

Our Town

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Mayor's Corner Heading Into the Holidays

Ray Smith, Mayor

With the arrival of Autumn, I am thinking of the next couple of months with a mix of excitement and a bit of anxiety. There will be new challenges. Winter and the holiday season are upon us. This will mean more indoor time and shorter days. COVID continues to require us to think outside the box. The coming holidays will no doubt be a bit different as well.

It is often the little things that make a difference. I have enjoyed seeing the scarecrows at many homes and businesses and the completion of Johnny Diamond Park. The community support of our local businesses, and businesses who have worked so hard to be here for our town has been heartwarming for me as well.

Coburg is a special town, with people who take the time to help and support one another. This spirit will help to get us through the toughest of days.

With the election now behind us, Coburg's elected officials will

continue to donate their time and energy to this community. They will work hard to make decisions with the best interest of the community in mind. There are so many factors that must be considered when governing. The input from the community is invaluable.

Citizens (and Councilors) are often frustrated that there is not an easy answer to seemingly simple problems. State and Federal laws create many hurdles for even the simplest of solutions. Many great ideas are lost in cumbersome processes and regulations that the City has no control over. There is rarely a discussion in City Council that does not involve a reference to State and Federal laws or rules. This makes even the simplest decision a fairly complex process. If the solution lies at the State and Federal legislative bodies, don't become discouraged, take the time to voice your concerns with those Senators and Representatives.

I am always so impressed with



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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 2020

- Approved Resolution 2020-17 Approving the Purchase of Property located at 91430 Stallings Lane, Eugene, Oregon
- Approved Resolution 2020-18 Endorsing Participation in the Oregon Main Street Program
- Approved Contract with D&I Excavating Inc. to place waterline across I-5
- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane Council of Governments to provide a Planner for City
- Appointed Shannon Sardell to the Heritage Committee

Upcoming City Council Meetings

**Tuesday, November 10
7pm**

**Tuesday, December 8
7pm**

OCTOBER 2020

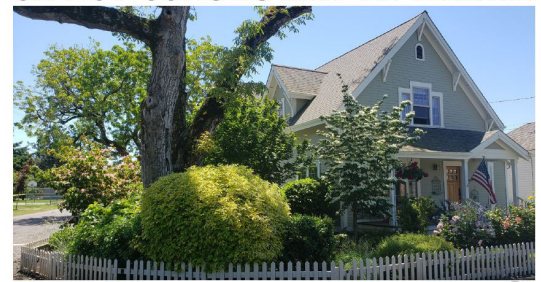
- Approved Ordinance A-251 Authorizing the City of Coburg to refinance outstanding loans
- Approved Resolution 2020-21 Establishing , receiving and the use of coronavirus relief fund under the Federal Cares Act
- Approved contract with Jones Drilling Co. for test well drills on Stallings Lane property
- Approved Employment Agreement for City Administrator
- Council held a joint work session with Planning Commission to review the policies and process for annexation, zoning code changes and the current capacity of the utilities as it pertains to future development.

Build Out Scenario City Council Work Session

A City Council work session will take place on November 17th via zoom to discuss the Build Out Scenario Project.

City Council will receive a report on survey results and discuss implications. Community members are encouraged to participate in the virtual meeting. For more information, please call City Hall at 541-682-7850.

CITY OF COBURG BUILD-OUT SCENARIOS



CITY OF COBURG - OREGON
Draft Report - June 2020

Urban Collaborative



Coburg Committee Highlights

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

Planning Commission

September/October

- Approved PA-01-20 Wiechert Partition
- No October Meeting

Park/Tree Committee

September/October

- Goal setting Work Session
- Park amenities donation list
- Monarch Butterfly habitat

Heritage Committee

September/October

- Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS) Update Complete
- New Member Appointment: Shannon Sardell
- Workplan development in process

Budget Committee

September/October

- No meetings held

Finance/Audit Committee

September/October

- Discussed long-term loan refinance



Johnny Diamond Park Open



Johnny Diamond Park opened to the public on Tuesday, October 27th. Due to COVID-19, there will be no grand opening ceremony at this time, but we are hoping to have an opening celebration in the Spring. All COVID-19 park rules and regulations are in

effect. A big thank you to the Park/Tree Committee, Mayor Smith, and Public Works crew for working so hard to get this beautiful park ready for enjoyment!



Coburg's Scarecrows



Residents and businesses all over Coburg got into the "spirit" of the season!



