## MAYOR BELL'S HOLIDAY UPDATE

Hello fellow Coburgers, time seems to have moved into hyper-drive as we anticipate the holidays and the end of another year. I don't know about you but to me it feels and looks like Winter is upon us! It's the time of year that encourages introspection, review of past events and feelings of thanksgiving, as we look forward to the future.

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the Coburg Scarecrow Festival. There were so many wonderful events offered as part of the it: Market Bazzars, creative scarecrows around town, dancing in the rain to The Honey Brown Band, all capped off by the 5K pumpkin run. Many opportunities to meet friends old and new.

Coburg has many veterans recognized on the banners hung in town. I know this just a sample and more will be added in the future thanks to the commitment of the Grange to produce them and assistance of Public Works staff to hang them. Thanks to all who served and are currently serving.



The purchase of a street sweeper is keeping our city streets looking cleaner and free of debris. While the sweeper can pick up leaves that trees deposit onto our streets, it's not meant to pick up the large piles we gather. Those will be picked up according to the schedule distributed. It may seem like leaf pick-up is late, but the major pick-up occurs when most leaves have fallen. If you're impatient, leaves can go in the yard debris bins, be composted or used as garden mulch.

I want to recognize all our city staff for the work they all do to keep our town running smoothly. They work behind the scenes to make sure our utility bills are correct; our water is safe, available and our toilets flush. We can count ourselves lucky that we also have dedicated police force that responds to over 700 calls/stops every month! This includes an average of 300 traffic stops- all this is designed to keep us safe.

Don't forget that Christmas in Coburg is happening December 9th from 3-8 PM and will include a holiday market, a chili feed, music, tree lighting and of course the Light Parade from 6-7PM. The Coburg Community Choir Concert will be preforming at 3PM on Sunday, December 17th at Coburg Commons.

If you would like more information on what's happening in the city, City Council meetings occur the second Tuesday of the month at 6PM. The meetings are also live-streamed and recorded for your convenience. Your input and questions are valuable, so I hope to see you soon.

In the meantime, I wish you a joyous holiday season!