# Mayor's Corner Have a Great Summer!

Ray Smith, Mayor

Coburg started the summer season with an amazing thunderstorm on Father's Day. The suddenness and ferocity of the storm was truly amazing. I was having a Father's Day dinner on the porch of the Bronco Saloon when the storm approached. We went inside when the wind started blowing the soup off of my spoon. The ensuing maelstrom was exciting and a bit scary as incredible winds, hail and rain enveloped our little town. We had one substantial tree failure that fell on two cars, another damaged a structure. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

Part of the charm of Coburg is it's many trees. The City is responsible for about 375 trees on right-of-ways and our parks and open spaces. Unfortunately, many of our mature trees are beyond their normal life span and substantial tree failures are becoming a common

occurrence. The City has placed more emphasis on dealing with dangerous trees. The Parks|Trees Committee and our Public Works Department have created a priority list that is reviewed by an arborist. As funds permit we progress through the priorities.

I am very pleased to announce the promotion of our Finance Director, Anne Heath, to the position of City Administrator by unanimous vote of the City Council at our June meeting. Anne will retain the responsibilities of Finance Director, but the City will be able hire a new staff member to support the finance work.

Anne has proven her leadership abilities over the years with us, but truly shined while filling the Acting City Administrator position. We look forward to working with her and the



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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.



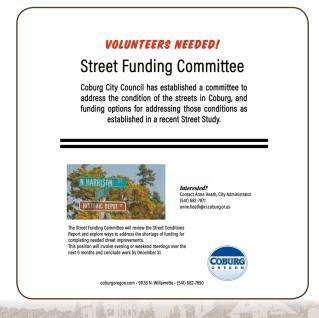
### **MAY 2018**

- Renewed contract with Branch Engineering for City Engineer Services
- Adopted Ordinance A-200-H Amending the Coburg Zoning
- Approved Resolution 2018-10-A Resolution Naming Park

### **JUNE 2018**

- Approved City Administrator Employment Agreement with Anne Heath
- Approved Resolution 2018-14 A Resolution Creating the Employment Lands Committee
- Aproved Resolution 2018-15 A Resolution Creating the Street Funding Committee
- Apporved Resolution 2018-08 and 2018-09 Resolutions for State Revenue
- Approved Resolution 2018-12 A Resolution Adopting the Salary and Classification Schedule for 2018-19
- Approved Resolution 2018-13 A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Special Committees: Volunteers Needed!
Two special committees were formed at the June City Council meeting to address topics of particular interest. Contact City Hall to volunteer!





# **Coburg Committee Highlights**

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

### Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

May/June

 Recommendation of new Planning Commissioner applicant to City Council

### Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

May/June

- New stalls for the restrooms and new paint at Norma Pfieffer
- Signs for Pavilion Park and Booth Kelly Park to be installed



May/June

Coburg Community Historic Art Contest in May was a success



### Finance/Audit Committee - Anne Heath

May/June

 Reviewed 1st Quarter financial reports and proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

### **Budget Committee**

May/June

- Met on May 1st and 22nd to hear the budget presentation and to discuss the proposed budget
- Recommended budget of \$11,261,913 for fiscal year 2019, the budget was adopted by resolution on June 12th. Copies of adopted budget available upon request



### **General Election**

November 6, 2018

#### **OPEN CITY OF COBURG POSITIONS**

 Mayor
 Currently held by Ray Smith
 Two Year Term

 Councilor Position # 1
 Currently held by Patrick Kocurek
 Four Year Term

 Councilor Position # 2
 Currently held by Christopher Page
 Four Year Term

 Councilor Position # 3
 Currently held by Steve Stearns
 Four Year Term

The filing period for interested candidates began on May 30, 2018. The filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by August 28, 2018.

Schedule appointment with City Recorder to go through election packets and process to apply. <a href="mailto:sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us">sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us</a> or 541-682-7852.

Sincerely,

Sammy Egbert
City Election Officer | City Recorder

www.coburgoregon.org

### **Chamber Update**

After 3 years of service, Chamber President Robert Killen is stepping down. Robert will still be involved with Chamber activities, but due to other time obligations he has decided that the Chamber would be better served under new leadership.

We want to thank Robert for 3 great years of leadership and stewardship of the Chamber and look forward to his continued input into Chamber activities. The new President will be announced in our next Chamber update.

Robert, we appreciate you and all the best to you and your family!

Summer is here! We have a lot to look forward to this summer in our community.

The summer kicked off with the Coburg Clutter Clear-out on June 23rd , thank you to

all those that participated.



