Mayor's Corner

Current Council Agenda Items

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

Below are some of the agenda items on which the Coburg city staff and City Council have been working. As always, please feel free to contact me (mayor@ci.coburg.or.us) if you'd like to discuss these or any other topics.

Medical Marijuana. Many of you may be confused by the Council's decision at the October 13th Council meeting to withdraw its earlier decision to deny the approval for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary. The October 13th action was not an indication that the Council had changed its mind. Rather, the Council was given the opportunity to review the previous decision and it chose to do so. The City staff and Council had only a few days in which to make a decision at the earlier meeting, draft the supporting documents, and then send them to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The staff and Council

now have the opportunity to review in much greater detail all of the proceedings for this case and make a much more deliberate decision. The Council's next vote will likely be at the January 2016 or possibly the December 2015 Council meeting. Managing this issue has, however, consumed an extensive amount of staff and Council time this summer and fall.

Fiscal Stability. The City Council, Budget Committee, and staff all take their fiduciary responsibilities very seriously. A significant challenge is that the fiscal year is July to June but the majority of the property tax the City receives, the largest revenue source, is received from November to January. This means that there must be sufficient cash carry-forward from the end of the fiscal year (June) through into the following November in order for the City to pay its bills. The good Continued on page 8



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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 8TH

Work Session - Marijuana Policy Options

Approved – Ordinance A-235 Prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana products by medicinal marijuana dispensaries

Approved – City Attorney contract

Approved – Resolution 2015-13 Approving the payback of certain inter-fund loans

Approved – Resolution 2015-14 Supporting the City to apply for a grant with the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Transportation Growth Management Program of Oregon Department of Transportation for development code assistance to update the zoning code in several areas

Approved – Ongoing lease of agricultural portion of wastewater treatment facility site.

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Approved – Ordinance A-236 Declaring a ban on medical marijuana processing sites, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, recreational marijuana processors, recreational marijuana wholesalers and recreational marijuana retailers, prohibiting businesses operating contrary to State and Federal Law

OCTOBER 13TH

Approved – Withdrew the August 24, 2015 decision on SR-02-15 and directed staff to revise the findings to address all criteria and reflect all the issues raised by the Council at the August 24, 2015 hearing and bring back to Council for Review in November.

Approved – Template for an emergency succession plans for department heads

Approved – Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon to provide an e-permit services through ePermitting beginning next summer.

There are currently vacancies for the following committees.

See www.coburgoregon.org or stop-by Coburg City Hall for more information.

Budget Committee Vacancies – Two positions terms ending June 2018

Planning Commission Vacancy – Term ending October 2016

Heritage Committee Vacancy - One position

New Playground Equipment Coming to Norma Pfeiffer Park

The City of Coburg will be the recipient of a match grant donation from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of enhancing the playground equipment at Norma Pfeiffer Park. Additions to the park will include a new structure that will appeal to a broader age group with many activities which encourage safe play with a focus on gross motor play skills. The new structure will also offer ADA components with low-to-the-ground elements. New elements will include many climbing features, three new slides and some physical challenge activities. The park will take on a train depot theme in honor of the historic significance

of the location of the park which was home to the Oregon Railway Limited. The park will feature an historic and educational sign, as well as panels on the structure which reflect the depot theme. In addition to the new structure, a new spin cup will replace the current damaged rocker, and the 0-3 year-old swing set will receive necessary repairs including new belt seats. The intention of the Parks Tree Committee and the City of Coburg is to have the park ready for play by Spring Break of 2016.



Play equipment conceptual drawing.

What's Happening in Coburg?

Have you noticed construction happening in a few areas of town? There has been a lot going on in Coburg this summer and continuing into fall. On west Christian Way we have a new subdivision of 6 lots in which the public improvements are well under way. Additionally, between west Van Duyn and Coburg Bottom Loop Road we have a new 25-lot subdivision which is also beginning public improvements. In another part of town, on North Coburg Industrial Way, there are two new industrial buildings under construction and an initial piece of the Industrial section of the Coburg Loop Path will be constructed in front.



