Mayor's Corner Time to be Counted

Ray Smith, Mayor

I am looking forward to more daylight hours and the onset of Spring. A couple of things rise in importance for all residents of Coburg residents this Spring; the census, and a possible Transportation Utility Fee (TUF).

The U. S. Constitution requires a census of our nation be taken every 10 years. Beginning in mid-March, households should be receiving by mail an invitation to respond to the census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond online, respond over the phone or call the U.S. Census Bureau and request a paper copy. If you delay your response, you will receive up to 4 reminders by mail. If there is no response from your household by late April a U. S. Census Bureau representative will visit your household. So get your response in early!

There are 2 main types of census forms:

The short form asks 7 questions.

• The long form covers 34 subjects - 1 in 6 households will receive the long form.

The information gathered by the census provides a basis for the distribution of over \$700 billion annually in federal funds.

These funds help support our schools, provide for health care and infrastructure investments.

Oregon could also potentially gain another seat in the U. S. House of Representatives. More information on the census is provided in this edition.

Locally, I want to remind everyone that the Coburg City Council is considering an implementation of a Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) that could create more revenue to repair our streets. The decision is a couple of months away, but we need to hear from our citizens. Is this something Coburg is willing to do in order to fix our streets?



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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.



JANUARY 2020

- State of the City by Mayor Ray Smith
- Adopted Resolution 2020-01 Applying a construction cost inflation factor to System Development Charges
- Adopted Resolution 2020-02 Employee Policy Manual
- Adopted Resolution 2020-03 Updated City Fee Schedule
- Approved Mutual Aid Agreement with Coburg Fire District
- Approved IGA with City of Harrisburg to provide Law Enforcement Services
- Appointed Karen Coury, Tom Beatty , Coleen Marshall, Lonna Meston, Joe Morneau, Mary Mosier and Claire Smith to the Park|Tree Committee for calendar year 2020
- Authorized staff to apply for federal transportation funding grant through MPO
- Work session was held January 28, 2020 to discuss Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) Implementation

FEBRUARY 2020

- Appointed Patricia McConnell to City Council for term expiring December 31, 2022
- Appointed Finance Director, Tawnya Ellis as 2020/21 Budget Officer
- Urban Renewal Agency accepted the June 30, 2019 Audit as presented
- City Council Retreat was held February 8th and Council Goals were drafted

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

Tuesday, March 10 Tuesday, April 14

@ 7pm

State of the City Awards — January 2020



2019 Citizen of the Year awarded to Nanci McKibben



Exceptional Business Award presented to Truck N Travel and the Anderson Family



Employee of the Year awarded to Finance Director, Tawnya Ellis



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission - Jeff Kernen

January/February

• Transportation System Plan & Build Out Scenario presentation

Park/Tree Committee - Brian Harmon

January/February

- Annual Report finalized
- Tom Beatty appointed to Park | Tree Committee

Heritage Committee - Jeff Kernen

January/February

Certified Local Government (CLG) grant work discussion

Budget Committee - Tawnya Ellis

January/February

No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee - Tawnya Ellis

January/February

- Regular quarterly meeting of the Finance/Audit committee was held January 29th
- Reviewed the 2018-2019 City of Coburg audit
- Reviewed the City's financial reports from September December 2019
- Continue to review and update the City's financial policies and procedures
- Next scheduled meeting is April 28th
- All positions on the Finance/Audit committee are filled

2020 Shred-a-Thon: April 18

Hosted by the Coburg Police Department and the Coburg Rural Fire District, this free shred event is your opportunity to protect yourself from identity theft as well as get rid of unwanted paper clutter that is a potential fire hazard.

Some suggestions for shredding: Documents containing financial information, personal information, or account information, Junk Mail, Child and School related mail.

If you have any questions, please contact the Coburg Police Department at (541) 682-7853.



The City of Coburg is looking for volunteers to serve on the Historical Preservation Commission and the Coburg Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

For more information contact City Recorder, Sammy Egbert, at sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us or 541-682-7852.



