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Mayor's Corner

What is Coburg's Future?

Ray Smith, Mayor

We celebrate a huge milestone by adopting the first budget in years that does not have a deficit in the General Fund. The City government has carried a huge debt for nearly a decade after the spending debacle that occurred in the mid-2000s. The City Council passed the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget in the June meeting. With hard work from staff, a contracted outside accountant, volunteers on our Audit and Finance Committee, the Mayor (current and previous) and Council; this huge milestone has been achieved. The improving economy certainly helped too; allowing the City to pay-down more on the debt in the last couple of years.

We had two well-qualified candidates apply for the vacant Council position that was created

by my appointment to Mayor. It was very encouraging to interview these candidates. Their knowledge and background were impressive. Unfortunately, we had to pick only one for the position. Patti Gianone was selected in a tie-breaker vote. I want to thank Nancy Bell for applying and we hope Ms. Bell will continue to participate in Council meetings. We will have three Council positions open this election. Paperwork must be submitted in August to be on the November ballot.

With the opening of Nana's Cafe (which magically morphs into Coburg Pizza Co. in the afternoon) we had the opportunity to start a new family tradition. Every Tuesday morning, Claire and I meet at Nana's with our Granddaughter Grace for a warm beverage and cinnamon roll before school. We spent our last "School Tuesday" of the school year with Grace. She was all excited about finishing up her first year at Cal

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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.



MAY 10TH

- Local Motor Fuel Tax Feasibility discussion - Mayor created a sub-Committee
- Approved Resolution 2016-05 Setting Wastewater Service Fees for FY 2016-17 and providing for annual rate adjustments.
- Appointed Planning Commissioner William Wood
- Adopted Ordinance A-239 Creating a Master Planned Development Overlay Zone

JUNE 14TH

- Appointed Patti Gianone to fill Council Vacancy
- Water Master Plan DRAFT presented
- Local Motor Fuel Tax Feasibility discussion continued and will be back to Council in July
- Park Reservation fees to now include a fee for reservations from people who do not live in the City Limits
- Approved Annual Contracts for FY 2016-17 Jail Beds, Dispatch, Computer Consulting
- Approved Resolution 2016-09 Supplemental Budget
- Approved Resolution 2016-07 and 2016-08 Receive State Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2016-10 Authorizing the 2016-17 City Budget
- Approved Resolution 2016-11 Adopting the Salary and Classification Schedule for FY 2016-17
- Approved Resolution 2016-12 Extending Workers Compensation to City Volunteers for FY 2016-17
- Approved Resolution 2016-13 Authorizing the City to seek State Transportation Fund – 2017 Special City Allotment Grant
- Appointed Heritage Committee member Candice Leonard
- Approved Resolution 2016-14 To Refer a Measure to the voters of Coburg "Shall Coburg Ordinance A-236, which prohibits all facilities for dispensing medical and commercial marijuana remain in effect?"

Noxious Vegetation

It's that season again! Certain types of vegetation need to be managed to address health, fire, traffic, and overall visual impact to our community.

Please note the following:

Between June 1st- September 30th, all "noxious vegetation" in Coburg must be maintained by the property owner including;

- Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Grass more than 10 inches high
- Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line
- Vegetation that is:
 - Health hazard
 - Fire hazard because it is near other combustibles, or
 - Traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous

Please contact Coburg City Hall with questions at 541-682-7850.

Accepting applications for two
Budget Committee Members

DEADLINE

Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 5:00 PM

Coburg Committee Highlights

Updates on what the Coburg Committees have recently accomplished or are currently addressing.

Planning Commission

March

- Approved Wells Master Planned Development Concept

April

- Approved Coburg Pizza parking a & entrance orientation Variance
- Recommended a new Planning Commissioner, William Wood, bringing the Planning Commission to full capacity

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee is completing an 18 month long project which contracted with a historical research company to put the City of Coburg historic homes walking tour on a web-based platform. Next Exit History (nextexithistory.com) hosts a platform that is available to access from a computer or smartphone through their app. The Heritage Committee has also



gone through some membership changes, leaving only one person on the committee who has been a member more than 8 months! After an upcoming appointment on the agenda for City Council's July meeting the Heritage Committee should be full again with an enthusiastic group.