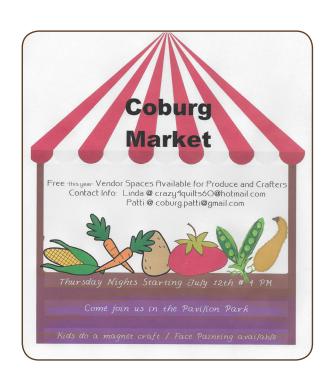


### The Coburg Market

It's finally happening! A Farmers' Market emerged as one of your top priorities in the Vision Process, and you will be able to see that vision come to life starting July 12. Plan on every Thursday evening in Pavilion Park from 4:00 - 7:00 pm through September. The Market will share the park space during August so you can enjoy the Concerts in the Park at the same time.

We have many wonderful vendors: Camas Swale, Petal Pink Flowers, Ann Simas (author of mystery novels set in the Coburg area), salsas, jams, textiles, jewelry, paintings, essential oils, and local crafters. Activities for the kids are also planned like crafts and face painting. Creswell Coffee will provide coffee and sweets. The Market may change from week to week, so come often.

Please come out, visit with your neighbors, shop the vendors, and enjoy a beautiful evening in Coburg!



### The Arts in Coburg

Are you interested in promoting the Arts in Coburg? We are planning on getting together a team this Fall! We've had our first successful Art Show, and the planning for murals in underway. If you're interested, please email Patti Gianone: coburg.patti@gmail.com, or call 541-485-1235. With our new Coburg Community Foundation in place the possibilities are endless!

An artist submitted a concept of a wonderful mural for the Willamette Street side of our local Dari Mart. We've raised more than half our goal, but we still need about \$2,500 more. Call or email Patti Gianone to donate!

### Coburg's Historic Art Contest

Congratulations to the winners of Coburg Community Historic Art Contest: Andrea Rosales and Perry Prochet. The first annual art show was held at Coburg City Hall on May 12th where all entries submitted were on display for viewing. Artwork depicted historic structures in Oregon or specifically located in Coburg. A special thanks to our Heritage Committee for organizing this event to spotlight local artists in our community. The event was funded through a CLG grant which will also be used to produce an updated Historic Walking Tour Brochure and Coburg Historic Coloring book.





### Local Business Spotlight: Penske Truck Leasing

Penske Truck Leasing opened a new facility right here

in Coburg with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Ray Smith on June 13th.

This marks their official opening after completion of a nine-month renovation project readying the site to serve a growing customer base.

Moving operations from Eugene, Senior Vice President for Penske's

western region Rick Pytlik notes that Coburg was chosen based upon the convenient location in relation



to I-5 and foreseeing "room to expand as we further develop our business in the region."

Penske Truck Leasing Company is a leading global transportation services provider, operating more than 270,000 vehicles and serving customers from more than 1,000 locations worldwide.

We're excited to welcome Penske to the Coburg business family and look forward to growing together in the coming years!

### **Managing Our Historic Trees in Coburg**

From the desk of Brian Harmon, Public Works Director

I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to Coburg citizens regarding our historic trees. In Coburg we have approximately 350 trees that the City maintains of which two thirds are big leaf maples. A big leaf maple can live to be 200 years old and most of the maples in Coburg are at the end of that life cycle.

Around the time of the Columbus Day Storm of 1962, as the story is told, many of the maples were heavily damaged. In a good faith effort, good-hearted citizens of Coburg cleaned up the trees by trimming them. While these efforts had the best of intentions, this was not necessarily the healthiest solution for the trees. This caused several, if not all of these trees, to be opened up in the center to different diseases. You can still see how the trees were topped and the long-term effects of that trimming.

The cost of maintaining these trees is expensive and the available budget for that maintenance is limited. More important than monetary concern is safety of citizens. The memory of the car smashed flat in the Dari Mart parking lot last year left many concerned and well aware of the

danger of old and diseased trees

On Father's Day, a tree in the front yard of a local family fell very close to their home. This tree caused damage to vehicles, as well as a small amount to their home. The follow-up investigation found serious rot in the trunk of the tree. This supports our arborist's



reports regarding the health of our big leaf maples.

Every year the Public Works crew clean up and remove debris from the trees that loose limbs and branches. They work very closely with arborists to analyze the health of each tree that a customer raises concern about. In the last two years Public Works has spent many long hours and most of the budgeted dollars on storm clean ups. One storm event last year cost approximately \$15,000 for the cleanup effort.

