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Mayor's Corner

Vital Communities

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

Lanie J. McMullin was the keynote speaker at an economic development forum I recently attended. Ms. McMullin is an Economic Development Consultant from Everett, WA and has worked in the private and public sector building viable and vital communities for over 30 years. She is also an engaging and dynamic speaker.

Ms. McMullin outlined seven attributes of vital and vibrant communities, illustrating her points with stories from many of the towns and cities with whom she has worked, both small and large. I took notes as best I could, but alas, I was not able to transcribe her terrific stories. But her attributes of Vital Communities can give Coburg both encouragement and direction.

Vital Communities

1. Value education. For everyone. A continuum of

educational opportunities is both a lure for and an opportunity for leverage by other community investments. Education is a community value clearly shared by Coburg in many ways, from the extraordinary formation of the Coburg Community Charter School, to community yoga and art classes, to the Coburg Hills Ford Institute Leadership Program. Sign up!

2. Embrace diversity and adapt as the community changes. Nothing ever stays the same and diversity is found in many forms, including in ideas and opportunities. Even the wonderful, mature big-leaf maple in my yard is continually refreshing and rebuilding itself, so must communities. This is what Coburg is doing, from our infrastructure investments to welcoming new neighbors like Serenity Lane and Coburg North Industrial Park. As we

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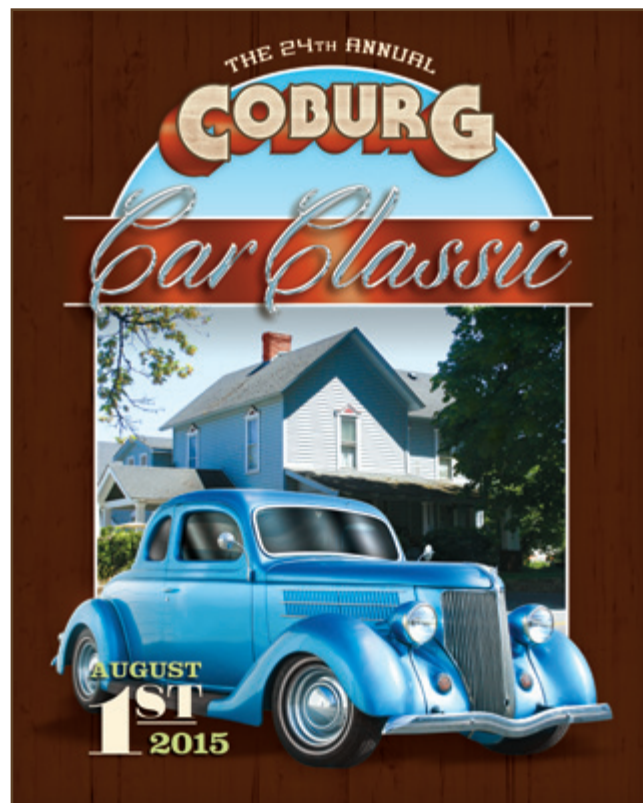
Coburg Car Classic—24th Annual Family Fun Day in the Park

Mark the date on your calendar for the Coburg Car Classic August 1, 2015, 9 am- 3 pm in Norma Pfeiffer Park. There will be approximately 175 classic cars on display and lots of other activities for families.

Pancake breakfast at the IOOF Hall, Chicken BBQ Luncheon at the Grange, Engine Blow, free Make It-Take It model building for the kids, raffles, awards selected and given by the sponsors, Poker Walk and much, much more!

The Coburg Car Classic is sponsored by the Coburg Community Grange. To enter a car, fill out a registration form at the website, www.coburgcarclassic.com. Registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, dash plaque, & 2 raffle tickets. On site registration begins at 8 am.

For additional information contact Joe Morneau, 541-228-8650 or Alice Brooks, 541-746-8655.



Be a Part of the 2015 Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair

Volunteers are need to help with the Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair **Sunday, September 13, 2015**. Several great opportunities are available for individuals and groups to earn funds for your non-profit group. Contact Roxann for details coburgantique@att.net or 541-683-0916.

Coburg Quilt Show

Looking for something fun to do on Saturday, July 25th? Then come to downtown Coburg!!