Leaf Pick-Up

December 14 - January 22

Leaves only!! Leaf piles with yard debris and garbage will not be picked up

Leaf piles must be in the city right-of-way

Leaf piles must be accessible by backhoe

Questions: 541-682-7857

Be Seen. Be Safe.

With the days getting dark and cloudy, it is important to make sure you are seen whether you are biking to work, walking your pet, or going to school. Follow these important tips to be safe and be seen.

Be Reflective

Wear bright colored clothing and use reflective items such as armbands, belts, coats, and vests.

Be Flashy

When biking make sure to have front and rear bike lights, and wear lights on your backpack, coat, stroller, and even your pet's collar.

Be Aware

Always be aware of your surroundings, and make sure that cars see you before you proceed.



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For more information: 541-682-6213 LTD.org/Point2point

Historic Coburg: The Coburg School

THE EUGENE DAILY GUARD

November 13, 1911

COBURG'S \$20,000 SCHOOL COMPLETED

"At last we as citizens of (school) district No. 43, are permitted to look upon the completed last large stride of school improvement in our district—the \$20,000, 10 room school house. The several rooms were occupied Monday by teachers and pupils, and they are nicely settled, with good light and plenty of room."



Although the Coburg School no longer stands, it remains a significant part of the community's history. 100 years ago, just as today, education was important to families and children in Coburg.

The Coburg School was the third and largest in a series of schools built in Coburg. The first was a one-room schoolhouse, built two miles north of town in 1865. In 1894 a four-room school house was built across from the present day firehouse. As the city grew, a new school building was needed, and in 1911 construction on the new Coburg School was finished on the property of the current fire house.



The building boasted two stories of classrooms with a boiler room and cafeteria in the basement and a large bell hanging in a tower above the 3rd floor. It was a majestic two-story wood framed colonial revival structure with a hipped roof, central portico and bell tower. Many prominent citizens attended or taught here including Evangeline Hurd, Leona Green, Cora Pirtle and Edith Adair.

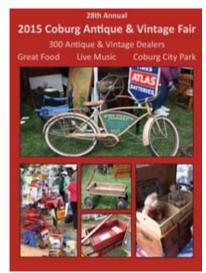
A gable-roofed addition for grades 6-8 was added of the rear of the original eight-classroom building to accommodate expanding enrollment.

In 1962 District 43 was annexed by 4J School District, and Coburg High School was closed. The building was declared unsafe in 1964, and students began attending the Eugene School District. The school was demolished due to fire codes in June, 1965.

The bell from the tower was moved in front of a new elementary school, completed in 1964. The bell now sits in front of the Coburg Community Charter School.

A Great Success and a Fitting Send Off

The 28th annual Coburg Antique and Vintage Fair attracted thousands of visitors to our town this



year. Approximately 300 vendors offered a dazzling array of vintage goods to peruse. From tools and furniture to heirlooms and toys, there was something for everyone. The crowds were notably larger than in previous years, with an estimated

15-20,000 in attendance. And with the blessing of excellent weather the mood was festive all day.

It was a fitting send off for the Fair's organizer,
Roxann Emmons. Roxann has been running this
event on behalf of the Coburg Chamber of Commerce
for the past nine years. Under her watch the fair
has grown, been well managed and allowed tens of
thousands to experience Coburg at our best.

Early in the season Roxann announced that this would be her final year as the show's organizer. The Chamber is excited to be interviewing prospective organizers for 2016.

As Coburg's biggest draw, the Antique Fair is arguably our City's most important event. We are fortunate that it has been in such capable hands. Roxann's leadership will be missed, even as we look forward to the next chapter!



Bronco News November/December 2015

Thank you to everyone who helped during Community Days and our annual Community Harvest Festival! This is our largest school event serving the Coburg community, it was a great success with lots of smiling faces.



