

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner

Spring is Here!

Ray Smith, Mayor

Spring is here and the flowers and trees are in bloom. We have good news to go with the new season. Coburg City Council passed a resolution, effective July 1st, to reduce the sewer portion of our utility bill from \$90.10/month to \$85/month! Council policy is to review financial projections for the sewer system which considers operational costs, loan repayment, and future capital improvements. The review helps Council decide on an appropriate rate to maintain a fiscally and operationally healthy system. Lowering your sewer rate was motivated by three main factors: a loan forgiveness grant of \$666,000 from the Department of Environmental Quality; an increase in revenue from our Urban Renewal District due to expanding business activity on N. Coburg Industrial Way; and new development which distributes costs over more users.

Budget season is upon us. Oregon Municipal Budget Law requires us to hold public meetings and create a balanced budget before July 1st. The Budget Committee will meet May 2nd and May 16th.

Additional meetings may occur. The Committee includes the six City Councilors, the Mayor and six citizens. These citizens will hear presentations from staff and then determine how the City monies will be spent for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 2017.

I asked for community participation in my last newsletter. I am pleased with the feedback I got from that request. One citizen signed up for our Budget Committee and was appointed in the April Council meeting. Others provided comments that will help the City as we consider many of our larger projects, including updates to our Comprehensive and Master Plans, and our City Codes.

The diverse group of citizens on our Council, Commissions, and Committees is refreshing and exciting. Our City Council is represented by three females, three males, three of whom have lived in Coburg less than five years. We have younger citizens involved too. One of our Parks/Tree Committee members is not yet 20 years old. These citizens provide a fresh, new perspective on the Council and Committees

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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.



MARCH

- Approved Liquor License for Coburg Distilling Company, LLC
- First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance A-241 Master Planned Development
- Presentation on 20-year sewer analysis
- Appointed Brooke Carrol to Budget Committee position 3

APRIL

- Appointed Todd Waters to Budget Committee position 4
- Acknowledged the Committee Manual
- Approved Ordinance A-241 Master Planned Development after continued public hearing and second reading
- First Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance A- 242 Vacating Property
- First Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance A-243 Unlawful transferring property on highway, road, or street
- First Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance A-163-0 Adopting the Oregon Criminal Code
- Approved Resolution 2017-04 Setting Wastewater Service Rates for FY 2017-18
- Executive Session: Urban Growth Boundary and Transportation System Plan options

Petra Schuetz' Farewell



I will be stepping down as your City Administrator at the end of May. I have been offered another public service opportunity after over 12 years of serving Coburg in various roles. Working for Coburg has been a highlight of my life. Coburg has become a beloved home to my family and I hope to continue to support and enjoy the community in future ways.

I am leaving on a high note, knowing that it is in good hands with all of you! As presented in our annual Year in Review, 2016 was one of the best years for Coburg in a long while. I am proud of having been a part of the work we have done to complete the wastewater and water projects, eliminate the General Fund deficit, move City Hall, hire and maintain great staff, improve the quality of our services, and begin reinvesting in our infrastructure including downtown. I am confident that the Community Visioning process and resulting Vision Statement will set a fresh, positive course for our future.

The abilities of a new City Council, our wonderful employees, volunteers, and citizens will surely continue the stewardship of our community. And, I'm confident there will be a thoughtful selection process for your next City Administrator. It has been a true privilege to serve the Coburg community. Thank you for this amazing experience. I hope to see you around town for years to come!

Sincerely, Petra

Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

March/April

- Planning Commission approved a Major Modification application to the Wells Master Planned development
- Planning Commission work session on the Development Code Update



Coburg City Hall looking north from Willamette St.

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

March/April

- Helped establish Tree Reserves from past revenue
- Working on an updated version of the Parks Master Plan
- Working on a Wetlands Park concept
- Helped in the process for picking the Coburg Loop Path logo
- Helped staff with ideas for flower beds in parks

Audit/Finance Committee

March/April

- Approved the minutes from January 31, 2017
- Reviewed the finance reports
- Discussed the Finance goals for 2018
- Reviewed the newly adopted Committee Manual
- Committee Chair Cathy Engebretson will be reporting to Council at the May 9, 2017 City Council meeting.