Here are just a few examples of the creativity and civic participation from your neighbors. We're already looking forward to next year!



Main Street Program

Call for Volunteers



Do you love Coburg's historic downtown? Are you looking to get involved in the community? Now is the time!

Formed earlier this year, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) hosted by the Coburg Chamber of Commerce, has developed a workplan and identified priority projects to move forward using the Main Street approach™. The EDC has dissolved with the completion of this work and now we are looking for volunteers for Main Street committee members to implement the workplan.

Current projects include: downtown beautification and placemaking such as hanging flower baskets, City Hall

façade, lamppost banners, and public art; pedestrian safety; bicycle and information kiosks; cultural center or museum; and so much more! We are looking for volunteers to serve as committee chairs to lead specific projects, as well as members to help with one-time projects.

Is there something you're passionate about or you'd like to see around town? Get involved with Main Street! For more information or to request an application, please reach out to Megan Winner at 541-682-7862 or megan.winner@ci.coburg.



Coburg Community Foundation Update

As we begin to wrap up 2020, we find ourselves in an unusual place. It is difficult to do the type of retrospective thinking that might normally come to mind at the closing of the year. However, there are certainly things that happened this year that we hope to always remember. One of the things to come out of this year was a renewed strength of community.

The people of this community have come together, even while staying apart, to help one another in new and innovative ways. The City of Coburg partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and the Coburg Community Foundation (CCF) to offer emergency grants to local small businesses and community members in need. This was something totally new

for Coburg, and it seems to have been a successful program. CCF helped launch a fundraiser for the Coburg Food Pantry to support families experiencing economic hardships. Dumpster Days gave us all an opportunity to clean away some of the debris from 2020. We even got to have a little fun by putting up our scarecrow trick or treaters and helping with a new kind of Halloween at our local fire station.

We at CCF want to end the year with a sense of hope and gratitude. We are grateful to all those individuals, local organizations, and City staff who have put in extra time and a lot of creative thinking to overcome the many obstacles that came our way in 2020. We hope we can celebrate together next year;

but until that time, we just want to say thank you.

Thanks to everyone who helped support the Coburg Food Pantry through our fundraiser and food drive this year. Below are the names of those who donated. There are many others who donated in other ways; and to those community members, know that your acts of kindness did not go unappreciated. Thank you as well to Coburg Community Charter School for the use of their space for Dumpster Days. CCF would also like to thank Ryan Lee for sharing his time and expertise to help with the development of CCF's soon-to-be released new and improved website. Finally, we would like to deeply thank Steve and Sally Lee for their ongoing support.

Food Pantry Fundraiser Donors

*Anne Heath
Colleen Heaton
Dan Rux
David E and Pamela L Bomar
Debra Harrow
Derek French
Elbert & Marlene Williams
Erin Dickinson
Gail Smiith
Holly Carothers
Jackie Russell Patterson
Janet Potter
Jeanne Schapper*

*John & Sarah Woodruff
Kimberly Fitch
Kirsten Bartlett
Lalla Pudewell
Leah Claypool
Linda Foster
Marilyn Vonseegeer
Mary Bauer
Mary Guldager
Myciah Fendrich
Nanci McKibben
Nancy Bell
Nitiyah Samuel*

*Peggy Wells
Robert Carter
Sandra Ash
Shannon Archuletta
Sharon Taylor
Terry Dawson
Thomas Beatty
Tina Davis
Virginia Banks
Wendy Cramer
Jill Belford Carter
Independent Order of
Oddfellows (IOOF)*

Coburg Police Update

CHETT Program Accepting Donations



The CHETT Program (Community Help Easing Troubled Times) is a funding stream consisting of monies donated by the community intended to provide resources

to meet the short-term emergency needs of the most vulnerable in Coburg. Funds from the account are to be used for victims of crime, those displaced by crime or critical incident (including innocent family members of perpetrators), or people in the community with little hope or few options.

Examples of uses could include, but are not limited to: meals, lodging, transportation, crime scene

damage repair, and/or other immediate short-term emergency assistance. Recently, a motel room for a victim of domestic violence and a new car part for someone stranded were provided by Coburg officers using CHETT funds.

Inspired by a program initiated by the Springfield Police Department, Coburg's Chief Larson received an unsolicited donation to the Coburg Police Department from a Coburg resident. At that time, a decision was made to use the money to start a Coburg-specific CHETT program in the community. To keep this program robust, we need your support. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Larry Larson, Chief of Police, at 541-682-7853 or larry.larson@ci.coburg.or.us, or mail to P.O. Box 8306, Coburg, Oregon 97408.

