

# Our Town

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## Mayor's Corner

### Looking Ahead

*Ray Smith, Mayor*



After years of operating on a bare bones budget, the City of Coburg has seen the end of a 12+ year general fund deficit. Hard work from staff including our Finance Director Anne Heath, our Finance/Audit committee, and Kathy Taylor Consulting (CPA), Coburg's General Fund may finally be out of the red. This is a monumental achievement of expenditure control from City staff and the above mentioned, diligently cleaning up and modernizing our financial structure.

As a former City Councilor, and now Mayor, I want to thank the

volunteers of the Finance/Audit Committee for their input and oversight of this process. With limited resources in our City staff, this Committee of citizens, (with exceptional experience in accounting and budgeting practices) gave the City guidance and leadership throughout this process. Thanks to all!

Utility billing. Unfortunately, the Council faces some tough decisions on our wastewater billing. Many factors have contributed to the need to raise the monthly rates. Urban Renewal District revenues are well below projections, in part because property owners in the District applied for (and received) a lower assessment value from the County after the recession. This is something beyond the City's control. Other factors include higher pumping costs on some

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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.*



## MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

- Appointed Ray Smith Mayor
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
- Appointed New Budget Committee Member Sharon Taylor
- First Reading Ordinance A-163-N Adopting the Oregon Criminal Code

## APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

- Appointed Sharyl Abbaspour Council President
- Discussion on Local Motor Fuel Tax Feasibility continued
- Approved Resolution 2016-03 and 2016-04 Approving the indirect cost allocation plan and model and approving a prior period adjustment to allocated administrative expenses
- Approved contract with new Auditor, Steve Tuchscherer, CPA, PC
- Appointed New Park | Tree Citizen Advisory member Mary Mosier
- Continued Public Hearing on Setting Wastewater Service Fees for FY 2016-2017 and Setting a Sewer Pumping Fee to May 10, 2016.
- Approved Ordinance A-163-N Adopting the Oregon Criminal Code
- Appointed New Heritage Committee member Jason Rydquist
- First Reading Ordinance A-239 Creating a Master Planned Development Overlay Zone
- Approved Ordinance A-237 Riparian and Wetlands Protection
- Budget Committee will meet May 4th & May 17th at 6:30 PM at Coburg City Hall.

## Exciting Time to be a Coburg Volunteer!

It is an exciting time in Coburg. There are a lot of projects on the horizon and we need enthusiastic community members to participate on several City committees. Learn more by visiting [coburgoregon.org](http://coburgoregon.org) or contacting staff below for more information.

### Planning Commission

Contact: [jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us)  
541-682-7858

### Historic Preservation Commission

Contact: [jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us)  
541-682-7858

### Budget Committee

Contact: [anne.heath@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:anne.heath@ci.coburg.or.us)  
541-682-7870

### Parks-Tree Committee

Contact: [bob.butler@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:bob.butler@ci.coburg.or.us)  
541-682-7857

## Accepting applications for City Councilor

### DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5:00 PM

## Living History Festival at Singing Creek Center

Join us for family fun at our 2nd annual Living History Festival at Singing Creek Center in Junction City, Saturday, June 11th, for fun hands-on activities for the whole family. Ride the hayride, dance to fiddle music, make your own lemonade and learn pioneer crafts. Ride a horse and try your hand at archery or stilt walking. Eat at the bake sale and win great family prizes at our raffle table. Proceeds benefit Singing Creek Center, a 501 c3 nonprofit, and the Pioneer Schoolhouse (built in 1888) that has been restored on the property. Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 for the whole family. More info at: [www.singingcreekcenter.org](http://www.singingcreekcenter.org).

## Meet Coburg Staff



You have surely seen this person around town. Chris Hansbrough, Utility Worker is a native Coburg resident! He has many roles in Public Works. He is the one who reads your water meter each month and has a Water 1

Certification. He is also a skilled technician at the wastewater treatment plant; conducting lab work. In his free time, Chris produces comics and is an avid toy collector.

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## Property: J.C. Goodale – M.E. Jarnigan House 91163 N. Willamette Street

Date Built: about 1885

This house was built about 1885 for J.C. Goodale's family, with select lumber from the mill he operated in Coburg until he sold it to Booth-Kelly in 1899.

In 1903 Dr. Milton Emerson Jarnigan from Tennessee moved into the house, renting rooms to school teachers and mill administrators. He was a true country doctor, serving Coburg and the surrounding area using one of the first motor cars, purchased in 1914.