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

March/April

- A new Certified Local Government (CLG) grant was awarded to the City. The grant funds a project that includes a historic places coloring book and community art contest.



Noxious Vegetation Enforcement Starts June 1st

Certain types of vegetation need to be managed to address health, fire, traffic, and overall visual impact to our community. It is considerate to maintain your property/adjacent right-of-way all year, however between **June 1st - September 30th** all noxious vegetation must be **maintained by the property owner** including:

- Grass/Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Remove all poison oak/ivy & blackberry bushes that extend onto public property **or** across your property line
- Remove other vegetation that is a:
 - ♦ Health hazard
 - ♦ Fire hazard because it is near other combustibles
 - ♦ Traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous
- Agricultural crops are exempt (unless a hazard)

Thank you for helping to keep Coburg safe and beautiful!
Coburg City Hall | 541-682-7850

ORDINANCE NO. A-108-I

If the property owner is unwilling or unable to control noxious vegetation during this season, the City will abate such for a fee sufficient to cover the city's costs **10 or more days** after the final publication of the notice and to charge the cost of doing so on any particular parcel of property to the owner thereof, the person in charge thereof or the property itself.

Meet City Staff

David Gregory joined the City of Coburg Police Department staff in November 2016 as the Police Records/Evidence Technician. David is not new to law enforcement having recently retired from a full law enforcement career in Georgia. He retired as the Chief for the State Court of Glynn County Solicitor-General's Office. Prior to transferring to the Solicitor-General's Office to accept the Chief position, he was a long time Criminal Investigator with the Glynn County Police Department. Not wanting to retire fully from public service, David sought civilian employment in the law enforcement field ultimately settling on joining the City of Coburg Police family. David said he fell in love with the small town atmosphere of Coburg after attending an antique fair shortly after moving to Oregon with his family.

David is married and has two children. He enjoys the outdoors and his love of the outdoors is one of the reasons he and his family chose to relocate to



Oregon. You'll often find David and his wife, Natalie, enjoying their weekends hiking trails, camping and "junking." David is an avid bottle cap collector and enjoys collecting and trading bottle caps all over the world. Stop by City Hall and introduce yourself to David and be sure to bring your leftover bottle caps for him!



SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

Offering Café 60 & Meals On Wheels

Wednesdays at Noon

Coburg Café 60 welcomes adults age 60 and older
To gather with our neighbors for lunch and a visit.
Donations for meals are appreciated.

Coburg United Methodist Church
91193 N. Willamette in Coburg

Contact - 541-682-4378 or
visit www.laneseniormeals.org



Welcome Farmfancy

In April, long awaited Farmfancy (facebook.com/pg/farmfancycoburg) opened to the public on N. Wil-lamette Street in the old Dotson's Antiques building. Long-time area residents Jennifer and Chad Egge,



who also own Egge Seed and Nursery, opened the rustic retail nursery which includes a small wine bar and will be selling home décor and cupcakes from The Sassy Cupcake (thesassycupcake.com). Also, Cafe Madeira (facebook.com/madeiracafe) will be offering boxed and catered meals at the store on Friday evenings over the

summer. They also plan to host various classes such as floral arranging.

The building has been renovated over the last year and quite a few changes were made, including a 400-square-foot window-filled sunroom to the south of the building. A big grain silo lid will provide shade and cover on a large patio to the north of the building soon.



Welcome to Coburg downtown!

Hours: Closed Mondays; Tuesday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VanDuyn Tree

The December 2016 ice storm caused a lot of damage to many trees inside the City, particularly the W. Van Duyn Rd. big leaf maple. This tree had much of its northern limbs busted off, leaving most of the weight of the tree hanging over the street. Much of the broken limbs were dead branches that varied in size from two inches to eight inches. A short time after the storm, a certified arborist from Sperry Tree Service inspected the tree. In consultation with the Public Works Director Brian Harmon, it was deemed too dangerous. The decision to remove this old tree did not come easy. After reporting to the Parks/Tree Committee and City Council, it was removed for the safety of the citizens of Coburg. It is City policy to replant a tree from the approved species list at or near the place of the removed one.