Parks/Tree Committee

The Coburg Parks/Tree Advisory Committee in May and June:

- Park Reservation recommendation Higher fees for non-city residents. Request for data collection on all factors of the plan, with results submitted to the Committee for review in October 2016 and annually thereafter.
- Parks and Open Space Master Plan -Staff Representative will email citizen survey results and workshop notes to the Committee. To discuss scope of work and task list in upcoming meeting

City of Coburg Development Code Update!

Our development code has many purposes, but primarily encourages the most appropriate use of land, provides adequate open space, promotes orderly growth, while implementing the Comprehensive Plan. It also takes into consideration utilities and facilities such as water, transportation facilities, all while promoting public health, safety, convenience and general welfare.

The City is updating our Development Code, which will include elements like:

- Parking/RV regulations
- Minimum lot sizes/maximum densities
- Mixed-Use design & development standards

We are recruiting interested parties for the Citizen Advisory Committee. If you are interested in being part a stakeholder (get sent project updates) or Committee (participate in recommendations) please contact Jeff Kernan, Planner – 541-682-7858, jeff.kernan@ci.coburg.or.us by July 15th.

General Election

November 8, 2016

OPEN CITY OF COBURG POSITIONS

Mayor	Currently held by Ray Smith	Two Year Term
Councilor Position # 4	Currently held by Jerry Behney	Four Year Term
Councilor Position # 5	Currently held by Sharyl Abbaspour	Four Year Term
Councilor Position # 6	Currently Vacant	Four Year Term

The filing period for interested candidates began on June 1, 2016. The filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by August 30th, 2016.

Election Packets are available on line www.coburgoregon.org or Coburg City Hall, 91136 N. Willamette, Coburg, Oregon 97408.

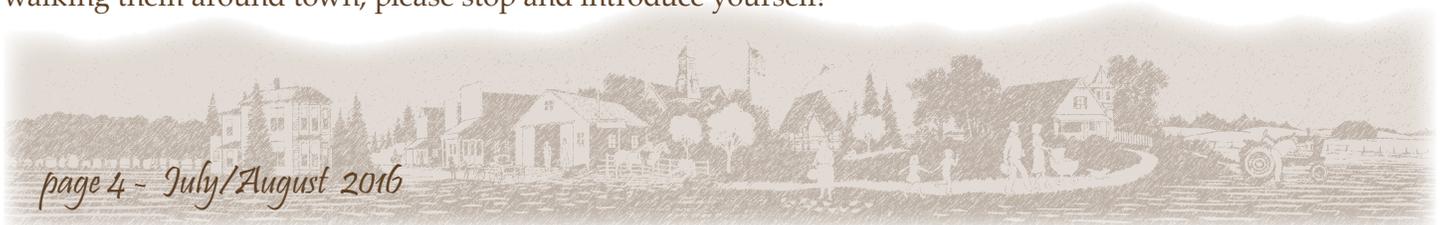
Meet Coburg City Councilor Patti Gianone

Patti Gianone was appointed to the Coburg City Council at the June 14 meeting. She moved to Coburg in March, 2015 with her husband, Ron Neet. They cite their love of all things old and a strong sense of community as the primary reasons they decided to buy their “forever” home here.

Patti retired in 2004 from a 21+ year career as an Administrator at Lane Community College. She was probably best known for her creation and management of the nationally acclaimed Dislocated Worker Program which retrained thousands of laid off Lane County residents for new careers in the 1980’s and 90’s. She did a lot to contribute to the economic prosperity of Lane County during a period when lumber mills were closing one after another. She hopes to contribute to the growth of Coburg while ensuring it retains its small town feeling.

Since she retired she has traveled with her husband around Oregon for his work. While they enjoyed getting to know other parts of our state, they are very happy to be home again in Lane County – especially Coburg!

Patti has an antique business, “4 Generations”, and loves to spend time with her Mom and family who all live in Eugene. She also has two dogs; little white “fluffy” Sammy and a silver lab named Sadie. If you see her walking them around town, please stop and introduce yourself!



Meet Coburg Staff

Chief of Police Larry Larson



I grew up in White Pass Washington. I grew up playing baseball, basketball, football and riding my

Honda 90 for miles and miles on the trails and logging roads. I would describe my childhood days were like the movie "The Sandlot". It was a great time to be a kid!

Not wanting to work in the woods or in a lumber mill, I moved to the Eugene area and got my Real Estate license in the early 80's. Not the best time to be in real estate. To make ends meet, I worked at Cone Lumber pulling green chain, did landscaping, painted apartments, did some flat concrete work and dug ditches. I also went to Lane Community College; taking classes in general business and real estate.