The 11th Annual Coburg Quilt Show and Sale, “Q is for QUILT”, will be held on **Saturday July 25, 2015** in Pavilion Park, right in the middle of Coburg. About 300 quilts, made by local quilters, will be on display—with many for sale. The beautiful quilts, of all skill levels, are displayed for easy viewing as they gently sway in the breeze.

There will also be a **Hoffman Challenge Trunk Show** on display. The Hoffman Challenge is a



premiere traveling quilt, clothing, and doll collection. While the majority of the entries come from the United States, a wide variety of international entries are

received. Each year, the top entries are grouped into traveling collections and visit quilt and fiber shows, seminars, quilt shops and quilt and doll makers guilds nationwide and in Canada. This year we are excited to display 20 quilts from the 2014 “**Indigo Collection**”.

In addition to the many quilts, there will also be vendors selling sewing/craft related items, a silent auction, live music performed by local groups and a beautiful raffle quilt donated by the Coburg Sew’n Sew Quilters. You can vote on your favorite



quilts and the top 13 will be featured in a 2017 calendar. The 2016 calendar (featuring favorites from the 2014 show) will be on sale.

Take your time as you stroll through town visiting the vendors, antique shops and other businesses and enjoy a bite to eat at one of our restaurants. Bring a friend and come for a delightful and colorful day in the country.

The show is open from 9 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation or canned food for the Coburg Food Bank.

Quilt registration is open now. The show is only as good as the quilts that people are willing to display. All skill levels are encouraged to enter quilts—traditional, vintage, and fiber arts. Quilt registration is \$5 for the first quilt and \$2 for each additional quilt.

For more information or to enter your quilts, visit the website at www.coburgquiltshow.org or contact

the Coburg Quilt Show, PO Box 8444, Coburg OR 97408, or call Karen at (541)-343-6407.



Come show your "Bronco Pride" at the 47th Annual Golden Years Festival July 17th and 18th

This years celebration is shaping up to be one of the best in recent years with continued renewed committee and leadership members and the goal to deliver the Golden Years Celebration of the decade. With the support of new volunteers and community business sponsors we have lots of fun and exciting activities for the whole family. We will have the usual favorites that



include the parade, 10th annual kid's rodeo, and fireman's waterball tournament. Our very own Coburg Community Charter School is providing the Kidzone activities for all the little ones! Entertainment in the beer garden will include the Code Red band on Friday evening and Coburg's very own Coburg Country Allstars on Saturday evening. Returning again this year is our movie in the park as well as our main stage outside of the beer garden featuring various performances and activities. Last but not least, on Saturday, we are hosting our first annual BBQ Cook-Off that will include many local folks and should be nothing short of a lip smackin' good time! Please visit our website for a listing of events and times.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!
www.coburggoldenyears.com

Meet your City Councilor

Patrick Kocurek

Patrick has lived in Coburg for 13 years after moving here from the south hills of Eugene. Originally, Patrick's family moved to Oregon from Texas in the 1980s. He is an electrician for a company in Corvallis.



In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping. What he likes about Coburg is the small town setting, awesome neighbors, while still having the convenience of all Eugene has close by. As a city councilor he would like to help Coburg maintain its small town flavor.

Every Day Counts...In the Life of a Foster Child

The Citizen Review Board (CRB), Oregon's foster care review program, needs more volunteers. This is a great volunteer opportunity for someone who cares about the welfare of children and wants to volunteer one day per month.

Event: CRB Volunteer Orientation Training Dates & Locations: July 9-10, 2015, Salem

Application: Click on CRB Member Application at www.courts.oregon.gov/crb Additional Information: Amy Church, CRB Volunteer Resource Coordinator, at 1-800-551-8510, Ext. 64535, or email her at amy.m.church@ojd.state.or.us.

Save the Date

**Coburg Fire District
Open House**

**91232 N Coburg Road
September 20th , 2015**



Ready for Summer

The new picnic shelter in Norma Pfeiffer Park is ready just in time to help you make the most of your summer. The shelter was the culmination of a community leadership program sponsored by The Ford Family Foundation. Volunteers received training in various aspects of community building, project planning, and implementation. The leadership program participants raised funds for the shelter through donations of both money and materials from local businesses and organizations. The Ford Family Foundation also awarded a grant to help fund the project. No city dollars were used to complete the project although the City of Coburg was a valuable partner in many other ways and an important part of the project's success.