There are many tough choices that Public Works has to make on a daily basis. The majority of those choices have to do with quality of life and health of our citizens. One of those choices is whether a tree gets to stay and be trimmed, or if the tree needs to be removed. We consider the cost of trimming compared to

cost of removal. Factors that go into these types of choices are danger level, health of the tree, and, life cycle. If a tree is removed, the City always replants a tree. Often times the tree is not replaced in the same spot, but rather somewhere inside the City that works for the tree and the public. We use a street tree list from the City of Eugene that recommends trees that have

low impact on sidewalks, streets, and infrastructure in the ground.

Coburg is an official "Tree City" and at the City we take that title very seriously. Beautiful trees enhance our community, and contribute to a healthier environment for us all to live in.

In the next few months we will be asking for your input regarding the solution to managing Coburg's historic trees. We hope that you will thoughtfully contribute your ideas and concerns.

### Meet Our New Public Works Team!



### Ty Wilson

Ty was raised in Harrisburg, Oregon. While growing up in the small community, he worked on local grass seed farms for 8 summers.

After graduating from Harrisburg High School, he attended Lane Community College followed by the University of Oregon. Ty then graduated from U of O with my Bachelors Degree in Human Physiology in 2016.

He's always enjoyed living in small communities and is very excited to be able to work in such a tight knit up-and-coming town like Coburg.

### **Burke Hansen**

Burke grew up in a small rural farming community in the potato part of Idaho. He met his wife in high school and shortly after got married before moving to Oregon to be close to her family. They have two boys (3yrs. and 1yr.) that are always keeping them on their toes and up at night. Burke's hobbies include tinkering on something motorized (right now it's his pickup), eating junk food, and going camping (he doesn't enjoy that his wife makes him go).

Burke has been in the water/wastewater field for 7 years. He is a certified operator for waste water treatment and collections. He enjoys working for the City of Coburg and looks forward to many more years to come.



### **Arbor Day**

On April 26th, Public Works teamed up with the 5th graders from Coburg Community Charter School and planted 3 trees and 8 hedges at Jacob Spores Park!







The City recently went through the process of acquiring and installing a backup generator to power City Hall in the case of an emergency. We'll now be able to provide vital services and necessary function despite power outages in an emergency situation.

### 2018 Coburg Golden Years Festival + Quilt Show

The Coburg Golden Years Festival is back! Celebrate this beloved tradition's 50th Annivesary on Friday, July 20th and Saturday, July 21st. This year, the Coburg Golden Years Festival is teaming up with the Coburg Quilt Show, which will be held at the Coburg Community Charter School.

There's something for everyone: live music, Bronco's Beer Garden, a beer and wine terrace at Pavilion Park from Hayworth Estate Wines and Agrarian Ales, and much, much more!

Check out our schedule and remember to mark your calendars! Up-to-the minute information can also be found at coburggoldenyearsfestival.com and on their Facebook page.

### Kid's Activities

Corn Hole Bubbles

Balloon Twister Bounce House

Newport Discovery Zoo

Face Painting Sidewalk Art

Relay Races

### Friday, July 20

2pm-6pm Kid's Activities

2pm-8pm Vendor Booths

2pm-8pm Food Trucks

2pm-8pm Wine & Beer Terrace

6pm-8:30pm Live Music

Beer Garden at Bronco's Saloon

### Saturday, July 21

10am-10:30am Pet Parade

11am-12pm Golden Years Parade

12pm-6pm Kid's Activities

12pm-8pm Vendor Booths

12pm-8pm Food Trucks

12pm-8pm Wine & Beer Terrace

12pm-8:30pm Live Music

Beer Garden at Bronco's Saloon



### CCCS Bronco News May/June 2018

It's hard to believe school will be starting in just a few months! We had an amazing school year for 2017-18 and are looking forward to filling the hallways with students, parents and volunteers again for 2018-19. But, finish soaking up these months of warm weather, family and friends and we hope to see many familiar faces at Concerts in the Park! (Chef Sepulveda will be making baked goods again this year for sale while you enjoy the music!)

### **Upcoming Events at CCCS:**

August 15 Playground Clean up, 6-8pm September 5 First Day of School!

# City of Coburg Council Addresses Street

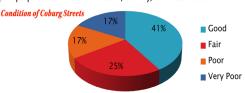
# **Conditions in Coburg**

The number one topic for which the City receives comments and complaints is the condition of our streets. The City Council, Public Works and City Administration are well aware of this concern as we share it.

Recently, the City completed a Street Study that provided us analysis and recommendation for all City-owned streets. The Council received this information in a City Council Worksession held on May 15th.

The cost of bringing City Streets up to a PCI standard of 80 will cost between 1.7 and 2 million dollars. Currently, the funding for streets comes from both City and State gas tax. This funding only allows for the operations and small repairs on City Streets. In addition, staff continues to pursue grants such as the Small City Allotment Grant which was awarded to address improvements on E. McKenzie Street and N. Harrison. This project will be completed by the end of June 2018.