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month



National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month, or National 3D Prevention Month, is an annual designation observed in December.

If you're home or traveling during the holidays, you may be planning to go to a few get-togethers or even just to have a few drinks with the family. If you have been drinking or are under the influence of drugs, do not operate a vehicle. Remember, you are committing the crime of impaired driving whenever your ability to operate a vehicle is impaired by effects of illegal drugs, prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, or a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams per deciliter or higher.

If you are taking part in activities like this month, or EVER, do not make the mistake of getting behind the wheel. It could cost you or someone else their life.

So, why now? The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is described by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as "One of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving." This month we are all encouraged to drive sober, and defensively.

How to Observe

Do not drive while you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It puts not only you at risk, but everyone else around you. Think before you act. Use #Drunk&DruggedDrivingPreventionMonth or #3DPreventionMonth to post on social media.

Coburg Leaf Pickup Program

We want to get a jump on getting you involved with the Leaf Pickup Program. City crews will be getting started on Dec. 7th and working through late January. We are going to be working this season on splitting the City into zones.

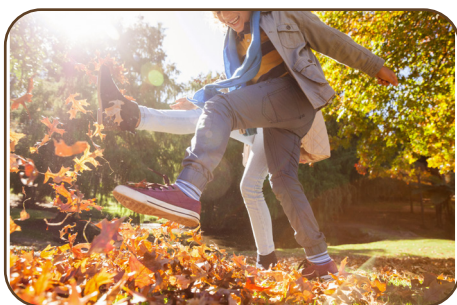
ZONE #1 is Pearl St South and S. Willamette St East.

ZONE #2 is from W. McKenzie St. South and S. Willamette St West.

ZONE #3 is Pearl St. north and from S. Willamette St. East.

ZONE #4 is W. McKenzie St North and N. Willamette St West.

It is very important that you have your piles ready to



go to be picked up because we are only going through each zone twice. If you do not have your pile out to

the right of way by Jan. 22nd we may not be able to pick that pile up.

Also we ask that you understand and help us out by following these simple rules:

1. Nothing But Leaves! Please no branches, rocks, grass, and trash.
2. Put piles where they can be reached safely!!! They should be located in the right of way and not in the street.
3. Do not block the piles!!! So please do not park in front of or near piles as crews will need to get to them easily.

If crews do encounter any of these issues, we will not pick up your pile. And it will be your responsibility to pick up the leaves. City crews will be working diligently to get the leaves picked up this year. We know that there are some changes but we need to try and be as efficient as we possibly can be.

Who's That Employee?

Meet Tim Gaines, Finance Director

Tim Gaines became Finance Director at the City of Coburg in July, 2020. Joining us from just up the road, Tim is a Harrisburg native who served as the



City of Harrisburg's Finance Officer for over 16 years.

He is experienced in government finance, public budgeting, and human resources. Tim worked at Hewlett-Packard Corporation

for 10 years in Corvallis, Oregon. He holds a degree in Business Administration from Western Oregon University.

Tim is passionate about sports and has coached youth teams locally for years. He has two teenage sons that he has raised in Harrisburg for the last 19 years. Tim loves working in smaller communities where he can get to know so many of the citizens and see the town change and grow.

Welcome, Tim!

Slow Down

Neighbors Ahead signs now available

If you feel your neighborhood attracts speed demons, or you just want to provide drivers with a friendly message, these free yard signs get the point across.

Traffic safety signs are a great way to inform



people driving through your neighborhood that you and your community live there.

If you would like a yard sign, please contact Drew Pfefferle, Safe Lane Transportation Coalition Coordinator, at Dpfefferle@lccog.org or visit <https://safelanecoalition.org/contact-us>.



Coburg Community Grange Update

The Grange has been active as always. We have participated in the Scarecrow contest again this year with "Brewing a Harvest Bounty" and we met all the requirements of the contest, even adding motion and sound to our display. Many thanks to members John & Alice Brooks for the design and set up along with the help of Terri Morneau.