The Ford Institute Leadership Program Coburg Cohort celebrates the official opening of the new picnic shelter.

There is no fee for using the shelter and no reservations are required. Please leave the shelter clean for the next group and enjoy the new space.

Business Update



COTTAGE ROW BOOKS is located at 91045 S. Willamette Street in the historical Purkerson House (built circa 1890). Owners Bob and Teresa Kock have an eclectic mix of hardback and paperback books in the historic building, with a “whimsical” placement to encourage browsing.

Their titles include the “225 Best Novels Ever Written” which Bob encourages everyone to investigate – or to discuss how they got on his “best novels” list in the first place.

Visitors may be greeted by the Koch’s two cats, Whiskers and Batman, when they are not sleeping on a sofa, or playing in the chess room or the kid’s book nook.

In addition to Cottage Row Books, Bob and Teresa also own the popular Books On Beach in Nye Beach.

In Coburg Bob offers up interesting conversations and a flat screen TV to watch sports if you need a break from browsing. He and Teresa have a large assortment of scarves on display throughout the house; if you can’t find the right book, there is still a scarf waiting.

Coburg Charter School Skills Days, May 2015



Cummins Northwest (CNW) had the opportunity to participate in Coburg Charter School's Skills Days program in May. The program allowed CNW employees to work with 4th and 5th graders to teach them how a diesel engine works. The students learned how important many school subjects are to understanding a diesel engine including math, reading, writing, but most of all science (physics and chemistry). It takes a lot of engineering to develop, manufacture, and keep an engine operating correctly.

They learned that the engines are manufactured in plants all around the world by Cummins Inc., the parent company of CNW. CNW is the local service support and parts center for all of the Cummins products.

The first day was a lecture in the classroom at Coburg Charter Schools with hands-on interaction with a Diesel Engine Cutaway model. The students watched a video of a large test explosion, where they could see the pressure or concussion wave as it moved across the landscape. They learned a pressure wave was the rapid expansion of heat and

pressure. And when in the combustion cylinder of a diesel engine, is the force which pushes the piston down, and makes the crankshaft rotate.

The following two weeks the students took field trips to CNW's facilities on Roberts Court. The kids were broken into groups of 2 and participated in hands-on exercises as they rotated thru 6 stations. All students were given their own safety glasses and ear plugs to keep and use in the future as needed. Emphasis was put on the message, "DO NOT try this at home." Each of the 6 stations were interactive; the students got to turn things, push buttons, connect wires and in their words "blow stuff up". Of course we didn't let them blow anything up except balloons.



CNW personnel enjoyed the Ignition station the most. It is a simple demonstration of the basic principle in a diesel engine, fuel is ignited by compression heat.



The kids, however, loved the electrical station. Today's modern engines, and just about everything else in our lives, are computer controlled. We discussed electronics and electrical systems. The students

had to make and identify a few electrical connections to start the machine which blew up a balloon,

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tripped a buzzer, and eventually popped the balloon scattering confetti all over the room, making lots of noise on its way.

During Week 2, a race was held using the Intake and Exhaust Station to pump up



balloons. This exercise was designed to demonstrate Engine RPM's (revolutions per minute) or engine speed, plus engine displacement. We presented all participants with a trophy and a CUMMINS pencil, because at Cummins Everyone Counts. At the end, all the different skill groups gathered in the gym for an assembly. Each group presented what they had learned. Fun was had by all.

In a follow up visit students made a trip to CNW and saw engines in many different applications,

including school buses, transit buses, highway trucks, log trucks, motor homes, and generators. Several engines were disassembled so they could see inside and see the parts on the work benches. The highlight of the day for the kids was to get in the transit bus in the shop. It was a great way to finish out an exciting couple of weeks.