— Brian Harmon, Public Works Director

2017 Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear-out

Saturday, May 20th 9:00a-4:00p

**Meander town and find your next treasure!
Join us for this citywide
annual garage sale event!**

Admission is free.

**Contact Sharyl at
541.521.1717 for more information.**



Come and Explore Green Island, an incredible natural area just minutes from where you live, work, and play! You'll join with neighbors, families, and friends to find birdsong and guided tours, fresh water and fishing, tractor rides and spots to gather in the shade of trees. It's all here, where the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers come together. Details & pre-registration can be found at: www.mckenzieriver.org

COME AND EXPLORE!

Walk the Land Day

GREEN ISLAND • 2017



TRACTOR RIDES	GUIDED WALKS	FISHING	MOUNTAIN BIKING	PICNICKING
				



Saturday, June 24

Gates open at 7am and close at 5pm
FREE & Family Friendly!

Coburg Community Visioning: Looking to the Future

Thanks to all who have been involved in the Community Visioning process so far. On March 16, dozens of community members attended the Visioning Summit to hear updates and participate in the process to create

a 20-year Community Vision. Information from community surveys, focus groups, and interviews, as well as demographic data about Coburg, was shared with the group. The Summit also served as an opportunity for people to weigh in on the process and prioritize common themes raised through surveys and focus groups. Attendees worked in small groups to identify priorities to begin drafting the community vision.

We are now in the middle of the community visioning process, and there are still opportunities to get involved. Save the date for the third Coburg Community Visioning meeting to be held on the evening of June 14 at Coburg City Hall. A draft vision statement will be unveiled at the meeting, and community members will have an opportunity to give input on action steps for the future. Mark your calendar, as more details are coming soon.

Throughout this visioning process, community members have been sharing feedback about what



makes Coburg truly special and participating in focus groups centered around ten different key areas including Seniors, Latino, Agricultural Businesses, Youth, Young Families, Groups Outside

Coburg, CORE Businesses Downtown, Tourism, Committee Groups, and I-5 Businesses. All Coburg-area residents are welcome to participate; so far more than 100 people have been involved in the collaborative process since it kicked off in January.

The key objectives of the Community Visioning process, a collaboration between the community of Coburg and RDI, are to produce a 20-year Vision Statement; engage a broad and inclusive representation of voices in the community; and ensure community buy-in, awareness, and coordinated follow-up actions for the Coburg Community Vision.

For more information or for questions about the Coburg Community Visioning process, please contact RDI's Jess Hampton at jhampton@rdiinc.org or (503) 801-2513, or visit the website: http://rdiinc.org/coburg_community_visioning.



CCCS Bronco News May/June 2017

This school year has flown by as we wrap up the last two months of the school year.

A big thank you to businesses and volunteers who helped teach Spring Skill Days. Students engaged in hands on activities including leathercraft, dog training, ukulele, diesel mechanics, beekeeping and more!

Thank you to the following businesses and volunteers for sharing your skills with our students:

Katie Kinports
Katie Schoen
Amber Carl
Janel McPherson
Matt Fricke
Lester Ellis
The Training Spot
Cummins Northwest
Patty Sage
Glory Bee



May is a busy month for students and our parent group. On May 19th we will be holding our first Spring Open House and invite all to attend! Come see what students have been working on this school year and reminisce about days gone by as you tour the school. Highlights this spring during the open house include our Scholastic Book Fair, middle school plant sale, bake sale, and Johnson Brothers Garden market gift cards. Make sure to grab a map at the front door to guide you through the school! The open house will begin at 11:45 and end at 1 pm.

We owe many of our successes to the Coburg community; from ensuring that there is a school in the town, to providing necessary funds and engagement to all of the attending students. There is something to be said about "Coburg kids." We hear it often from other schools and parents, but Coburg has gone above and beyond, accepting non-Coburg

kids who live outside the traditional community and accepting them as "Coburg kids." This year our annual auction brought in over \$47,000! Thank you for supporting CCCS and every child who walks through our doors.

