

# **Mayor's Corner** Change

### Nancy Bell, Mayor

Summer has arrived and so has much that we love about Coburg: concerts in the park, block parties, beautiful sunsets, and festivals galore. We also have some new things to enjoy like the bookstore in Coburg Commons, the beautiful quilt blocks facing Pavilion Park, the much anticipated and utilized Pickle Ball court, and more wonderful performances by our own Coburg Community Choir. If you haven't had the opportunity to enjoy these new offerings yet, you're in for a treat. We are fortunate to have so many talented people who are willing to work to make Coburg just a bit more beautiful.

Beginning in August we will welcome a new City Administrator to town. His name is Adam Hanks and you will find more information about him in this edition of "Our Town". While



we're sad to say bon voyage to Anne, we are excited to welcome Adam to our team.

Speaking of changes, I've been learning a bit more of the history of Coburg. Did you know that Coburg once had a clothing store, a general store, a hardware store, and of course a lumber mill, blacksmith, and doctor? History is often repeated, so let's hope we can bring back the things that add to the livability of our town. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about the history of Coburg in the future, as a team of dedicated history buffs dig deeper.

I want to talk about safety issues that arise for a variety of reasons, often weather related, but not always. Our most recent event occurred in May and resulted in several hours of a power outage that affected us all. This incident

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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 2023

- Appointed Jerry Behney to the Planning Commission
- Public Hearings on proposed changes to City Park Regulations and Controlling Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic Ordinances
- Approved Resolutions raising Water and Wastewater Rates effective July 1, 2023
- Approved contract with Jones Drilling Co. Inc, for secondary Wellfield Project
- Approved 40-year land use agreement with Coburg Rural Fire Protection District

### **JUNE 2023**

- Appointed Jeffery Milam and Terry Dawson to the Budget Committee terms expire June 2026
- Approved Resolution 2023-08 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2023-09 Certification of Eligibility for State-Shared Revenues
- Approved Resolution 2023-10 Adopting the Salary and Classification Scheduled for FY 2023-24
- Approved Resolution 2023-11 Adopting the City Budget for FY 2023-24 creating appropriations, setting tax and imposing the tax and categorizing the tax
- Approved Resolution 2023-12 Approving the Amendments to the Lane County Deadly Physical Force Plan
- Approved Intergovernmental agreements with LCOG for Telecommunication System Management, City of Cottage Grove for Building Permit Services, Lane County Sheriffs for dispatch
- Approved Resolution 2023-01-U Urban Renewal Agency Adopted the Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24
- Adopted Ordinance A-171-C Amending City Park Regulations

- Adopted Ordinance A-246-A Amending Ordinance controlling Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic
- Approved Temporary Crosswalk Art application

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City Council Meetings: Tuesday, July 11 6:00 pm

Upcoming

Tuesday, August 8 6:00 pm

# Thank You Anne

As we get closer to saying goodbye to Anne Heath, I wanted to reflect on Anne as an individual, on her time in Coburg, and finally to thank her for her years of service to our community.

Anne was born and raised in the Willamette Valley but moved with her family to Central Oregon for several years. When opportunities arose to return to the valley, she returned to the area she calls home.



Anne is one of 10 siblings and she and her husband, Alan,

have 5 children and two grandsons. Anne enjoys spending time on their 12 acre farm gardening and propagating plants.

Anne joined the team at City Hall as Finance Director in January 2014. She remained in that role until she was appointed as interim City Administrator in May 2017. She resumed the position of Finance Director in August 2017, when a City Administrator was appointed. That hire was not the best fit for Coburg, so Anne again stepped in as interim, while also continuing as Finance Director. As you can see, Anne is not a person to walk away from a challenge, and City Council recognized that when they offered Anne the City Administrator position in March 2018. Anne has been a good steward of city finances and has tirelessly advocated for Coburg on a regional and statewide basis. We will miss her, but as we say "Adeus", Anne is ready to say "Olá" to Portugal as the first stop on her next adventure.

Anne, Coburg owes you a debt of gratitude for your vision and dedication, and we wish you well in the next phase of your life!

Watch for more information on an Open House at City Hall in August, so you can stop by and personally say goodbye to Anne.

# Meet Your Councilor - Claire Smith

Claire Smith moved to Coburg in 1974 when she got married. In 1978, she moved to the Bottom Loop area after building a new home. Her four children attended Coburg Elementary. She moved back into the city of Coburg in 2003.

