Mayor's Corner Happy Holidays!

Ray Smith, Mayor

The holiday season and a new year are quickly approaching. Our city government is working on several projects. We have received grants for improvements to our wetlands park in the Northeast section of the city and installation of a path for access to the area. We continue to work on increasing the capacity and resilience of our water system. Planning for these and other projects has been going on for years and now that we are experiencing rapid growth we must implement these planned investments in order to continue providing the services to our residents and businesses.

Coburg has experienced a large increase of new homes in the last couple of years, and inevitably, we will see development of new businesses in the commercial and industrial areas as well. Our City Council and Budget Committee have been very conservative with

our revenue forecasts. We have tried to build reserves for future investments into our infrastructure while staff has kept operations and maintenance cost as low as possible. Our sewer system was designed to increase capacities easily and economically. I believe we are well positioned for any future sewer capacity needs.

Our water system is in need of some updates and more capacity. This is laid out in our Water Master Plan and we are initiating some parts of the plan including; creating an additional well, boring a pipeline under I-5 to provide water to the east side of our city, and building a new reservoir for better system resilience and emergency capacity.

Our streets have been neglected for literally decades. This summer, city council created a committee of citizens and business opera-



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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.



SEPTEMBER 2018

- Public Hearing held on Ordinance A-246 An Ordinance Controlling Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic;
 Providing Penalties; and Repealing Ordinance A-188 (Adopted October 2018)
- Approved Resolution 2018-18 A Resolution Adopting a System Development Charge Methodology for Parks,
 Transportation, Water and Wastewater and Establishes New System Development Charges
- Appointed Jason Aaron to the Heritage Committee
- Appointed Sean Dunn, John Marshall, Markus Alexander, James Korth, and Midge Hoffman to the Employment Lands Committee

OCTOBER 2018

- Council Work Session on Urban Growth Boundary
- Public Hearing Ordinance A-233-B An Ordinance Providing for Licensing of Telecommunications Providers, Requiring Registration and License Fee for Telecommunications Providers That Provide Services Within the City or Use the Public Right of Way, Repealing Ordinance A-233



CCCS 8th graders held a Mock City Council at City Hall in October.

Helpful Hints for Your Septic Tank

Do's and Don'ts for INSIDE the House



- Don't flush dangerous and damaging substances into your wastewater treatment system. (Please refer to the "Substitutes for Household Hazardous Waste," on the next page.) Specifically, do not flush . . .
- · Pharmaceuticals
- Excessive amounts of bath or body oils
- · Flammable or toxic products
- Household cleaners, especially floor wax and rug cleaners
- Chlorine bleach, chlorides, and pool or spa products
- Pesticides, herbicides, agricultural chemicals, or fertilizers



Don't use special additives that are touted to enhance the performance of your tank. Additives can cause major damage to other areas in the collection system. The natural microorganisms that grow in your system generate their own enzymes that are sufficient for breaking down and digesting mutrients in the wastewater.



Do collect grease in a container and dispose of it with your trash. And avoid using garbage disposals excessively. Compost scraps or dispose of them in the trash. Food by-products accelerate the need for septage pumping and increase maintenance.



Do keep lint out of your wastewater treatment system by cleaning the lint filters on your washing machine and dryer before every load. Installing a supplemental lint filter on your washing machine would be a good precautionary measure. (This normally takes just a few minutes. Lint and other such materials can make a big difference in the frequency and cost of pumping out the tank.)



Do use your trash can to dispose of substances that cause maintenance problems and/or increase the need for septage pumping.

Dispose of the following with your trash:

- Egg shells, cantaloupe seeds, gum, coffee grounds
- Tea bags, chewing tobacco, cigarette butts
- Dental floss, sanitary napkins, diapers, disposable latex products
- Paper towels, newspapers, candy wrappers
- Rags, large amounts of hair
- "Flushable" wipes, baby wipes, medicated wipes, cleaning wipes



Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

Mayor Ray Smith and City Council hosted the many volunteers who selflessly donate thousands of hours each year to make



Coburg such a special place to live.

Those celebrated included the many

committees of the City, as well as our Reserve Police Officers and the Coburg Rural Fire Department.