A special Thank You to the following businesses and community members for their contributions at our auction:

Akins Trailers, Brenner's Furniture, Bronco Saloon, Camas Swale Farm, Chvatal Orthodontics, Coburg Crossing Shell and Cafe, Coburg Pizza Company, Coburg Police Department, Coburg Road Quarry, Coburg Veterinary Clinic, Complete Vision Center, Country Java, Dari Market, Detering Orchards, DMS Trucking, Ernie & Janel McPherson, Eugene Skin Divers, Gary Rodgers & Hole in the Wall BBQ, Hamilton Construction, Hoodoo Ski Area, Johnson Brothers Garden Market, Nana's Cafe, Primrose Lane, Reflections Salon, Retro Rejuvenation, Rexius, Stella Lighting, TRIAD Machinery



Class baskets for this year's auction – Theme "Dinner on the Beach"

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

May 12, 19, 26	Skill Days
May 18	K-2 Concert
May 19	Open House 11:45-1 pm
May 26	Volunteer Appreciation Assembly
May 29	No School
June 1	Band Concert
June 5	PCS Meeting
June 9	No School
June 12	Board Meeting
June 14	8th Grade Promotion
June 15	Last Day of School

Join Your Co-workers and Challenge Your Commute!

Join a friendly competition – workplace against workplace – to see who can walk, bike, bus, carpool, or telework the most during the week of May 13 - 19. The workplace with the most participation wins (based on size). It's good for the community, improves health, builds teamwork within your company, and it's fun.

Individuals can win too! Prizes include a Breezer commuter bike from Arriving by Bike™, an Oregon Coast salmon fishing trip for two, a Burley Travoy bike trailer, gift certificates to local businesses, and more! The more you participate, the bigger the prize you have a chance to win.

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

Registration is now open! Sign-up now at commutechallenge.org.

Sponsored by Arriving by Bike™, Burley, Hutch's Bicycles, Collins Cycle Shop, Paul's Bicycle Way of Life, City of Eugene, and City of Springfield.

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



Arbor Day 2017

Arbor Day 2017 in Coburg was a success, celebrating 19 years as a Tree City USA. Together with Coburg Public Works Department, the 5th grade class from Coburg Community Charter School planted the first Coburg edible garden at Jacob Spores Park. After planting the garden they enjoyed a BBQ lunch in the park.



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that gives us new ideas for the future of our small town and the way the government should work.

You may have seen a new (used) police vehicle around town. It's a 2011 Chevy Tahoe with just over 50,000 miles. This vehicle was donated to us by the University of Oregon Police Department (UOPD). Most of the equipment needed was donated with the



vehicle. Additional expenses for lettering and some equipment to put this vehicle into service should be less than \$2,000. Chief Larson is always looking for "good deals" on equipment for the department. Thanks to UOPD and Chief Larson!

Many changes are on the horizon for Coburg. The Egge's have opened Farmfancy in the old Dotson's Antiques building. A beautiful new storefront for all of Coburg to be proud of. The new Coburg Inn Revival retail/apartments and Coburg Crossings residential housing at Pearl St./N. Coburg Industrial Way are slated to begin development soon. Many new homes and new neighbors are here or on their way.

These are exciting times, but they are also nervous times for our City. Councilors, Commissioners, and Committee members are all concerned about the effects of growth on our wonderful little town. We hear the concerns and we feel the concerns. This is our home and we are trying to keep it safe, fun and beautiful. Please stay in touch with your elected and appointed officials so we can act with the informed intent of our citizens. Until next time, enjoy the longer days and the blooms of Spring.

Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg
541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

COBURG DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE

OPEN HOUSE



Monday, May 22nd, 7-9 pm at Coburg City Hall

Come learn about and influence amendments to Coburg's Subdivision and Zoning Codes. Presentation at 7:10. Topics will include:

- Housing Types • Preservation of Coburg's Character
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety • Lot Standards • and more...

Learn more about our Virtual Open House and stay informed by visiting:
www.coburgoregon.org/planning/page/development-code-update



Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

ODDFELLOW MEETING

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

2nd Tuesdays

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 pm, Coburg

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

3rd Tuesdays

PARKS/TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

4th Tuesdays

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire Hall

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernan, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

6:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernan, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Noon, City Hall

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

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 coburgoregon.org, the 'City of Coburg, Oregon' Facebook page, 'Coburg Police Department' Facebook Page, monthly utility bills, the Post Office (Dari-Market), 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