Oregon RAIN

Are you a small business wanting free coaching and support? Interested in events on specific business topics? Reach out to Ariel Ruben and Oregon RAIN at ariel@oregonrain.org or find her on facebook: oregonRAIN.org



Paving the Way to the Future

The City has developed a brochure for citizens regarding the street conditions and recommended funding for addressing the needed repairs. This brochure will be delivered to all residents and businesses in early March. All residents and business owners are encouraged to read the brochure in order to become familiar with Coburg's street conditions and potential solutions including the Transportation Utility Fee. The City Council will address the recommended Transportation Utility Fee at the April and May City Council Meetings including public hearings at both meetings. Copies of the brochure are also available at the City website at www.coburgoregon.org/community/project/pmp.

Business owners should have received a letter from the City in the first week of March regarding the Transportation Utility Fee. The City is inviting business owners to call and make an appointment with staff to understand how this may impact your business. For more information please contact City Administrator Anne Heath at 541-682-7871.

The City Council encourages residents to share their feedback by coming to a City Council meeting to provide comment, writing a letter to City Council, sending an email, or posting a comment on the website on the page listed above. It is important that the City Council hear from our citizens and



businesses prior to making a decision on this matter.

Food Pantry Update

Hello from the Coburg Pantry!

Now that we are through all of the holiday food drives, we greatly depend on donations made to the various food barrels. We have barrels accepting your donations at the Dairy Mart, the Grange, the United Methodist Church, and the Coburg Community Charter School. These donations make a huge difference in meeting the needs of our hungry neighbors.

We recently had a wonderful Coburg angel stop by with a cash donation for our pantry. We realized that there isn't information out there to let people know where to send a cash donation to the pantry. If there are any other pantry angels out there wishing to donate, but not knowing where to send a check, we will fix that right now!

Any cash donation, please make checks out to The Coburg Pantry and mailed to PO Box 8256 Coburg, OR 97408

Thank you so much for your support of our pantry!

Peggy, Patty and the Pantry Team

If you have any questions or comments give us a call. Patty Yarr: 831-345-3866

Peggy Wells: 541-345-6645

What is Happening on Coleman Street?

Residents in the Coleman Street area received a letter from the City in January regarding the possible reconstruction of portions of Coleman Street which could trigger the need to consider



sidewalks. This was in anticipation of grant funds that could become available to the City for collector streets such as Coleman.

Many residents came out to share their concerns, ask questions, and share comment with the City Council.

This feedback and input resulted in two steps that City Staff will take as directed by City Council including:

 The grant request will be written for a project that covers a broader treatment to collector streets. This treatment includes maintenance that does not require reconstruction and therefore, does not trigger the need to consider sidewalks.

• The Council has asked the staff to place updating the Transportation System Plan into the staff work plan. Part of this update will be consideration for changing the design standards for collector streets in Coburg to alleviate the requirement of placing sidewalks when collectors are constructed or reconstructed. There will be opportunities for more citizen involvement in this process.

In short, placing sidewalks on Coleman will not be part of the grant proposal or the work planned at this time.

Thank you to the citizens who came forward and shared their input on this subject. Your voice is important and appreciated by the City Council and Staff.

Coburg Chamber of Commerce

Sharyl Abbaspour, President



The Coburg Chamber of
Commerce has had a busy couple
of months! First off, we would
like to welcome new members:
Rick Morgan, Blingy Barn; Seth
Clark, Blue Valley Bistro; Katie

Brushett, Coburg Fit Club; Tanna Harrison, Harrison Investments; Matt Hogan, both Chief's and Bronco's Saloon; and Jalila Maldonado, Oregon Backyard Buildings.

We encourage you and your business to become members of the Chamber and to be part of the voices in our community.

The Chamber has become the home base for the Economic Development Committee (EDC) that formed in January. We received some great applications from fellow citizens who wanted to be a part of this new committee. They will be discussing the future of Coburg's business community like: What can we do to encourage new business? What will they look like? What can we do to retain the businesses we already have?