She retired from the Eugene School District after working at Coburg Elementary and Awbrey Park.

She has always enjoyed the small town atmosphere of Coburg because she feels the community has such heart and pride. Being a City Councilor is important to her because she values this community and enjoys being able to be a part of the vision for the future, while honoring and keeping the good things from the past that make this city such a wonderful place to live. She enjoys spending time with family, especially her grandkids! She also enjoys camping, kayaking, cross country skiing, and volunteering.

When Claire came to Springfield in 1968, her parents wanted to move to Coburg. She told them she would move back to Butte if she had to live in such a small town. She's not sure her dad ever really forgave her when he ended up in Springfield and she moved to

Coburg!



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# Welcome Adam Hanks

With the pending retirement of Anne Heath, Adam Hanks has been appointed by the Mayor and Council to be Coburg's next City Administrator. Adam is finishing up his current Interim City Manager assignment in Gold Hill in Southern Oregon and will be joining the Coburg staff team July 31st.

Adam is a lifelong Oregonian. Born in Eugene, he then moved to Pendleton in Eastern Oregon from age 5 to 18 before moving to Ashland to attend Southern Oregon University (technically attending Southern Oregon State College, a little age giveway there). While a freshman at SOU, he worked parttime for the City of Ashland in the Utility Billing Department and pretty much never left until leaving the City in 2021, after having served in many different roles within the City and finishing as the City Manager.

While in Ashland, he completed his degree, met and married Cindy (a native Ashlander) became a father of twin boys and balanced work, spousing, parenting, youth sports coaching, fly fishing, camping, and a healthy obsession with Duck sports.

With the boys soon to graduate from college, Cindy and Adam decided to make the move this spring from Ashland to Eugene and are ready to give up the splitting of time between the Rogue and Willamette Valleys, which will be complete in July.



Adam is super excited to be joining the Coburg staff and working with Mayor Bell and the City Council.

> Welcome Adam!

### Hello Summer!

The Coburg Police Department sent the Coburg Charter School kids off for their summer break with a sweet treat from Bubz Grub Hub Ice Cream Truck.

This gives the Police Department time to interact with the students before they head off on their summer vacation! A fun time was had by all! Thank you Coburg Police!



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### **Emergency Preparedness and Response: Extreme Heat**

Cooling centers are an important resource during extreme heat events. If extreme heat is forecast this summer, Coburg City Hall will provide a Cooling Center if needed.

If temperatures heat up, watch for messages on Facebook or the City's webpage about dates and hours for the Cooling Center.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 541-682-7850.

Have a great summer and stay cool and well hydrated!



# **Coburg Main Street**

Summer is here and with that comes Concerts in the Park and the Coburg Market. Join us in Pavilion Park on **Wednesday** evenings starting July 12 for music, shopping, and visiting with friends. The Market starts and 5:00 pm and music starts at 6:00 pm. Thank you to **Coburg Pizza Company** for being the Title Sponsor of Concerts in the Park. See below for the musicians performing this summer.

As we kick-off the 2023 Event Season, Coburg Main Street will be seeking sponsors for events and having fundraising opportunities for friends and neighbors to contribute to helping us continue to bring these wonderful activities and community events to Coburg. If you are interested in sponsoring Concerts in the Park, Christmas in Coburg, or any of the upcoming events, please reach out to Coburg Main Street at **coburgmainstreet@ gmail.com** or go to our website - coburgmainstreet. com (*NOTE: new email as Tracey Pugh will be leaving her position as the Main Street Coordinator at the end of June*). On July 7, we will have **Coburg Night at the Emerald's Game**. Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun watching baseball and mingling with your neighbors. July 7 is also Anime Night

and Beach Bag giveaway. The Emeralds will be playing the Tri-City Dust Devils and the game starts at 6:35 pm. Scan the QR Code to get your tickets.



There will be new "Coburg" merchandise coming soon! Look for shirts, hats, and canvas bags at Concerts in thebPark this summer.

If you are interested in learning more about Coburg

Main Street, getting involved on the Board, writing grants, or helping with events, email us at coburgmainstreet@gmail. com

Have an amazing summer!!

# **Coburg Antique Fair**

The 36th Annual Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair will be held on Sunday, September 10th and will feature over 100 antique dealers from over ten states who will bring their finest goods to the streets of downtown Coburg. Food booths and music make this an event for the whole family. We encourage you to come out and shop, volunteer, or grab a booth and sell your own collection of antiques!