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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

September/October

- Work session with City Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan update
- Site Design Review Approval for a Mixed Use development on E. Pearl Street

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

September/October

Parks Master Plan update will go to City Council for review

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

September/October

Brainstorming for next grant opportunity

Finance/Audit Committee - Anne Heath

September/October

No meetings held

Budget Committee - Anne Heath

September/October

No meetings held



City Receives Grant from Oregon Park and Recreation Department for the Development of Trails End Park

The City has received a \$75,000 grant for the development of a wetland park. The future park as referred to as the Trails End Park in the Park

and Open Space Master Plan approved in 2005, is located at the end of North Industrial Way. The project would be considered Phase 1 of the development of the park and would include ADA accessible



parking, informational signage, and 400 feet of trail into the park. It could also include installation of benches and trash receptacles and the removal of invasive species and replanting of native species. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by September 30, 2020. Phase II of the project could include more trail development, and enhanced viewing elements and outdoor education elements. As of now, Phase II is unfunded.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department awards Local Government Grants for projects annually.

Shop with a Cop

The Coburg Police Department is accepting donations for its annual Shop with a Cop program. This is the 7th year the Coburg Police Department will hold this event that seeks to develop positive relationships between underprivileged children and police officers. The activity pairs up the children with our officers and sends them on a Christmas shopping spree. The officers get a chance to interact and begin building relationships with the kids while they help them select Christmas presents for their families. They spend the rest of the afternoon wrapping presents and eating pizza together.

It's our goal to give each child a \$100 gift card to spend, but the amount of money we can budget is partly determined by the donations we're able to raise for this worthwhile program.

If you would like to help, please make a donation before the event occurs on December 8th. All donations are tax exempt and donors will receive a tax receipt in the

mail. 100% of your donation will be used for Shop with a Cop.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by or call and speak with Chief



Larry Larson at 541-682-7853.

Make your donation to the: Coburg Police Department Shop with a Cop Program

PO Box 8306, Coburg, OR 97408

Letter Carriers Food Drive is Saturday, November 17th

All food collected from the Letter Carriers Food Drive stays at our food pantry here in Coburg. Some needs are: peanut butter, jams, tuna and other canned proteins, vegetables, especially those other than corn and green beans, soups other than tomato, stews, chili, baking items, condiments, and canned fruits. No glass please.

I opened the food pantry 12 years ago in Coburg with the help of many other people. We are open on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 2-4pm, and serve a big need in our community. We are 100% volunteers, including myself. While I have a great passion for this job, my life will soon be changing. I am moving into retirement and hope to be snow birding in Arizona during the winter months next year. That means I will not be available to manage the pantry. I am looking for someone that has a passion to fight hunger as I do, and would be willing to donate some time to take over my position.

Some of the duties that I perform include being a liaison between the Coburg Food Pantry and Food For Lane County. We are one of many pantries in the Food Net Program in Lane County, and are overseen by FFLC and the Oregon Food Bank. We comply with FFLC and federal regulations. We meet bi-monthly. I oversee funding and purchases, and community food drives. I order food supplies, and ensure our shelves are well stocked.

I have many wonderful volunteers to help me with food deliveries, food sorting, record keeping, and assisting our clients during our open hours.

If you are interested in this position, please contact me at 541-221-5055. It has been amazing to see how our pantry has helped so many in our neighborhood, and I am hopeful that we can continue this outreach in our community.

Kathy Emerson



Coburg Community Foundation: Facts Vs. Fiction

Hello again from the folks at the Coburg Community Foundation! We have enjoyed spending the summer representing the foundation at various community events, meeting with other community groups, and chatting with interested community members. Through these activities, we have heard several questions asked multiple times. In order to clear up some possible misconceptions out there, we would like to present a list of Fact vs. Fiction regarding CCF (Coburg Community Foundation) and our work in the community.

F9CT9ON: CCF was created by the City of Coburg.

FACT: CCF was created by a group of local residents who observed a need for a local nonprofit to assist the community. CCF founders and current board member are Leah Claypool, Michelle Sunia, Nanci McKibben, Jen Mosier, and Jeanne Schapper. The City has been supportive of the development of CCF as the mayor and Council realize the potential benefit of a community foundation, but CCF was not created by any government entity.

F9CT9ON: CCF only supports the Coburg Community Charter School.