The same year Dr. Jarnigan built an office and apothecary on Willamette Street, near Hotel Meda (at McKenzie Street). His brother Lee operated the office.

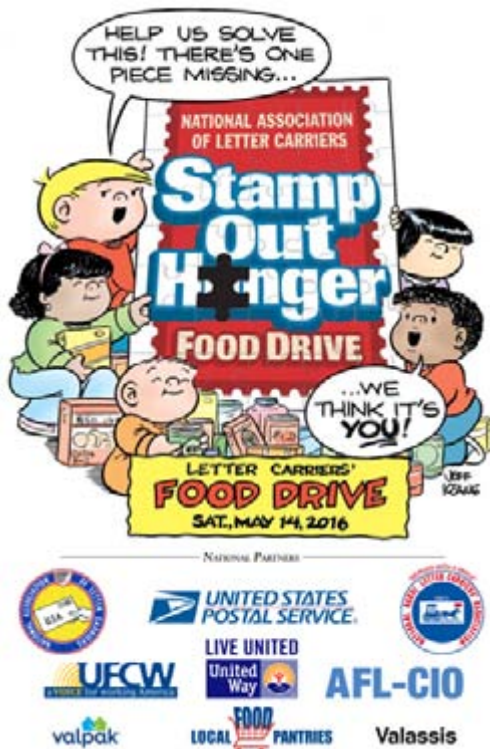
The doctor served as Coburg's mayor from 1914-1916.



### Structure

Two-story wood framed rectangle with two-story intersecting ell. Gable roofs and two one-story bays. Low, wide bungalow style porch (west) and port cohere (north) attached. Shiplap siding. Large brick center chimney, 1/1 double hung windows with (gothic) pedimented hoods. Gable ell with hipped addition, very good interior, to rear. Large two-story wood framed barn off alley.





Watch for the 24th annual postal food drive on Saturday, May 14th. All food collected in rural communities stays in that community. Coburg has been very generous in the past, and we have been able to continue providing our clients with a 3-5 day emergency food supply box.

Needed items include: tuna, peanut butter, soups/stews, canned fruits and vegetables, tomato products, jams/jellies, boxed dinners, cereals, and rice. In other words, anything in your cupboard. Other items that are appreciated are toiletry items.

Thanks for your continued support of our food pantry!

Kathy Emerson  
Pantry Manager

## Fabric and Craft Sale at The Coburg Grange

During the Coburg Colossal Clutter Clear Out (May 14th) the Sew n Sew Quilters of Coburg will be hosting a Fabric and Craft Sale at the Coburg Grange. Members of the Sew n Sew's will have tables of homemade crafts, fabric and sewing items for sale. The sale will be from 9 am to 4 pm. This should be a fun time....come see what we "can live without" and buy new fabrics that are "just what you've been looking for!"



The Sew n Sew Quilters are a group of quilters from the area who meet the 2nd Thursday of each month (except July) at 6:30 pm at the Coburg Grange to share their love of quilting. On the meeting days they bring "show and tell" and usually have a demonstration of a quilting or sewing project. Every couple of months they hold a "Quilt 'till You Wilt" where they bring their machines and sewing projects and sew from 9am - 9pm. Some of these QTYW are on weekends and sometimes during the week and are held at the Coburg Grange. Anyone is welcome to attend the Sew n Sews. It is not a guild so there are no dues. We take a donation at each meeting for the rental of The Grange. For more information about the Sew n Sew's contact Margaret Norman at 541-345-1900.

# 2016 COBURG COLOSSAL CLUTTER CLEAR-OUT

## SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

### 9:00a-4:00p

MEANDER TOWN AND FIND YOUR NEXT TREASURE!  
JOIN US FOR THIS CITYWIDE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE  
EVENT! ADMISSION IS FREE. CONTACT SHARYL AT  
541.521.1717 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# New Playground Structure in Norma Pfeiffer Park Opens

To the delight of young and young at heart, a new playground structure officially opened for play on Saturday, April 9th. A ribbon cutting ceremony was presided over by City Councilor Sharyl Abbasapour, and the ribbon was cut by the youth that will play on the structure. All ages turned out to celebrate this important day, play on the equipment, and enjoy refreshments organized by the Park and Tree Committee.



The structure was made possible by a \$75,000 matched grant from the Oregon Park and Recreation Department written

by Planning Director Petra Schuetz and Project Manager Anne Heath. A railroad theme was selected for the park as it is the site of the historic Coburg Depot. The City provided staff and volunteer time and \$10,000 as match for the grant.