The economy wasn't the best so I took a second job as a security officer at Sacred Heart Hospital. The first night I helped two Eugene Police Officers wrestle with an intoxicated combative man at the emergency room entrance right between the two electronic doors. I really didn't know what to do, so I sat on him. It worked. I knew right then that I wanted to become a police officer.

In 1990 I became a reserve police officer for the City of Junction City. I was a reserve police officer for three years and became a full time officer December 1st 1993. I worked graveyard patrol by myself for several

years where I learned how to work narcotic cases. I loved writing search warrants and taking drugs off the street. I hate drugs, they ruin good people. One of the best things I've done was work on the Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team working drug cases full time. As a Detective, we worked numerous drug cases, a murder for hire, drive by shootings and a very large prostitution case.

I was later promoted to a Patrol Corporal and then to a Patrol Sergeant. I was a patrol sergeant until October of 2010 when I left Junction City to go overseas to Iraq as an International Police Advisor (IPA). I worked in Iraq for 18 months teaching Iraqis how to do police work. While in Iraq, I was assigned to the Blue Star Taskforce dealing with insurgent intelligence and criminal activity. In Baghdad, I worked at the Police Center of Excellence (Police Academy) and worked with the Iraqi Highway Patrol teaching them high risk traffic stops. While working in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, I developed some tight friendship with other IPA's from Mississippi, Boston and South Carolina. We are still in close contact today. Going through the things we went through develops close friendships which I cherish.

After coming home in April of 2010 and taking three months off, I got hired here in Coburg as a Police Officer. A couple months later I became your Chief of Police. A lot of people have done great work for the City of Coburg; but there were still a few things that needed to be fixed. We have worked hard to become a professional and caring police department that works for the citizens of Coburg. I hope we have accomplished what you want from your police department and hope to continue to work for you.

Sincerely, Chief Larry Larson

Fire District Gets New Water Tender

When I joined the Coburg Fire District, 28 years ago, the newest fire truck we had was a 1985 front mount pumper. It was 3 years new: bright, shiny and ready for action. This Pumper "916" served us well for 24 years, but in 2009 we had to stop using it for structure fires due to it failing its pump test. We continued to use it for field fires for the next 6 years. As the Pumper "916" continued to age, the maintenance issues and costs continued to climb and we started planning for its replacement.

It was decided that we did not need an additional Pumper, since we currently have two reliable Pumpers in service. What we did need was a fire truck that could replace 916's use on field fires, be a backup water source for fires within the City, and a primary water source for fires in the rural areas. To this end we chose to replace our oldest fire truck with a Water Tender; a fire truck that carries a large amount of water. In addition to planning for what we needed, we were also saving money in an "apparatus fund" so that we could purchase the new fire truck.

I am happy to report that we have replaced the old 916 with a new 2016 Tender and will have it in service by this July. The Tender has been fully paid for with the funds set aside, without any additional money needed from a loan or lease purchase. The new 916 will carry over 2,000 gallons of water and have the capability to pump water while it is being driven.

I would like to thank Cody Johnson, Justin Johnson, Rick McPherson and Ron Charles for going above and beyond their VOLUNTEER firefighter duties and spending many hours developing the specifications for our new Tender. I would also like to thank you, our community of both city & rural residents, who support us with your taxes. It is because of you that the Coburg Fire District is able to have the equipment and vehicles that we use to serve and protect you. If you have any questions about our new Tender, the



Pictured from left to right: Justin Johnson, Rick McPerson, Benton Ulm and Ron Charles

Fire District, or anything else please feel free to call the fire station (541-686-2347) or, better yet, stop in and look around. If you or someone you know has ever thought about being a firefighter, please stop in and pick up an application. We are a VOLUNTEER fire district and can use your help!

— Asst. Fire Chief Benton Ulm

Bronco News July/August 2016

Summer has officially begun and we are excited to be participating in August summer events!

CCCS will be selling concessions at music in the park every Thursday in August. A variety of baked goods made by our Chef will be for sale along with Cosmos Creations and drinks with all proceeds go to CCCS.

It's hard to believe, but school is not too far off. All volunteers are required to complete a new background form for the 2016-2017 school year. Forms are available online at coburgcharter.org and we encourage all volunteers to complete the background form as soon as possible. Last school year, volunteers put in over 2000 hours. We are fortunate to have so many community members supporting CCCS through hours of volunteerism and donations!