FACT: Our names do sound alike, but our missions are totally separate. The school has its own fundraising

group (PCS), which continues to support students in various ways. CCF has partnered with the school for some events and will continue to help as needed, but CCF exists to serve the whole community, not just the

FACT: CCF is a grassroots organization that serves the entire community. We are just starting out, and therefore, our structure is pretty small. As CCF grows, more opportunities to become involved will develop. Over the course of this coming year, we hope to create some action teams around things that are important to the community and get as many people excited and involved as possible. We haven't made a big call for volunteers because we don't have much hands-on stuff ready to do yet, but your input and questions are

F9CT9ON: Foundations are private organizations.

FACT: Some types of foundations are private. They might be established by a single family, such as The Ford Family Foundation. Many foundations are not private but are public charities that exist to serve a specific group or geographical region. A community foundation can act as a community piggy bank to pool community resources. Community foundations also can create endowments to sustain services though difficult economic times, provide a way for individuals and families to invest in their community at whatever level they can, and act as an umbrella to protect and nurture other groups and activities in the community that shares the foundation's mission.

FICTION: CCF is the community center.

FACT: CCF is the Coburg Community Foundation. CCF exists now and will continue to serve the community with or without a community center. CCF has taken a leadership role in raising funds to purchase a local historic building to be used as a community space. The Primrose Project is a campaign by CCF to raise the funds needed to complete the purchase of the building with the goal of converting it into a community center.

F9CT9ON: CCF is going to give the community center to the City. FACT: CCF will maintain ownership of the community center building. The City will be included as a stakeholder in this process and will continue to be a community partner.

FOCTOON: The building already is owned by CCF, so when will the center be open? FACT: CCF is fundraising for the purpose of buying the building. Ownership has not changed hands. The goal is to have all the funds needed by June 2019. After CCF owns the building, we can work on getting the center open and running. The sooner we get the funding, the sooner we can open the doors!

Scarecrows in Coburg

By Terry Dawson

I grew up in Talent, Oregon, which at the time was a very small, historic town much like Coburg. One of my enduring memories of growing up there was our annual Harvest Festival. From first grade when I rode my bike as part of a float in the parade,

through my young adultyears playing water-ball as a fire department volunteer, the Harvest Festival made Autumn a very thankful season, and Talent a bountifully special place.

However, in Coburg, after a summer full of fun celebrations, most of our community-celebrating ends at fall with our great Antique Fair.

Enter the scarecrows.

With just a little impetus, I was curious (and hopeful) to see if we Coburgians might experience the season of thankfulness that Talent participates in annually. So, I asked my daughter to brainstorm a couple of special scarecrows to get us started, and she along with some of our friends helped create the first creative scarecrow ideas. Then, during the

summer, I invited five friends who also happen to be merchants in Coburg, to join us in officially welcoming fall by adding their own creative scarecrows to our downtown landscape. I had hoped, and still do, that this might give us the opportunity to celebrate fall in a bigger way in the future, and have a lot of fun doing it.

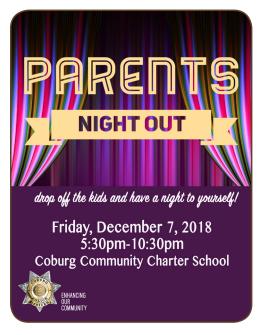
It has been an encouragement to see our community catch the Scarecrow-bug. And it seems, from reading I Love Coburg! and the rest that we've been having a lot of fun as Scarecrow-fever has spread.

Coburg is always special, but this fall is being made even more special as neighbors join together to be thankful and celebrate. There's still plenty of time to join in.

We're already thinking about next year's scarecrows...



Important Reminders...







Local Business Spotlight: Mathew House Daycare

Who knew that turning a historical home into a cozy daycare would be such an adventure? As the Mathew House Daycare took shape within the landmark Pearl Street home, layers of past inhabitants were uncovered. Barb Hoffman and her family found surprises and unlikely treasures tucked away in every corner of the home. Some were structural finds that told stories of life in the past, like the east facing window near the kitchen that was probably used for ice block delivery, a precursor to modern refrigeration. Others were more recent, dating back to the middle of the last century, like the JIF jar with an incentive for free bubblegum with



A few very small and very happy customers.

purchase.