System Development Charges (SDC) are collected on building permits. These fees are collected for infrastructure reimbursement, and for future infrastructure. There are strict guidelines as to how these dollars may be spent. For instance, they can't be spent to fix the pothole in front of your home. They must be spent on capital projects such as a street rebuild, overlay, or a new street.



This summer, E. Mill Street will be rebuilt between Willamette and N. Harrison. The funds for this project come from System Development Charges collected over the last few years.

In order to address the need for additional funds for streets, the current Budget Committee made a recommendation that \$50,000 per year be transferred from the General Fund Operations to Street Operations over the next five years. These funds will help to address some of the repairs that are not covered by System Development charges. However, this will not be enough to address all of the repairs needed on the streets.

#### The City Council is appointing a Special Committee to meet between now and December 31, 2018 to take a closer look at the Street Study, funding options and priority of repairing our streets. Applications for this committee are available at City Hall and on the City website. Those interested in working on this committee are encouraged to pick up an application. Committee members will be appointed by the Mayor and/or Council and begin working some time in July.

If you are interested in reading more information, the complete street study and staff presentation will be placed with this topic on the website. The City staff and City Council value your input and encourage you to place your concerns, comments and questions online.

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### NEW!

In an effort to make citizens aware of projects of the City, we will begin providing you monthy mini-newsletters on infrastructure topics. These will be included in the utility billing, and repeated in the Our Town newsletter. If you have more questions or comments regarding the topic presented, you can go to the City's website (coburgoregon.org) and click on the "Share Your Voice" button. There, you'll find additional information on the present topic. City staff will monitor the questions and comments and try to answer you as soon as possible.

#### Pavement Condition Index

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is a numerical index between 0 and 100 which is used to indicate the general condition of a pavement. It is widely used in transportation and civil engineering. It is a statistical measure and requires manual survey of the pavement.

## **Coburg FunFacts!**

**Notable Person:** Frederick Deffenbacker

Frederick Deffenbacker was an early pioneering Coburg resident. He was born in Indiana in 1843. Most notably, Deffenbacker was a Union Army veteran who



fought in the American Civil War with Company A, Seventh Minnesota Rifle Regiment; he enlisted in 1861 at the age of 18. Deffenbacker called Coburg home



for 61 years having relocated to Coburg in 1866 after an honorable discharge from the military. Deffenbacker married in Coburg and had 11 children; he passed away peacefully at his Coburg home in 1927.

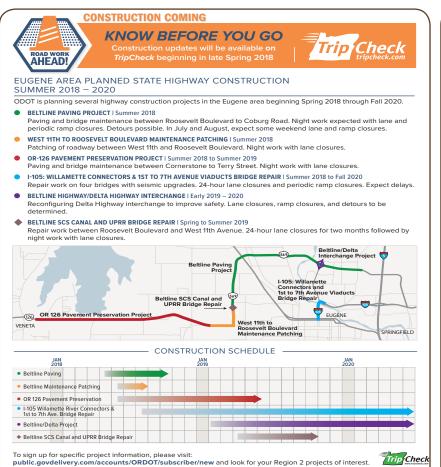
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staff team through the very busy future. I want to publicly thank her for her work in the transition and her willingness to take on this position. Congratulations, Anne!

Elections are coming! Coburg has 3 City Council positions and the Mayor position up for election this November. I have already made my appointment with the City Recorder to start the petition process for placing my name on the ballot for another term as Mayor. Anybody interested in running for any of these positions Should contact the City Recorder, Sammy Egbert as the deadline is August 28th to complete the process.

Music in the park, Coburg Golden Years, and the Coburg Antique Fair are coming soon. Remember the kids are out of school so drive safely. Enjoy the summer.

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



Questions or Comments?



## Coburg Car Classic: August 4, 2018

The Pancake Breakfast is back! Visit coburgcar.com for more info.

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## Calendar

### STANDING MEETINGS

2nd Mondays

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

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

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

2nd Wednesdays

#### **GRANGE MEETING**

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, 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, City Administrator

541-682-7871

2nd Thursdays

#### SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP

6:30 pm, Coburg Community Grange

1st Fridays

### **POKER NIGHT**

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm game begins

Coburg Community Grange

541-746-8655

#### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

TBD

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Saturdays

#### **ODDFELLOW MEETING**

11:00am, I.O.O.F Hall

Do you have a community event to share?

Call 541-682-7850

or email alexis.koran@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