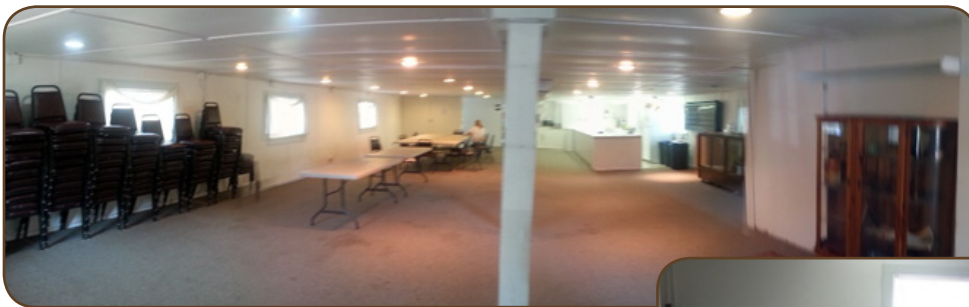
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Coburg
Charter
School for the
opportunity to
participate in
the lives of all
the wonderful
young people by sharing our knowledge and career
paths.



Signed Cummins Northwest-Coburg Staff

Looking For a Place to Hold a Special Party or Family Gathering?

The Coburg Community Grange is available for rentals. There is a full kitchen (stove with 2 ovens, refrigerator, 2 microwaves, and commercial sink), lots of tables and chairs, and lots of space. Rent is \$15/hr or \$100/day. There is a \$100 cleaning deposit that is refunded when the Grange is left clean. The upstairs, complete with large open area and a stage, can be rented for an additional \$50/day. Call Alice at 541-746-8655.



For Everything There is a Season...

It is hard to believe that twelve years have passed since I began my ministry at Coburg United Methodist Church. This is the longest I have ever served in one place, and thus it is difficult to say goodbye. On July 5th I will preach my final sermon at the Church and hand over pastoral leadership to Rev. Dr. Craig Pesti-Strobel.

When we began back in 2003, we did not know a single person in Coburg. Today, this community feels like our second home.

We have shared together in weddings and funerals, parades and picnics, sing-a-longs and Easter egg hunts. We helped launch a Community Food Pantry, and a vibrant Charter School. It has truly been a wonderful experience.

Over the years, I have written about many topics, including some of the ups and downs in my own extended family. I have tried to use this column as a platform to share ideas and suggestions for improving our community through simple deeds of kindness and generosity.

As I write this final column, what I am feeling most is gratitude. Gratitude for the way this community welcomed our family. Gratitude for the many times we joined together to get something important done. Gratitude for the opportunity to minister to and with

so many people at critical moments in their life journey.

Now it is time to say “farewell” to one chapter of life, even as we anticipate the next chapter called “retirement.” Our

immediate plans are to spend some time in Portland caring for family. But I also hope to get some time on my sailboat at Fern Ridge Lake. And of course, there is plenty to do in the yard. We’re planning to stay in the Eugene area, and we look forward to seeing friends at some of the community events that make Coburg such a special place.

Thanks for the memories,

Pastor Gary D. Powell,
Coburg United Methodist Church

*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter
under heaven.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

Parks and Tree Committee

Thank you for the several positive comments and suggestions for park improvements at the Coburg Conversations event in April. Those ideas will be discussed and hopefully put into action in the future. Community input is always welcome. On May 9 we hosted a clean-up event at Pfeiffer park and nine volunteers participated in scrubbing picnic tables and power washing the rest rooms. Since the Coburg parks will be used this summer for several community events, the Park Committee will not be sponsoring any activities.

If you would like to get more information about being a member of the Committee or to ask questions, please contact: coburgclaire@gmail.com or the Public Works Department: 541-682-7857.

A Tribute to a Community Friend

Too often tributes to local living heroes sound like eulogies....but I believe it is always a good thing to praise folks while they are still among us!!

Gary Powell is retiring from pastoring Coburg United Methodist Church after many years of service. I don't think he realizes the impact he has made on so many of us, so this is my open letter of appreciation to him.

"Thank you, Pastor Gary for your great heart for the Coburg community! Thank you for being so quick to care for the hopeless and fearful among us. Thank you for being available to ALL of Coburg citizens, not just for the people of your flock. Thank you for diving into community events, including our Christmas in Coburg and Easter Egg Hunt.

And thank you for your thoughtful sermons – for telling hard truths, but for also including humor and whimsy. And thank you for teaching ukulele to our Coburg Charter School students – just another example of your everyday involvement with the people of this town.

We will miss you, your wife Jane, and your family so much! We wish you the best in your retirement. Thank you for exhibiting Grace Among Us."