While the setting is historical, the daycare is thoroughly modern. Toys and child-friendly furniture make the interior bright and lively. Coburg parents take note, while the Mathew House Daycare is currently full, they are looking to expand in the near future. They do, however, currently open up childcare 6:30pm-9pm on Friday evenings and all day Saturday.

Visit their website for more information! www.mathewhousedaycare.com



The breaker box still carries evidence of a previous incarnation of the Mathew House as KDUK headquarters.

Coburg Rural Fire District Update

The Coburg Fire District has replaced the 1978 Ford F-350 with a new 2019 Ford F-350. The 1978

Ford gave the patrons of the Fire District 40 great years of service and is now retired from emergency use. The old Ford will start its new career with the City of Coburg Public Works Department in the coming weeks. The Fire District donated the 78 Ford to the City, because with only 24,109 miles on the

odometer, it still has life left and the taxpayers can still realize the benefit by having Public Works use it.

The new Ford will provide emergency response

when supplies such as hose, crew, or hazmat materials are needed, as well as a utility vehicle for the Fire District. It was purchased with funds

received from providing firefighting resources to 2017 conflagration fires in Santa Rosa and Los Angeles California and Oregon fires like the fire in the Columbia River Gorge. Coburg Fire was able to loan an engine and volunteer crew to help

other people save their homes, because of our active volunteers that were committed to not only providing service to others, but service to our home fire district while a crew was away.



CCCS Bronco News November/December 2018

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

November 12 No School November 19-23 No School November 22 Community

Thanksgiving

December 11 K-4 Concert (6:30)

December 24-

January 7 Winter Break
January 8 Classes Resume
January 21 No School

January 31 5-8 Band Concert

February 1 No School

February 8 Bingo Night (5:30)

February 15, 22

March 1,8 Winter Skill Days

Thank you to everyone who helped us during the fall with events and helping our students learn about the community!

We are getting ready for a busy winter season at CCCS

with events and breaks.

Chef Sepulveda will be making a traditional Thanksgiving meal for all to enjoy on Thanksgiving day. This will be the 3rd year and we are excited to offer this new tradition to families and individuals in Coburg.

Thanksgiving break along with conferences will begin November 18th. There will be no school for the entire week, but staff will be busy working!

Winter break will begin December 24th and run through January 7th.

We will be holding our first set of Skill Days in February, this is a unique program to CCCS where volunteers teach the students a new skill or hobby they are passionate about over the course of three weeks (one hour for three Friday's.) Share your skill or hobby with our youth! Please contact Christine Shepard at c.shepard@coburgcharter.org

As always, we love our community and the continued support you all give every school year. We do have a new process for volunteers, please check out website for the link and see how you can contribute to the growing young minds at CCCS!

Yoga at CCCS with Erik Lovendahl

Coburg may be a small town, but did you know we have multiple Yoga offerings available throughout the week? It's all thanks to Coburg resident, Erik Lovendahl.

Erik first found Yoga right here in Oregon in the 1970's, but it wasn't until training as a marathon runner much later did he come to really treasure the profound physical, mental and emotional benefits of a consistent Yoga practice. As a schoolteacher, he wanted to find a way to share those benefits with his students and so he became certified to teach Yoga to children in the 1980s. Later, Erik went onto receive



certification in Adult Yoga education to bring those life enhancing benefits to an even wider audience.

The classes Erik holds four times per week at the Coburg Community Charter School are perfect for every level. The focus is on breathing and meditation, the precise ingredients that provide those good feelings that prompted Erik to teach and share all those years ago. Of his outlook on Yoga, Erik says that the "success of Yoga is not the poses, but how it positively affects you and the success of your relationships."

Join Erik for Yoga at the Coburg Community Charter School!

Tuesday and Thursday mornings; 6:50am-7:50am

Tuesday and Thursday evenings; 6:15pm-7:15pm



Coburg Community Grange Update

Look at Us Now!

Over the past three years, the Coburg Community Grange has worked extremely hard to raise money to do some upgrades. The restrooms were updated, kitchen remodeled, carpeting replaced, and ADA ramp repaired. We installed a new roof and the exterior got a fresh coat of paint. We still have some work to do, but we hope our community can enjoy what we've accomplished! We make the most of what we have to enhance the Coburg Community.