For the first time in 36 years, we have sponsorship opportunities for local businesses, as well as Friends of the Fair memberships available for those who want to financially support Coburg Main Street and their efforts to keep our community fun, history preserved, and local businesses supported! Thank you so much for your support in our efforts to keep the Coburg community thriving.

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# CONCERTS IN THE PARK Presented by Coburg Pizza Company July 12 - Hank Shreve July 19 - Inoke July 26 - Inner Limits August 2 - Lloyd Tolbert Band August 9 - Teresa Cunningham August 16 - Outlaw Shine August 23 - The Tracey's

August 30 - Riffle

# **Upcoming Summer Events in Coburg**





AUGUST 9 TERESA CUNNINGHAM AUGUST 16 OUTLAW SHINE AUGUST 23 THE TRACEY'S AUGUST 30 RIFFLE LLOYD TOLBERT BAND

BROUGHT TO YOU BY COBURG MAIN STREET

JULY 12

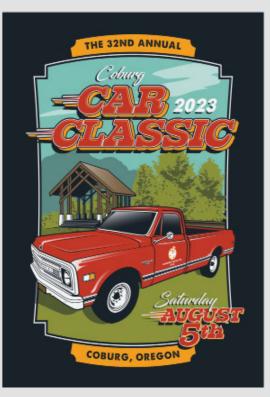
HANK SHREVE

JULY 19 INOKE

JULY 26

INNER LIMITS

**AUGUST 2** 





### **Public Right-of-Ways and Alleys in Coburg**

Citizens are reminded that right-of-ways (ROW) and alleys are public properties, and therefore, should be respected and kept clear of yard debris, structures, personal property, etc.

Public right-of-ways abut every property that has a street bordering it. The right-of-way runs between the street and the property line. It is the property owners' responsibility to keep the right-of-way clear, mowed, and avoid storing of junk, vehicles, and or any other personal items.

Alleys are also public property and should not be utilized for dumping, storing of personal property, junk, or vehicles. Additionally, structures within the alley are prohibited. While Coburg has a history of structures in alleys that goes back decades, new structures will not be allowed moving forward. If a structure is constructed in the alley, the owner will be asked to remove it immediately at their own expense.

Please help us maintain a safe and healthy community by maintaining the right-of-way in front of your home, and avoid dumping, storing, or parking vehicles in the alley.

If an alley or right-of-way in your neighborhood is not being maintained properly, please call it to our attention by notifying City Hall at 541-682-7850.

### **Downed Power Lines**

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Electrical hazards multiply for workers involved in clean up and recovery efforts following major disasters and weather emergencies. Life-threatening danger exists around downed and low-hanging electrical wires which can still be energized following a storm or high winds.

Always consider all electrical equipment, lines, and conductors to be energized. Even if lines are not sparking or humming, fallen electric lines can electrocute you if you touch them or the ground nearby.

### **Rules to Live By**

- Do **not** assume that a downed power line is safe simply because its on the ground or it is not sparking.
- Do **not** assume that any wire is a harmless telephone, television, or fiber-optic cable, and does not carry lethal current.
- Treat everything electrical as energized until tested and proven to be de-energized.
- Never go near a downed or fallen electric power line.
- Electricity can spread outward through the ground in a circular shape from the point of contact. As you move away from the center, large differences in voltages can be created.
- Never drive over downed power lines. Assume they are energized.

- If contact is made with an energized power line while you are in a vehicle, remain calm and do not get out unless the vehicle is on fire. If possible, call for help.
- If you must exit any equipment because of fire or other safety reasons, try to jump completely clear, making sure that you do not touch the equipment and the ground at the same time. Land with both feet together and shuffle away in small steps to minimize the path of electric current and avoid electrical shock. Be careful to maintain your balance.

If you are the first on the scene of a down wire, call 911 immediately.

# **Coburg Food Pantry**

Peggy Wells and Patty Yarr have decided to step down as pantry managers. Olaf Sather, a fellow Coburg resident, has decided to step in as manager. Olaf is friendly, organized, and experienced. He will do a wonderful job running the pantry.