Sincerely,

Judy Volta

Former Mayor and Community Member

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adapt and grow, part of valuing diversity is to also value and cherish our heritage and history; it's important that the New respect the Old. We now have an active Heritage Committee and reinvigorating our downtown is a priority for the City. Join in!

3. **Must have gathering places**--where we live, where we work, and where we hang-out, recreate, have fun. Coburg has a residential shortage, but we're working on it. Did you know that Coburg has more jobs than residents, a rarity for a small community? And we're working on more places to "hang out." We have highly regarded restaurants in town and many of us are hopeful something special will happen with the historic Coburg Inn. In addition to the frequently used Grange and IOOF halls, we now have the Community Room

at the City Hall and an awesome new gazebo at Norma Pfeiffer Park, built by the Coburg Hills Ford Institute Leadership cohort. Way to go!

4. **Sponsor art & culture.** Art speaks in a different voice. It is one way we learn about other cultures, as well as our own. It can also be an economic engine, something well known by our antiques community. I'd love to see a gallery or two or an artist co-op like those found in Florence. I thoroughly enjoy my forays there and maybe it would be a wonderful draw to complement our restaurants and antique stores.
5. **Take care of their own**, something Coburg does every day, from neighbors and friends mowing lawns and cutting firewood, to our active church groups, to our Food Pantry, to our low-income utility assistance programs. Thank you.

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City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed.



MAY

NO COUNCIL MEETING HELD

JUNE

CITY COUNCIL

City Council work session on Urban Growth Boundary

Approved contracts for Engineering, City Attorney, Dispatch and Jail

Approved – Ordinance A-198-B amending 'Special Events Ordinance'

Approved – Ordinance A-233 Licensing fee for communication providers providing services with the City

First Reading – Ordinance A 234 Hunter Communication Franchise

Audit Report through 6/2014 presented to City Council

Approved – Resolution 2015-07 City Election to Receive State Revenues

Approved – Resolution 2015-08 City Election to Receive State Shared Revenues

Approved – Resolution 2015-09 Authorizing the City's Budget for FY 2015-16

Approved – Resolution 2015-10 Adopting Salary Schedule for 2015-16

Approved – Resolution 2015-11 Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers

Approved – Ordinance A-155-A Amending the 'Sign Ordinance'

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6. Create, foster, and feed partnerships. For everything. One of the biggest challenges for any community or organization is to be wary of the "scarcity model." The scarcity model is the tendency for groups to perceive themselves to be in competition with other like communities for the same resources. Like in the Prisoner's Dilemma, over time, cooperation rather than competition creates the most benefit for everyone. This is because of leverage, economies of scale, and synergy. Coburg is doing pretty well on partnering, but it is a mindset we need to continually foster and feed.

7. Celebrate themselves. Who doesn't like a party?! Given our many festivals, parades, and concerts, Coburg is pretty good at this. But if you see something that warrants celebrating, let everyone know, and throw a party! And attend one, too.

Ms. McMullin also reminded us to communicate, communicate, communicate. Positive, constructive communication includes listening, as well as being considerate and respectful. It also includes voicing "the hard words," those words which are difficult to say, like challenging unfounded assertions, presenting an alternative perspective, proposing a new direction. Communities move in the direction of the stories they tell. Share your passions and those of others. Care about what the people around you care about. Like stones thrown in a pond, the ripple effects will extend far beyond our own actions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jae Pudewell", written in a cursive style.

Jae Pudewell
Mayor, City of Coburg

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

4th Wednesdays

GOLDEN YEARS 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

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

1st Thursdays

METROPOLITAN POLICY

COMMITTEE

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

Contact, Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

541-682-7871

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

JULY/AUGUST EVENTS

COBURG GOLDEN YEARS

Friday & Saturday, July 17th-18th

COBURG QUILT SHOW

Saturday July 25th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

COBURG CAR CLASSIC

Saturday August 1st 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Norma Pfeiffer Park

FOR SALE!!

The Coburg Community Grange has fifteen 8-ft tables for sale. They are the rectangular tables with formica tops and folding legs. Will sell individually (\$35) or all. If you buy all, they are \$30 each. They are in good shape. Call Alice at 541-746-8655 to see or for more information.



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