We have also taken on a community wide support of our Local Law Enforcement and Local Firefighters. We have 2 huge banners on the side of the Grange to support both the Police and Thank our local Firefighters. In addition to the banners, the Grange has distributed yard signs throughout the community. 175 Police signs have been distributed all over our community. 200 Firefighter signs have been spread around the community with 100 being sent up river to thank the firefighters for protecting us. We still have signs available and can get more if needed. Contact Joe Morneau @ 541 228-8650 if you are interested in a sign. The signs cost \$15.00 each, but the maker of the signs gives us a \$5 discount so the cost is \$10 each. (Thank you Northwest Sign Co.) We would appreciate a donation for the signs so we can keep the process moving forward, but a donation is not required.

The Grange applied for a grant to help mitigate the impacts of COVID. We were fortunate to be granted \$5000.00 for this process. Thanks to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

We will also be working with community leaders to put together our Christmas in Coburg activities. Light display in the park and annual light Parade are in the works. We would love to hear from community members as to their suggestions for the event.

We are always looking for new members to join the Grange to help promote our great community, and support the Grange activities throughout the year. All members are offered a free rental each year with membership. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM at the Grange. Please feel free to stop by and check us out.



CCCS Update

"Necessity is the mother of invention"



Although school is not beginning in the traditional way, teachers and students are learning new

ways to engage with academic content which will enhance our instructional programs into the future. "Necessity is the mother of invention," and the silver lining in this pandemic is that we are finding new ways to learn, to share ideas, and to stay connected. Family support has always been crucial in the success of student achievement in school. Now families are partnering in whole new ways, and they have stepped up to the plate like superstars!

We can't wait until we can safely be in school together again! Together, we can work hard to follow the safety protocols so that we can bring our students and staff back to school as soon as possible.

Go the (social) Distance!

We had a super fun distance, jog-a-thon this year! Our families got to choose how and where they did their jog-a-thon hour. We had families hike, run around the park, bike, scooter, and everything in between! If you would like to donate to our jog-a-thon, please email pcs@coburgcharter.org

How you can help

Community involvement & support is incredibly important to us at CCCS. Here are a few ways you can support us in these uncertain times:

- **Amazon Smile:** Log onto your amazon account and choose Coburg Community Charter School as your non-profit of choice, and a portion of your purchases is donated to CCCS!
- **Blue Bag Fundraiser:** Email community@coburgcharter.org to pick up some blue can bags! We will even take them back for you, just ask!
- **Direct Donations:** All direct donations can be mailed to 91274 N. Coburg Road, Coburg, OR 97408

Find more information at www.coburgcharter.com

PCS Questions?
pcs@coburgcharter.org

Volunteer & Community Questions?
community@coburgcharter.org

Oregon RAIN

Are you an entrepreneur or small business owner looking for support and networking opportunities? Oregon RAIN is a non-profit hired on by the city to provide free 1:1 mentorship, access to capital, and educational events such as "How to Optimize Your Business for the Digital Age" and "Cash is King, Know Your Numbers."

Please reach out to Ariel Ruben and she would love to help you! If she does not have the answer, she will pass you along to someone who does.

Ariel Ruben: ariel@oregonrain.org



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Free Business Support!

with Ariel Ruben, Rural Venture
Catalyst for Oregon RAIN

Reach out to: ariel@oregonrain.org

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the knowledge, thoughtfulness and concern shown by each of our City Councilors when discussing and arriving at a decision.

Thanks again to our committee members, elected officials, staff, and above all citizens who take the time to give input, care for neighbor's, and step up to help when needed.

As we approach the holiday season, many of us carry concerns for our well-being as we deal with the pandemic. Again, I think it will be the little things that help us all carry on through this pandemic.

Personally, the short conversations with neighbors are so much more important now. Street side conversations will be less frequent as we move into the colder wet weather months. I ask you to take every opportunity to at least say "hi" and interact with your neighbors. Knowing and helping our neighbors is one thing that makes Coburg a wonderful place to live.

I wish you all well as we forge ahead together. May your holiday season be safe and create good memories.



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

Mayor Ray Smith, City of Coburg

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*from page 6 - National Drunk & Drugged
Driving Prevention Month*

Accidents caused by driving under the influence are, of course, totally preventable. This year and every year to follow, commit to act responsibly and drive safely. Here are a few tips to keep in the back of your mind as you attend holiday parties and other get-togethers this year.

1. Always plan ahead. Designate a sober driver, and arrange for an alternative route home just in case.
2. If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even friend... Talk to your loved ones to remind them how important it is to be responsible and stay safe.

3. If you are the one hosting the party, always offer a non-alcoholic option for drinks for your guests so they can still have a good time eating and drinking with everyone else!



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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

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, Megan Winner

541-682-7862

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Megan Winner

541-682-7862

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