The play structure was developed through a City invitation to citizens and 3rd grade students at the

Coburg Community Charter School to contribute feedback for the final design which would feature historic components aimed at a broader age group, ADA accessibility, and challenge based elements. The Park and Tree Committee then took the design and chose the final components for the structure.

Coburg Community Charter School and volunteer citizens turned out to spread the bark chips on



the completed playground and to wash the structure down so that it was ready for play. The students have also committed to cleaning the structure once a month through the end of the school year.

The Public Works Department spent countless hours preparing the site and then putting on the finishing touches. Two trees were planted by students on Arbor Day at the site of the new structure.

Benches for the area surrounding the structure were donated by O'Reilly Auto Parts and the Coburg Classic Car Club. Thank you all for your contributions to this project!

## Arbor Day 2016

On April 21, 2016 the City of Coburg celebrated its 18 years as a Tree City USA. As part of this celebration, the Coburg Public Works Department holds an Arbor Day event with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Coburg Community Charter School. This year's event included a presentation on the history and significance of Arbor Day, and the planting of 4 new trees in Norma Pfeiffer Park.

Two of the trees were planted in front of the new playground area, and two within the park. Following the planting, the class enjoyed a BBQ lunch in the park provided by the Public Works Department.





## Master Planned Development

A Master Planned Development has been recommended by Planning Commission and approved by City Council. Seen here is an artist's rendering. The project includes a boutique hotel with ground floor commercial space in the first phase. Also included in the first phase is a rehabilitation of the Van Duyn House into a restaurant.

For questions about the development, please contact Alan Wells  
alan@commercialassociates.org (541) 754-6320.

For questions about the landuse process, please contact Jeff Kernen, jeff.kernen@ci.coburg.or.us (541) 682-7858.



## Coburg Conversations



The Coburg Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the City of Coburg, our local business community and Coburg's residents and volunteers for an excellent Coburg Conversations event held Saturday, April 23rd.

With nearly 40 businesses, organizations and community groups on hand to share their work, the conversations around the room were vibrant. New businesses were present along with multiple displays of upcoming developments. And of course, local residents were welcomed to get a glimpse of the organizations that make our town great!

For more details about the event and other community development activities, visit [www.CoburgChamber.com](http://www.CoburgChamber.com).



### NOXIOUS VEGETATION ENFORCEMENT STARTS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

Certain types of vegetation need to be managed to address health, fire, traffic, and overall visual impact to our community. It is considerate to maintain your property/adjacent right-of-way all year, however between **June 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>** all noxious vegetation must be **maintained by the property owner** including:

- Grass/Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Remove all poison oak/ivy & blackberry bushes that extend onto public property **or** across your property line
- Remove other vegetation that is a:
  - Health hazard
  - Fire hazard because it is near other combustibles
  - Traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous
- Agricultural crops are exempt (unless a hazard)

**Thank you for helping to keep Coburg safe and beautiful!**  
**Coburg City Hall | 541-682-7850**

ORDINANCE NO. A-108-I

If the property owner is unwilling or unable to control noxious vegetation during this season, the City will abate such for a fee sufficient to cover the city's costs **10 or more days** after the final publication of the notice and to charge the cost of doing so on any particular parcel of property to the owner thereof, the person in charge thereof or the property itself.

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## 100 Year Old Lillie Johnson



On noon Wednesday, March 16th the Coburg Senior Meals celebrated the 100th birthday of Lillie Johnson.

For you old-timers, as a young girl Lillie lived on a dairy farm on Bottom Loop with her parents

and siblings, at about the time the mill closed in Coburg.

The IOOF Hall was decorated for the occasion and two large birthday cakes were provided by her family. Two



classes from Coburg Community Charter School came over and presented Lillie with greetings,

birthday cards hand made by the class, and then sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to her. That was over fifty kids and teachers, plus the 20 seniors in attendance, so it was quite a crowd!!

Lillie made a short speech, saying she was "Thrilled" with the celebration, cards, and outpouring of love and appreciation for all in attendance. The kids were "blown away" to find out she attended Coburg School some 85 years ago!!



So come on down any noon on Wednesday for Senior Meals, meet Lillie and stay for lunch. She would love that!!