The 12th Annual Coburg Quilt Show & Sale is Around the Corner

Saturday July 30th 9 am to 4pm in Pavilion Park.

PLEASE JOIN US in celebrating the “HeART of Quilting” – when we hang over 200 quilts outdoors to admire the handwork of women and men who use fabric to express their artistic talents! We welcome **ALL SKILL LEVELS** . . . so if you haven’t already registered your quilt – visit our website: www.coburgquiltshow.org and enter as many quilts as you can – new, old, wall-hangings, large, small, art quilts, etc. **WE LOVE QUILTS** and there is nothing better than seeing a quilt displayed this way!

Our fabulous **VENDORS** will have hundreds of quilt/sewing/craft related items for you to purchase as well – with drawings in the **VENDOR** area every half-hour! And there will be **FOOD VENDORS** this year located near the new covered structure so that you can enjoy your lunch at the park!

Our **MAJOR** sponsors this year are Stella Lighting – who has donated a beautiful Stella floor lamp valued at \$500 (to be raffled off the day of the show), as well as funding for expenses – and James Korth, owner of Get Found, LLC web design who has redesigned our website (take a look!!!). We are also happy to have Jon Derby, local financial planner with Edward Jones, as a sponsor of the Hoffman Challenge,



and our new neighbor Serenity Lane as the sponsor of our Entertainment this year! Many thanks to these and other local businesses, who enable us to continue putting on this fabulous show through their generous support!

We are also in need of **VOLUNTEERS** – so if you have never volunteered before or if you joined us last year and had so much fun you’d like to do it again, please sign up at our website – or give Karen Klemme a call at (541) 343-6407. For every 2 hours volunteered, your name will go into a raffle drawing for 4 Johnson Brothers Nursery gift certificates! We’ll put you to work – selling raffle tickets or cold water – hanging quilts the morning of the show – setting up the tee-pees in the park the day before the show – working in the Silent Auction or the Hoffman Challenge tents . . . there are dozens of ways you can help and you will be appreciated . . . so give it a try!

Items for the Silent Auction are still needed. Please call Dee Pletcher if you would like to donate any item(s) – (541) 954-7526.



Fun event includes bounce houses and activities for kids of all ages!

NORTHWEST REGIONAL WATERBALL

CHAMPIONSHIPS

20th Annual - July 16, 2016, 1200
(Coburg, Oregon, Exit 199 on I-5)



FREE Registration
FREE T-Shirt
Commemorative Challenge Coins
(May be purchased for \$10)



Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Team competition (Teams consist of 3 firefighters and optional coach. Two firefighters are the attack team and the third is the goalie.) See the rules, registration, pictures and video at:
www.nwwaterball.com

Join us with your apparatus in the Coburg Golden Years parade prior to Waterball!! Call for Staging @1045, Parade @1100

The first 30 teams are all we can take! Register: Call Chief Chad Minter, at 541-686-1573, or go to: www.nwwaterball.com

Last Year's Champions

1 st	Coburg Cadets
2 nd	Siuslaw Fighting Aces
3 rd	Coburg Margaritaville
Cinderella (Last):	Siuslaw Sirens



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On Sunday, July 17, the Summer Half Classic will feature the half marathon course that was the traditional Run In The Country. The half marathon starts at 8:00am. This year, there's also a 5K (criterium style) run/walk covering five laps of a 1K route through the neighborhood. The 5K starts at 8:15am. All of the action takes place at Norma Pfeiffer Park in Coburg. Complete details are available at www.EclecticEdgeRacing.com.

Horseshoe Tournament

Friday, July 15th – 6pm
registration

Coburg Inn Restaurant
Gazebo area

Contact Darrin 541-915-2247

Coburg Trails Cleanup Project

Who Knew Working in the Rain Could Be This Much Fun?

On May 14th, about 60 volunteers comprising of adults, youth, and even young kids, gathered together to clean up and spread fresh bark on the Canterbury Swale/ Booth-Kelly Trail . The service project was sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) with some coordination from Coburg Public Works. The LDS members (who reside in the Coburg and North Ferry Street Bridge areas) were joined by a few neighbors and friends and would not be rained out. Although .22 inches of rain fell that day, nobody left until the job was done.



They finished the planned 2-3 hour job in a little less than one hour. The City provided the bark and four wheel barrows. Volunteers also brought more wheel borrows, shovels, rakes – and even a large wagon towed by a four-wheeler. All maintained a playful attitude and just kept going until the job was done.