Another committee has been formed to plan the Coburg Conversations event on Saturday, May 2. It will be an opportunity for business owners to showcase their businesses here in Coburg, as well as our many organizations and the City committees, to explain who they are and their special needs and projects. Its also an opportunity for the community to visit with their neighbors while having the opportunity to ask questions of everyone in the room. Put it on your calendars and join us May 2nd from 11am to 2pm at City Hall.

Did I mention raffles? There will be raffles and Blue Valley Bistro will have their coffee truck in front of the building. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Chamber or Sharyl Abbaspour (President of Chamber) at 541.521.1717.

Coburg Inn Grand Opening

Open House on March 22

It's finally time! Every spot is filled and ALMOST open! Once Hayworth Wine Bar opens mid-March,



we thought it was time to have a little party to say thank you to the Coburg community for your wonderful support throughout this project! We welcome you to come, walk through, have some snacks and see what we provide in The Coburg Inn. See you there!

When: Sunday, March 22nd

Time: 2:00-5:00 (Ribbon Cutting is at 2:00)

Where: The Coburg Inn

What: Beer, Wine, snacks, music & fun for all

ages!

Coburg Community Foundation Update

The Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) would like to thank everyone who braved the cold winter weather to join us for a fun, tropical-inspired Summer in the Winter community party on February 15. Nearly 40 community members enjoyed a teriyaki chicken dinner and shared an evening with their neighbors. Some party-goers challenged each other to bean bag toss games while others learned to make candy leis.



Many people took the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. Patty Sage, a member of the ukulele doo-wop band, The Refreshments, led her

eager students from ukulele novices to song-playing strummers in just 15 minutes! "Everybody back to C!", called Patty to her fledgling strummers. If you have never heard The Hokey Pokey played on the ukulele, have you even lived? If anyone is interested in learning to play the ukulele, please contact CCF at coburgcf@gmail.com, and we can connect you with the lovely Ms. Sage.

A few lucky folks won pineapples in the end-ofthe-evening door prize drawing. And one special winner took home a gift card to Coburg Pizza Company and a very tasteful Aloha shirt. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed your little taste of sunshine!

The Summer in the Winter Community Party was a fun event, and we couldn't have put together such a great evening without the help of many volunteers. I would like to thank all those who pitched in to make the event such a success! Our next community gathering will be in April.

Watch for more details on Facebook (join our group: Coburg Community Foundation) andour website, coburgfoundation.org. Go Coburg!

-Leah Claypool, Nanci McKibben, Jen Mosier, Jeanne Schapper, and Michelle Sunia



Parks Work Party

The Coburg Parks and Tree Committee is sponsoring a work party in Pavilion Park on Saturday, March 14 from 9 to 12 p.m.

Community members are encouraged to participate, along with Committee members, in landscape improvement. If you would like to help out, bring work gloves, shovels, trowels, and/or rakes to work in the dirt!



2020 Census

Once every 10 years, the U.S.
Constitution requires a full count of the population to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. That exercise — the U.S. Census — begins in a matter of weeks (mid-March 2020). Oregon is working hard to ensure the state's residents are fully counted.

For the first time, the primary method of response to the census will be electronic. The U.S. Census Bureau is counting on most households to complete census forms online.

Why is the census important?

Census results drive decisions that will affect economic investments in our state and our representation in Congress until 2031.

The federal government also uses census numbers to guide more than \$1.5 trillion annually from 316 federal spending programs for education and health programs, highways, roads and bridges, water and sewage systems, and other projects vital to our health and wellbeing. Nonprofits and businesses use the data to help determine where to build health care facilities,

child care and senior centers, grocery stores and new factories.

In 2016, Oregon received \$13.5 billion of these funds from just 55 of these 316 programs— or \$3,200 per person, including: nearly \$507 million in bridge and highway maintenance and construction, \$8.5 billion for health programs, over \$2 billion for education, \$900 million for housing, \$512 million for rural assistance programs.