As we anticipated, we have seen a big increase in those in need of assistance in the past couple of months. We greatly appreciate your increase in donations at our barrels around town as well as monetary donations. We ask that you please continue to remember our pantry as you do your shopping. Our most needed items are listed below. You can drop these donations in the barrels at The Food Bank next to Retro Rejuvenation at 32697 East Pearl Street, or we have a barrel at the post office in the Dari Mart. This enables us to shop ourselves for specific items that we may need at the time. Please write checks to The Coburg Community Foundation (please specify The Food Pantry in the memo space). Send checks to The Coburg Community Foundation PO Box 8104 Coburg, OR 97408. Thank you so much for your generosity! These donated items are so appreciated!

Most needed items:

- Ketchup/Mustard (No family size please)
- Boxed Cereal
- Brown rice
- Salad Dressing
- Crackers
- Jams/Jellies
- Soup
- Olive Oil or Canola Oil (No family size please)

If shopping isn't your thing, we love monetary donations.

# **Coburg Community Foundation**

The Coburg community has enjoyed some recent CCF-sponsored events, and we have more on the way this summer!

Back by popular demand, CCF hosted a second Community Dinner and Trivia Night at the IOOF on May 20. Competition was fierce; and in the end, the Jalapeno Tater Tot Poppers, a new team composed of some members of two previous teams, took home the gold! ("Gold" consisted of gift cards to one of Coburg's local coffee stops, Country Java Espresso)! Everyone went home a winner with bags of swag to enjoy! We plan to host more community dinners in the future.

On June 24, community members were able to dispose of a lot of junk during Dumpster Day 2023 held at the Charter School. Our special

Coburg Sanitary Service, Pacific Recycling, and Coburg Community Charter School, for helping make this such a successful event! And another special thank you to all the folks who supported CCF by bringing their empty bottles and cans in blue BottleDrop bags to this event for recycling. To learn more about supporting CCF by requesting your blue bags and donating your empties, check out the BottleDrop page on CCF's website, https://www. coburgfoundation.org/bottledrop-1.

thanks to our community partners,

Coming up on Wednesday, July 26, is Hot Dog Night at Concerts in the Park with CCF providing hot dogs to hungry concert goers. Then on Wednesday, August 16, CCF will host the first "Play in the Park," a family fun event, at Norma Pfeiffer Park. The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., with activities such as Giant Jenga and Summer Curling, plus other yard games. There will be snacks available to help sustain all your energetic kiddos!

It's our community's shared value of generosity that has inspired the Foundation to refer to 2023 as The Year of Giving Back. These events are made possible by the McKibben Community Building Fund, which was created through the generous donation of Judi and Tim Welch. For updates on these events and to keep abreast of other coming events, go to CCF's web page, coburgfoundation. org, and be sure to follow us on Facebook!

Interested in giving back to your community? Visit www. coburgfoundation.org and donate today!

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# **Coburg Community Grange**

It's time to circle your calendar for the 32nd Annual Coburg Car Classic, which will be held Saturday, August 5, in Norma Pfeiffer Park beginning at 8:00 am.

As is our tradition, there are several events planned to happen during the day that are open to the community and participants, including a Breakfast (7:00-10:00 am in the IOOF Hall), BBQ Chicken Lunch (11:30 am until sold out, at the Coburg Grange), Engine Blow, Raffles, Poker Walk, great prizes, and much more. The day's event also provides activities and special prizes just for kids. Traditionally, awards are presented at 3:00 pm after being selected by the Coburg Car Classic sponsoring businesses with such fun themes (from past shows) as Classy Chassis, Talk to Me Derby, Smoking Hot, and Back in Time.

Best of all, this event gives a direct benefit to our Coburg community. Proceeds from our Classic have provided support for our local Charter School for art work projects, park bike racks and benches, benches for the IOOF cemetary, the new shelter, and street traffic control barricades. Coburg Community Grange is proud to again share this wonderful car show with the public and dedicate all proceeds back to Coburg and surrounding communities.

To register your business as a sponsor or your car for the show, visit our website at www.coburgcarclassic. com for the registration forms. The car registration fee is \$25.00 and includes a t-shirt, dash plaque, and two (2) free raffle tickets. Pre-register now and your registration materials will be ready when you arrive the day of the show; just use the Express Registration Line. Registration the day of the show begins at 8:00 am.

For additional information contact Joe Morneau, 541-228-8650 or Alice Brooks, 541-520-3901 or email us at coburgcarclassic@gmail.com.

