541-682-7852 or email sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us



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Questions About City Happenings?



We work for you! The City wants you to get the information you need and care about. Currently, Our Town, the Coburg website www.coburgoregon.org, the 'City of Coburg, Oregon' Facebook page, 'Coburg Police Department' Facebook Page, monthly utility bills, the Post Office (Dari-Mart), and City Hall are all places to get information about what is happening in and around Coburg. Council and committee meetings are also great resources.

What do you want to hear about? How do you like to get information? Let us know.

- Coburg City Staff