The area had been enjoying sunshine-and-sandal weather all week long. Thus, everyone had planned to enjoy a hot dog lunch afterwards at Norma Pfeiffer Park. But because of the torrential rainfall the barbeque briquettes in the grill would not stay lit.

In order to use food already purchased – and keep faith with the neighborhood volunteers who had been promised a hot dog lunch – the picnic part of the service activity was re-scheduled for the following Monday night. The weather held; fire in the grill was no problem; the Park was filled with 130 people – who consumed 216 hot dogs amid a flurry of activity – adults chatted while dozens of kids enjoyed the new playground equipment.



The Church hopes to gather again soon to complete the clean up and barking of an additional length of the jogging/walking trail.

2016 Coburg Car Classic



2016 Coburg Car Classic is Saturday, August 6, 2016. This year is the 25th Annual Coburg Car Classic. Registration begins at 8am and Show & Shine is from 9am to 3pm. This family friendly event includes Pancake Breakfast, Chicken BBQ Lunch, Engine Blow, Make It – Take it model building for kids, Poker Walk, Raffle Drawings.

Information: Joe Morneau 541-228-8650 or Alice Brooks 541-746-8655 www.coburgcarclassic.com

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Young Middle School. Summer begins and we look forward to new things.

Grace is part of the 5th generation to live in the same community. She lives a few doors down from her great grandparents. Her great-great grandfather worked at the Coburg School taking care of the building and stoking the furnace through the cold winter days. This kind of legacy is becoming rare, as the job market and the internet make our world smaller and smaller.

What new opportunities will Coburg offer to Grace and others in the years to come? The unknown makes us all a bit apprehensive, but I also feel a little excitement at the thought of something new for Coburg.

The Coburg Inn is an example of all the things we wonder about for Coburg. The original structure has come to life again. The Inn is the anchor of history for Coburg and now is a beacon in the community again. A new Coburg Inn is rising. The lot to the south of the original Coburg Inn has been cleared as the owners begin developing what will become a significant imprint on our downtown area. A new Inn with rooms for visitors and business people. New commercial space for small businesses on Willamette Street.

Also, after decades of business, the landmark Dotson's Collectables has closed and a new business will open soon in its place. I look forward to seeing what the owners of Egge's Nursery brings us when they open in this location.

Yes, change is inevitable. Change brings about some oft-justified jitters, but the changes I see for Coburg have me curious and, yes, excited about what my town is bringing us in the future.

I am confident in the oversight of the growth and changes occurring in Coburg. We have a very

competent Planning Commission that represents the wants and needs of our community. They review much of the development in Coburg. Much of the time our Planning ordinances can use some updating but we have a good foundation. With the ordinances and a knowledgeable and well tenured Planning Commission, I have confidence in our ability to control growth and keep the Coburg charm that we all appreciate.



After serious consideration, the Coburg Golden Years Committee has canceled the Coburg Golden Years celebration this year. After 47 years, the committee determined it's time for a change. Nobody is sure what that change is, but hopefully the celebration can continue in a new format with a new energy.

I feel Coburg is in the midst of redefining the question "Who are we"? There are new faces in Coburg. Mixed with the old timers, we will come together to answer that question by creating new visions and energizing old ones. The one thing that has always stood out to me in Coburg is that it is a town of people that care about the town that they live in. We are willing to put some elbow grease into this town to make it better.

I am encouraged to see people getting involved again. As Mayor, I will do everything possible to empower our citizens to take ownership in our community and make a difference. To those that already participate in so many activities in Coburg, Thank You! To those that haven't figured out just where you fit in, there is no better time to help determine our future than now. For changes are happening and a new energy is building in Coburg.

Today, Coburg looks ahead, like Grace does, and wonders what will Coburg be like. I am anxious to see what we create.

Ray

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Smith".

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

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

541-746-8655

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

August 30th	Ice Cream Social and Volunteer Training (tentative)
September 7th	Classes Begin
September 13th	Volunteer Training
September 16th	People for Coburg Schools (PCS) Kick Off
September 19th	Board Meeting
September 22nd	Papa's Pizza Fundraiser (tentative)
September 30th	Jog-A-Thon/Direct Drive

Do you have a community event to share?

*Call 541-682-7852 or email
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Questions About City Happenings?



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

- Coburg City Staff