Based on these numbers, the state would lose up to \$8 million over the decade for every 100 households missed, which would affect its ability to adequately support children, veterans, senior citizens and low-income families.

How it works

Beginning in mid-March 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will send each household a postcard inviting residents to go online (or call) and provide information about the number of people residing at that address. The questionnaire will ask for the names, sex, age (including date of birth) and race/ ethnicity of each person living at the residence, whether residents own or rent and for a phone

number in case there is a need to follow up. Only one person should fill out the census for the entire household.

What is the timeline?

The process begins in mid-March 2020 and ends at the end of July. Those who do not respond will receive reminders in the mail until the beginning of May, when Census Bureau staff will begin going door to door to contact those who do not respond. Results must be delivered to the president by Dec. 31, 2020.

Is it safe?

By federal law, the information you provide is confidential. The U.S. Census Bureau uses the highest level of data security to safeguard the information it receives. In fact, census forms can be used ONLY to produce statistical information about the population, and penalties for violations are severe.

For more information, visit Oregon2020census.gov



Golden Years 2020



The next meeting to discuss the 2020 Golden Years Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 4pm at the Coburg Community Grange (32663 E. Mill Street). Please attend if you'd like to contribute to this wonderful community event.

For more information, please contact Patricia Cramer at muchtwodo@live.com or Megan Winner at 541-682-7862 or megan.winner@ci.coburg.or.us.

CCCS Bronco News March/April 2020

Skill Days

We are halfway through our first set of Skill Days at CCCS and are looking for volunteers to be a part of Skill Days this spring. Students are enjoying hands on learning in a variety of classes including emergency preparedness, cooking, woodturning and more! Please contact Katie Brushett to find out more about this program and how you can be involved. community@coburgcharter.org

Auction

Thank you for supporting CCCS during our annual auction! We are so fortunate to be in such an uplifting community that fully supports CCCS. The auction is our biggest fundraiser put on by the parent club (PCS) and the outpour of donations from the community is greatly appreciated! Our attendees enjoyed a fun 80's themed evening with a large variety of items to purchase and it showed! Thank you to all the businesses, individuals and organizations new and old for supporting!

Lottery

CCCS is a public charter school with a lottery enrollment process for new students. Enrollment is capped at 225 students (25 students per classroom). For Coburg students to have the best opportunity to get into CCCS applications must be submitted during our "open enrollment" window.

Applications received during this time will go into the lottery held on April 15th. For more information on our lottery please visit the school website. www.coburgcharter.org.

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions? pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions? community@coburgcharter.org

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

Mar. 6	PCS Meeting @ 8:15am
Mar. 9	Board Meeting @ 6pm
Mar. 10	Papa's Pizza Fundraiser
Mar. 12	CCCS Lottery Applications
	Due
Mar. 20	No School - Grading Day
Mar. 23-27	Spring Break
Apr. 3	PCS Meeting @ 8:15am
Apr. 10	Bingo & Community Dinner
Apr. 13	Board Meeting @ 6pm
Apr. 15	CCCS Lottery 3:45-4pm
Apr. 17	No School
Apr. 20-24	Volunteer Appreciation Week

Local Business Spotlight: Blue Valley Bistro



Now open 7 days a week! A full-service bistro has arrived in Coburg. Located across from the park in our historic downtown, Blue Valley Bistro offers gourmet coffee, crepes, panini, soup from

scratch and garden-fresh salads plus a great place to hang out!

The same features that made the Creswell location famous are now available on the ground floor of the Coburg Inn; on the menu there's something for everyone with quality, locally-sourced and organic ingredients, vegetarian and gluten-free options and the welcoming staff offer friendly service in an enjoyable atmosphere. As owner Seth Clark says, "We're not in the coffee business, we're in the people business. Our mission is simple, treat everyone who walks through the door with love and respect."

Look for the next edition of Our Town for a spotlight on another business of the Coburg Inn.



Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program



One of the most frequent requests or complaints made to

the Coburg Police Department is for speed enforcement and speeding automobiles. Often what follows the complaint is a request that an officer catch the speeders on radar and issue a ticket. While complainants might think this is a quick fix, they do not realize it's not always feasible. Understanding the problem, many law enforcement agencies are enlisting the help of volunteers to run radar gun programs. The Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program (C.A.R.E) is being established in Coburg to

meet the needs of our community members.

How It Works

The Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program contributes to public awareness by involving the public in recording vehicle speeds to determine if a speeding problem exists. Once this is done, the Police Department can focus its resources to address the problem. The goal of the program is to engage members of the community in addressing issues involving speeding autos in their neighborhoods.

Citizens attend a two-hour Radar training class instructed by a Coburg Police Officer to understand basic radar technology and science, how to use the radar guns and safety while out on the streets. Volunteers then monitor vehicle speeds using a department issued radar unit where they feel speeders are a problem.

In the event a speeder is tracked on radar traveling 10 miles or more over the speed limit, the volunteer will document the vehicle description and license plate number. The data gathered is returned to the police clerk who checks the license with the car description to ensure accuracy before a letter is sent out.

If you are interested in the Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement Program, or have any questions or comments, please call the Coburg Police department at 541-682-7853.

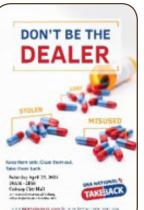
Coburg Police in 2019

By the Numbers...

- 86 arrests
- Used force six times during the arrest process
- Arrested two juveniles
- 30 DUII arrests
- 531 traffic citations
- 30 truck inspections
- \$275 in donations to the CHETT Program
- \$2,015 in donation to the Shop with a Cop Program
- \$220 in donation to the Reserve Officer Program
- Reserve Officer Hours: 1,647

Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, April 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the



Coburg Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 18th opportunity in nine years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to

City Hall at 91136 N Willamette St. (Sites cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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In November, Coburg citizens voted to increase the local gas tax to .06 cents. This creates an additional \$90,000 per year to put toward a \$2-3 million backlog of repairs and reconstruction. With such a backlog, we would not be able to significantly improve the streets without additional revenue. If the TUF is implemented, our hope is to do the majority of the upgrades in the next five years and then pay the debt off over a ten-year period utilizing the gas tax, the TUF and any other revenues available. Completing the work in large scale will provide some efficiency in both the projects and the financing. In other words; it would save us a lot of money.

The City has created a brochure for the citizens in order to provide the information needed to form questions and input to the City Council and City staff. This brochure will be distributed throughout the community in the month of March.

The current proposal is to enact a monthly charge of between \$5 to \$10 dollars per household and a sliding

scale for businesses.

The citizens committee spent about a year delving into our streets issue. The committee us information from a local survey,



engineers, consultants and staff they created a well thought out recommendation to the City Council.

Council is acting on that recommendation. We are aware of the concerns of ever increasing costs to households. However, we are also responding to the increasing concerns heard from our citizens regarding our streets. One thing I'm pretty sure of; if we don't start fixing it now, it won't get cheaper later.

I hope everybody enjoys our upcoming Spring.

Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

541-729-7045, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us

Emergency Preparedness Partnership

Serenity Lane recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Coburg Community Charter School to serve as an emergency preparedness partner. Under the MOU the school will use Serenity Lane facilities as a gathering place or shelter in the event of an emergency. Serenity Lane will also use the school as a gathering site or shelter in the event of an emergency.

Starting in the spring, Serenity Lane will work with the Charter School staff to establish protocols for notification, a transition plan and emergency planning for a range of contingencies. Part of this planning process will include some practice drills and tabletop exercises. We look forward to building this partnership with the Coburg Community Charter School and are always looking for ways to build partnerships with our neighbors and find opportunities to collaborate.

Our thanks to the Coburg CommunityCharter School for this partnership to provide greater safety to our patients and staff and your students and faculty.



Our Town is a publication of the City of Coburg. If you'd like to be added to our newsletter mailing list, email Megan Winner (megan.winner@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

6:00 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

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 megan.winner@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