—Jim Broughton, Site Co-Coordinator



### SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM

Offering Café 60 & Meals On Wheels

#### Coburg's CAFÉ 60

Welcomes Older Adults  
(age 60+, regardless of income or address)

**For Lunch & Friendship**  
Noon on Wednesdays  
**Oddfellow's Hall**  
91119 N. Willamette

Just drop-in!

Donations for the meal are appreciated.

[www.laneseniormeals.org](http://www.laneseniormeals.org)  
or call 541-682-4378 for more information





## Bronco News May/June

CCCS will again be participating in the Coburg Colossal Clutter Clean Out on May 14th at City Hall. All monies made go directly to CCCS to help bridge the 20% funding gap. If you would like to donate items to the sale, CCCS will be collecting items at City Hall on May 12th and 13th.



The CCCS middle school will be holding its first ever plant start sale on May 27th from noon- 1pm at the front of the school. All starts will be \$1 and

were grown by our middle school students. Monies made from the sale go right back to the CCCS Ag program.

As the 2015-2016 school year comes to an end we like to look back on all that has been accomplished in nine short months.

Our school garden has grown, literally! We now have an irrigation system going to the garden and students finished up their second season of hands-on learning



in the garden. The middle school Ag program made growth with plant starts and learning through the Adopt a Farmer Program.

All nine grades experienced the big City of Coburg by giving back in some way including washing playground equipment, planting trees, sharing their singing voices at the senior lunch, spreading bark chips, passing out birthday cards or picking up garbage.



The school facility has slowly been receiving upgrades as funding allows and the gymnasium was one of the largest upgrades made this year! New basketball backboards and hoops were donated and installed over the winter and

the entire gym was painted. CCCS is now sporting the school colors of green, black and white!

There is always more work to do next year, but for now, "school's out for the summer!"

Congratulations to the CCCS promoting class of 2016! Your future is bright and we are all so proud of the hard work you put in at CCCS!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the classroom, events and so much more. CCCS would not be possible without all of you. The diversity of volunteers helps make CCCS the special place it is; thank you parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and community members for spending your time helping students grow and learn this year! A special thank you to those who were selected as Volunteers of the Month:

November: Mycah Fendrich  
December: Kate Panum  
January: Erica Piquette  
February: Charity Wright  
March: Jon Rust  
April: Sylvia Barry  
May: Andrea McGarvey



Thank you to all the businesses who helped make the 2015-2016 school year possible:

Countryside Church, Cummins Northwest, Coburg Fire Station, Chiefs Brew House, Coburg Pizza Company, Tectonic Construction, Eugene Country Club, Be Well Jazzercise, Glory Bee Foods, Chvatal Orthodontics, Hayworth Farms, Little Hands Can, Johnson Brother Greenhouses, Egge Seed and Nursery, Coburg Road Quarry, Camas Swale Farm, OSU Country Western Dance Club, Detering Orchards, OSU College of Forestry, Reflections Salon, TRIAD Machinery, Coburg Grange, Rexius, Konyn Dairy, Wilco, Williams Northwest Pipeline, Oregon Community Credit Union, Groundwork Organics

And many more! CCCS is reliant on volunteers and donations to bridge the funding gap allowing us to function at the highest level possible educating our youth.





## Challenge Your Commute and Join the 2016 Business Commute Challenge! May 14-20

Join a friendly competition – workplace against workplace or household against household – to see who can walk, bike, bus, carpool, or telework during the week of May 14-20. The workplace with the most participation wins (based on size). Individual participants can win too! The more you participate the bigger the prize you have a chance to win.

Whether you are a bus rider, you are thinking about bike commuting for the first time, or you want to have fun with your co-workers...this Challenge is for you!

Visit [commutechallenge.org](http://commutechallenge.org) to learn more, for a list of prizes and events, and to sign-up.

The 2016 Business Commute Challenge is an event coordinated by Point2point at Lane Transit District.

# walk → bike → bus → pool → WIN!

### Save the Date:

SATURDAY – JULY 30th

9am – 4pm

Pavilion Park

12th Annual

COBURG QUILT SHOW & SALE

“The HeART of Quilting”

Sponsored by Stella Lighting & “getfound.com”

Hundreds of Quilts blowing in the breeze

VENDORS selling Quilt-Related Items

FOOD VENDORS – ESPRESSO COFFEE

RAFFLE QUILT donated by Sew’n Sews of Coburg

STELLA Floor Lamp to be RAFFLED off - donated by Stella Lighting

ENTERTAINMENT sponsored by Serenity Lane

HOFFMAN CHALLENGE Trunk Show sponsored by Jon Derby of Edward Jones

SILENT AUCTION – supported by YOUR donations of Quilt-Related items

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – contact Karen Klemme

or visit our website: [www.coburgquiltshow.org](http://www.coburgquiltshow.org) for info & to sign up

1 Raffle Ticket for each 2-hour shift of Volunteering

Four \$50 gift certificates to Johnson Brothers Nursery & Greenhouses



properties, and an increased focus on capital outlay.