Thank you to Williams Northwest Pipelines for choosing CCCS for your day of service. We are very

grateful for everything you did to help bring back life to the building and grounds again. We rely heavily on volunteers to keep our facility safe and up to date, thank you again!

Grandparents Day is upon us. November 25th from 11 am -1 pm grandparents are invited to see what students have been doing! The students love showing



off their hard work and being guides showing off the school. We will also be holding the Scholastic Book Fair November 23-25th. Everyone is invited to shop for books from 7:45-8:15 am and 2:45-3:30 pm on those days. Part of the funds raised by the Book Fair



support the teachers by providing books in their classrooms.

We would like to invite and encourage all community members to be a part of CCCS. We strive to uphold our mission and vision of being a

community based school and to keep our charter we must show we reached our volunteer hours required by our charter agreement. There are many ways to volunteer at CCCS including: board membership, classroom help, library, Skill Days, events, grounds reader board and much more. For more information on how to be a part of CCCS stop by the school or contact Jen Kelley at j.kelley@coburgcharter.org or 541-344-4113.

Upcoming Events at CCCS:

November 6 People for Coburg School Meeting 8:15 am @ Coburg Fire Station

November 16 Board Meeting

6pm @ Coburg City Hall

November 23-25 Scholastic Book Fair

7:45-8:15 am, 2:45-3:30 pm @

CCCS library

November 25 Grandparents Day

November 26-27 No School

December 7 Auction Meeting

6:30 pm @ CCCS library

December 14 Board Meeting

6pm @Coburg City Hall

December 21- January 4 Winter Break

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news is that receipts are trending positive, staff has been very diligent managing expenses. The City is in a good cash position heading into November.

UGB Expansion. Coburg has been living within the original Urban Growth Boundary established by Oregon's landmark 1973 land use law and is out of room. Coburg started working on a UGB expansion plan soon after the Coburg Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2008. The City's UGB expansion plan was adopted by the Council this past June and was recently successfully defended before the Lane County Planning Commission, which unanimously voted to recommend to the Lane County Commission that it approve and co-adopt our plan. The Commissioners will cast their votes in early November and, if approved, the plan will then go to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for acknowledgement this coming Spring. If the plan is appealed, it may be sent to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). There is still a ways to go, but we're making progress.

Water Futures. This past July, the City kicked-off a major update to our Water Master Plan. We've been aware for some time that the City needs to identify another long term water source, short term water storage, and create redundant water lines to parts of the City, including Coburg North Industrial Park. Additionally, the City doesn't yet have a water line over or under I-5 to the eastside properties. The Water Master Plan will detail these issues with current data and options for Council to consider.

Citizen engagement is always welcomed and it is important to all of us serving on the City Council that we hear your concerns and perspectives. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please check the agenda posted on the city's website at www.coburgoregon.org, at City Hall, Post Office, and noticed in the Register Guard for topics of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Jae Pudewell

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Renaming Moody Park to Jacob Spores Park celebration September 19, 2015.

Coburg Community Grange Chili Feed and Bonfire

Enjoy the Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 13th and then, right after the parade, come to the Grange for some free homemade chili. We ask that you bring non-perishable food items that will be collected and donated to the Coburg Food Pantry. This is the Grange's way of saying THANK YOU to the community for your support of Grange activities during the year. The Grange is always looking for stuffed animals in good condition to hand out to all the little kids during the parade. If you have some to donate, contact Joe Morneau (541-228-8650) or leave them at the Grange. Keep warm by the bonfire next to the Grange before and after the parade!!

The Coburg Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Christmas Parade again this year. If you (or your group) wish to participate in the parade, meet at the empty lot next to the truck stop a little before 7 pm. Parade leaves the area at 7 pm. John.bosley@ci.coburg.or.us

The Coburg Chamber is also sponsoring "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, Dec 12, from 9-12 am at the Coburg Community Grange. Stop in and let Santa know if you've been bad or good.....



Christmas in Coburg

Saturday, December 12

8 am – 11 am Breakfast with Santa at Grange Hall, 32663 E. Mill Street Bring the kids and enjoy a fun breakfast with Santa!