### VETERANS

The Coburg Community Grange wants to say "Thank you for your service".

- 1. Do you live in the Coburg Rural Fire district?
- 2. Do you have a DD214?
- 3. Did you serve before 1975?
- 4. What branch of the service did you serve?

Please send an electronic copy of a picture of the Veteran in uniform, basic training pictures work great. Answer the above questions and send all the information and pictures to Grange President Joe Morneau at cnh\_iron@yahoo.com

Please help us honor your Grandparent, Parent, Spouse, Sibling, Aunt, Uncle, Friend, or Neighbor.

- Veterans MUST live in Coburg Fire District
- DD214 for proof of Service
- Years of service (prior to 1975)
- Branch of Military service
- Picture of Veterans
- Questions Please call Joe Morneau 541-228-8650



### Ribbon cutting of the Pickle Ball Court in Norma Pfeiffer Park



Get out and play some Pickle Ball! It's fun for everyone!



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dropped power lines onto our roads, started fires, and blacked out traffic signals. It made each of us go back to basic traffic and safety lessons such as: never touch or drive over a downed line; treat every intersection as a 4-way stop, and act with courtesy to other drivers, emergency workers, and pedestrians. Our fire, police, and public works staff worked as fast and hard as they could to keep everyone safe and to help restore order to Coburg. A big thank you to all of them!

You may wonder what a Mayor in Coburg does. I find I am spending a lot of time on transportation issues that impact our community and advocating for Coburg on a regional basis. So much of our traffic comes from outside of our city so we have little to no control over the number of commuters and commercial traffic. Coburg staff, Councilors, and appointed officials have been interacting with County and State officials to make sure Coburg's voice is heard. We are trying to keep Coburg in the discussion as Federal and State infrastructure

# Noxious Vegetation Enforcement June 1 - October 30

**REMINDER!** City's Ordinance states: "Between June 1 and October 30, no owner or person in charge of real property shall allow noxious vegetation on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property."

#### Noxious Vegetation includes:

- Weeds and grass more than 10 inches high.
- Vegetation that is, or is likely to become, a health hazard, a fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare, or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.
- Poison Oak, blackberry bushes, bamboo, or ivy that extends into a public right-of-way.

funding becomes available. The most prominent projects for Coburg are developing a freight corridor to alleviate traffic on Willamette Street, upgrading crosswalks, expanding safe routes to school, and the improvement of the I-5 Coburg interchange. Some of these projects have been in the planning stages for years, but even if funds were available today, it might be several years before the changes would be completed. These issues, along with water projects and daily city management, keep everyone busy.

Enjoy the summer - stay cool and well hydrated. Don't forget the second Tuesday of every month City Council meets and Council Chambers are air-conditioned. Come join us to meet the council members, city staff, and to participate in decisions in a cool and welcoming space.

Enjoy our long summer days, warm evenings, and pleasant nights.

Nancy Bell Mayor of Coburg

### **REMINDER!**

Rate increases will be reflected on the Utility bills that go out in August.

Utility bills include water, sewer, transportation utility fee, tree fee. The base monthly bill for a single family residential customer using 700 cubic feet (5,236 gallons) per month will now be \$156.79 an increase of \$8.09 per month.

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# Calendar

### **STANDING MEETINGS**

#### **CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

2nd Mondays 6:00 PM

#### **COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS**

4th Mondays

7:00 PM, Fire Hall

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

2nd Tuesdays 6:00 PM, Coburg City Hall Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder 541-682-7852

#### PARK/TREE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesdays
6:00 PM, City Hall
Contact, Brian Harmon, Public Works Director
541-682-7857

#### **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS**

4th Tuesdays (or as scheduled) 6:00 PM, City Hall Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder 541-682-7852

#### GRANGE MEETING 2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM, Coburg Community Grange

#### MAIN STREET COMMUNITY MEETING

3rd Wednesdays 4:00 PM, I.O.O.F Hall

#### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesdays 6:00 PM, City Hall Contact, Megan Winner, Planner 541-682-7862

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

3rd Wednesdays 6:00 PM, City Hall Contact, Megan Winner, Planner 541-682-7862

#### **SEW 'N SEWS QUILTING GROUP** 2nd Thursdays

6:30 PM, Coburg Community Grange

### ODDFELLOW MEETING

3rd Saturdays 11:00 AM, I.O.O.F Hall

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# Questions About City Happenings?



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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-Mart), 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