In 2012, rates were initially set on "best guess" presumptions with many factors contributing to the projections. There was a cost increase built into the projection. After three years of operation, we now have solid operation numbers to work with. The Council held a public hearing on April 12th regarding these issues. With concern that there was no public input, the hearing has been "continued" to the May 10th Council meeting. Proposals range from increases of \$3.00/month to \$7.40/month with a myriad of future ramifications for each proposal. For more information please pick up an information packet at City Hall or access it on the web at: [www.coburgoregon.org](http://www.coburgoregon.org).

Budget season for the City is here. The Budget Committee is comprised of the City Councilors, Mayor, and six volunteer citizens. Meetings are set for May 4th and May 17th to determine next year's Budget. Further meetings may be scheduled if needed. Our Fiscal Year begins July 1st. We must have our official Budget adopted and turned into the State prior to that date.

With my appointment as your Mayor, a vacancy on the City Council has been created. If you are interested in the challenge of planning and implementing the future of Coburg, please consider applying for the position.

Finally, I wish to state my appreciation to volunteers in our community. I will be attending each committee and commission meeting so I can meet our volunteers, experience their interaction and process. I want to hold discussions with these leaders and empower them to help create an exciting vision for the future of Coburg.

Volunteers are a big part of what I enjoy about living in Coburg.

Everything from guiding our City government, planning and completing projects to simply helping your neighbor in a time of need. This City belongs to the people and I encourage the citizens to take ownership by stepping forward and volunteering. There are so many opportunities: from Firefighters to Food Pantry volunteers; from Coburg Chamber of Commerce, to City Councilors and Committee members.

The festival season is coming up fast. The Antique & Vintage Fair, Coburg Quilt Show, The Car Classic, and the Coburg Golden Years Celebration are all made possible through the efforts of volunteers. I apologize to those I haven't mentioned, but my memory and column space are limited. Thanks to all the volunteers out there that make Coburg a wonderful place to live.

Ray



Mayor Ray Smith



### CCCS Survey Link

If you haven't already participated in our survey, this is a reminder how much we'd appreciate your feedback about Coburg Community Charter School! Five minutes of your time taking the survey would really help our Strategic Planning Committee plan better ways to partner with our community. You'll find the survey at <http://goo.gl/forms/MVJfczNT3x>

Thank You!



# Calendar



## STANDING MEETINGS

3rd Mondays

### CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

3rd Mondays

### ODDFELLOW MEETING

6:30 pm, I.O.O.F Hall

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

2nd Wednesdays

### GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

### PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Petra Schuetz, Planning Director

541-682-7871

3rd Wednesdays

### PARKS/TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Bob Butler, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

3rd Wednesdays

### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

6:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Jeff Kernen, Planner

541-682-7858

3rd Wednesdays

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Noon, City Hall

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

6:30 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

4th Wednesdays

### GOLDEN YEARS MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

1st Thursdays

### METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or Springfield library)

Contact, Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

541-682-7871

1st Fridays

### POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm Game Begins

Coburg Community Grange

## MAY/JUNE EVENTS

Saturday May 14th Postal Food Drive

Saturday May 14th Colossal Clutter Clear-Out  
and Fabric & Craft Sale

May 14-20 Business Commute Challenge

*See inside for more info on these events!*

## Upcoming Events at CCCS:

May 2nd PCS Meeting 6:30 pm @ CCCS library

May 6th No School

May 13th, 20th and 27th Spring Skill Days

May 16th Board meeting 6pm @ City Hall

May 30th No School

June 2nd Band Concert 6:30 pm @ CCCS gym

June 6th PCS Meeting 6:30 pm @ CCCS library

June 10th No School

June 13th Board Meeting 6pm @ City Hall

June 15th 8th Grade Promotion @ CCCS Gym

June 16th Last Day of School

*Do you have a community event to share? Call 541-682-7852 or email [sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us](mailto:sammy.egbert@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 [www.coburgoregon.org](http://www.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*

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