Noon - 2 pm Coburg Grange Community Food Drive

Annual door-to-door canned food donation drive to help our neighbors and the Coburg Food Pantry.



Sunday, December 13

5:30 pm Community Sing Along United Methodist Church, 91193 N. Willamette Street A fun way to get into the spirit of the season. Meet the new pastor, Craig Pesti-Strobel.

6:00 pm Lighting of official Coburg Christmas Tree at Pavilion Park on Willamette Street Santa will arrive in Pavilion Park to meet and greet all.

7:00 pm Light Parade through Downtown Coburg

Staging starts at 6:15 pm in the Truck-n-Travel parking lot, East end of Delaney Street. Route: Delaney towards Willamette, north to Locust, east to Diamond, back to Delaney.

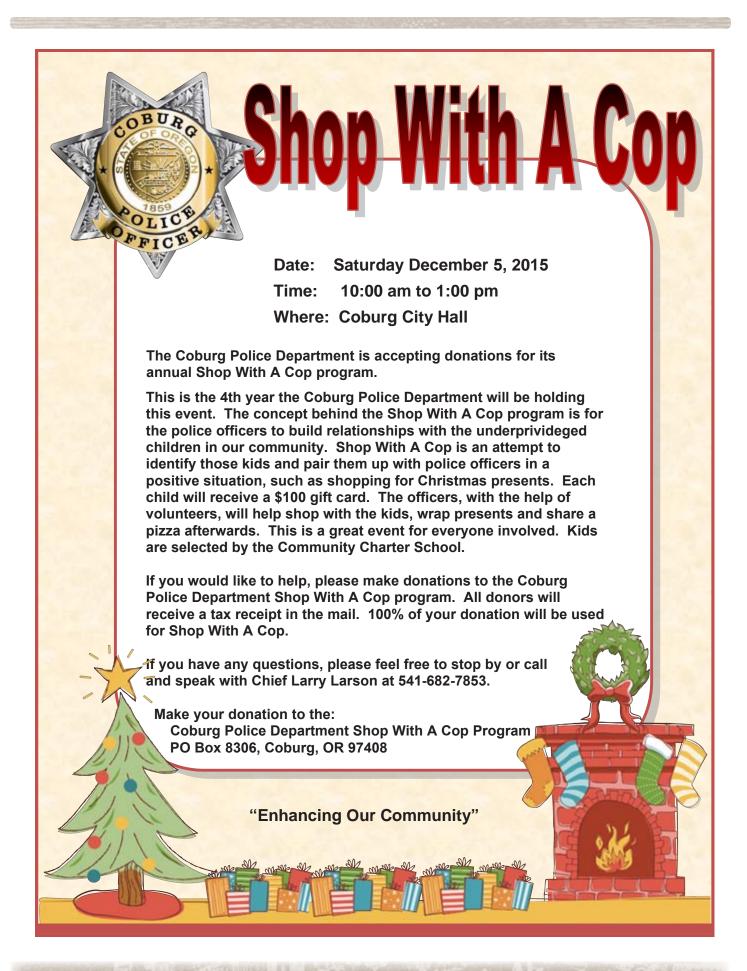


Following the parade Lighting of Gazebo Park

Official lighting of the Coburg Gazebo Park & Christmas tree. Santa will arrive and greet all.

Coburg Community Grange Chili Feed & Bonfire Grange Hall, 32663 E. Mill Street Enjoy the annual chili feed and old-fashioned bonfire with friends and neighbors.

For more information contact John Bosley | john.bosley@ci.coburg.or.us



Calendar

STANDING MEETINGS

4th Saturdays

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

8:00-10:00 am

3rd 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

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Noon, City Hall

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 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 & 3rd Thursdays

GAME NIGHT

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

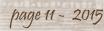
1st Fridays

POKER NIGHT

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

Coburg Community Grange

Do you have a community event to share? Call 541-682-7852 or email 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, 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