The recent enhancements were accomplished as a result of many fundraisers, in addition to the funds received from rentals, donations, annual dues and most recently, a grant from the Oregon State Grange. The Golden Years and Quilt Show, Car Classic, Antique Fair and the Circus are all recent fundraising events we enjoyed producing for the community.

Beyond these recent upgrades, much of the funds raised by The Grange supports local organizations such as: Fire District volunteers, Police Reserves, Coburg Community Charter School, Senior Lunch Program, and other organizations in the community like the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight.

We play a major part in supporting Christmas in Coburg

events. Join us for Breakfast with Santa at The Grange on December 8th. On December 9th, we'll host the Chili Feed and Bonfire. Please bring a canned food donation to help support the Coburg Food Pantry. As always, we'll be at the Light Parade on December 9th assisting Santa and Mrs.



Claus in handing out goodies to the kids.

If you'd like to get involved in community activities, the Coburg Community Grange is a great way to do so. You can get in touch via coburgcommunitygrange.com or 541-228-8650. Thank you to all for the continued support of The Grange and community events!



Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for Christmas in Coburg schedules!

Friday, December 7th Parents Night Out at CCCS

Saturday, December 8th Breakfast with Santa at The Grange

Sunday, December 9th Community Sing-a-Long at the Coburg Methodist Church Light Parade Chili Feed and Bonfire at The Grange

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tors to seek solutions for repairs and maintenance of the City's streets. The outcome will surely be a fee or tax to raise funds for the backlog of street repairs. Our main revenue source for street repair is a three cent per gallon fuel tax which raises less than \$90,000 a year. This would pay for about 2 to 3 blocks of a simple overlay with little to no roadbed repair.

The City has put a lot of effort into getting citizen input on decisions. Many decisions are made at the planning phase often years before any money is spent on the project. This planning is often mandated by state law to provide thoughtful consideration of large projects and prevent hurried decisions that can create costly

mistakes. That planning is now being implemented into working projects.

I invite you to contact City Hall or email me (mayor@ ci.coburg.or.us) with any questions you may have about our city government and the work being done.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

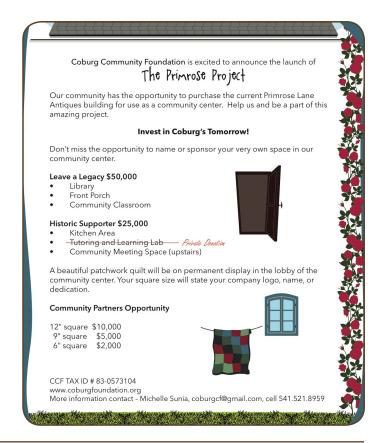
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Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg 541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

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If you are interested in helping with CCF's current fundraising project, there are many ways to get involved. I hope you choose one (or more)!

- -Be an ambassador for the Foundation and the project. Learn about what is happening and tell others about it. Get your friends and neighbors interested! Contact us at Coburgcf@gmail.com for information on becoming a Foundation ambassador.
- -Donate to our Go Fund Me page. Visit the website, www.coburgfoundation.org, and click on the donate now button. It's easy and any amount helps.
- -Hold your own fundraiser to collect money for the project. Have a garage sale, collect cans and bottles, cook dinner for your friends and ask them to donate, have a car wash, set up a lemonade stand (or maybe cider or cocoa), hold a yard-rake-a-thon in your neighborhood. There are so many possibilities. Contact us by email or phone to process your donation.

To get more information about how to donate, you can email us at coburgcf@gmail.com or call us at 458-215-1189. Thanks for taking time to learn about CCF and the Primrose Project.





Blood Drive: Wednesday, Dec. 19th

Donate blood on Wednesday, December 19th from 11am to 4pm at City Hall (91136 N. Willamette Street).

For an appointment, contact Erin Brown at 541-682-7850 or erin.brown@ci.coburg.or.us. To schedule online, please visit redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code: City of Coburg.

Our Town is a publication of the City of Coburg. If you'd like to be added to our quarterly mailing list, email Alexis Koran (alexis.koran@ci.coburg.or.us.)

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

TARES SOL

Coburg Community Grange

541-746-8655

3rd Saturdays

ODDFELLOW MEETING

11:00 am, 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