



Mayor Bell's DECEMBER UPDATE

December 2024

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is drawing to the grand finale and that another year has flown by! It's nearly 2025 but I still vividly remember the nervous anticipation as the year 2000 and the beginning of a new century approached - were all of our computers going to quit working, would we descend into chaos without working traffic signals, non-functioning ATMs, gas pumps, invalid credit cards, inoperable medical equipment and computer systems in our cars. Many of us were at our assigned posts not knowing what would happen when the year changed from 1999 to 2000. The clock struck midnight, and the world kept on as if nothing had changed and we all sighed with relief.

Each end of the year brings anticipation for the future and perhaps a feeling that we didn't meet the goals we had set personally or professionally. This is true in our community too, so I'd like to reflect on all the good things that happened in Coburg over the last twelve months.

We survived the January 2024 ice storm mostly intact! This was an unprecedented event that tested our systems and resiliency. People pulled together, city staff worked overtime and with other agencies to keep our community safe. For the majority of us the water kept running and our toilets functioning and this was because of well designed systems that were put to the test. We all learned valuable lessons to carry forward to the next unexpected event.



STREET CONSTRUCTION

Street construction on N Willamette/Macy/Harrison is complete. This was completed in part by a grant from the state. This project increases pedestrian safety, parking and stormwater management.

PAVILION PARK

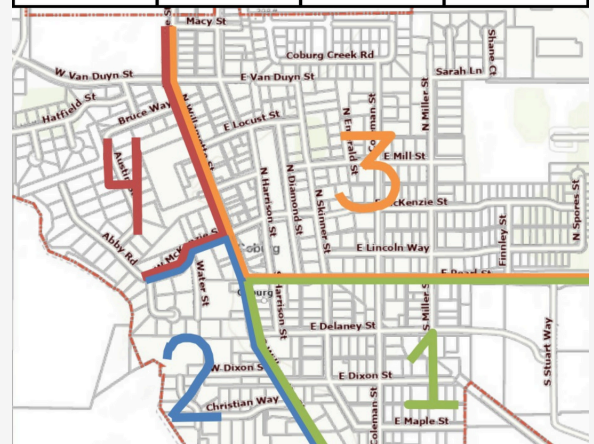
Phase 2 of Pavillion Park has wrapped up for the winter, but work will resume in the spring so the park can be open for events by the end of May and for all summer events.



LEAF PICK UP

Leaf pickup is underway and will continue into January by both Lane County and Coburg Public Works staff. I have also noticed that some of you collect leaves for garden mulch and others move piles into your yard waste bins, many neighbors help keep streets and pathways clear with leaf blowers. It really does take a village to maintain our beautiful town.

ZONE #1:	ZONE #2:	ZONE #3:	ZONE #4:
Est. Pick up Dec. 9-13	Est. Pick up Dec. 16-20	Est. Pick up Dec. 23-27	Est. Pick up Dec 30-Jan 3



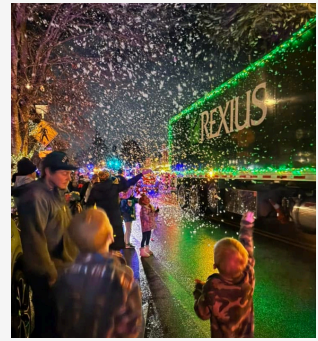


PUBLIC WORKS OPS BUILDING

A new equipment, storage and system monitoring building was recently completed next to the wastewater treatment plant. Public Works vehicles, equipment and inventory will be able to be stored and maintained in climate controlled environment, extending the use and life of our high value equipment.

CHRISTMAS IN COBURG

We had another wonderful Christmas in Coburg. I know this celebration was different than in previous years, but it was even better in many ways. The light parade was bigger and better, the food drive for the Pantry was a success, the holiday market was expanded to both the IOOF Hall and the Commons and the grange had a successful chili feed that sold out early. All of this was possible because of coordination of city staff, Main Street, Coburg Community Foundation, the Grange, the Fire District and countless dedicated volunteers. What a wonderful caring community we live in!



A big THANK YOU to all of you who volunteer on committees, commissions, organizations and special projects! We literally couldn't accomplish everything that makes Coburg so special without you.

WHAT'S COMING IN 2025?

- Finishing Pavilion Park
- Construction on Coleman to create a collector street for traffic flow
- A new water treat building, equip and transmission line to connect the newly completed 3rd well into our existing water system
- Street paving on N Industrial Way and extension of the loop path from Sarah Lane to Trails End Park



Come and join me on January 14 at 6pm for the State of the City presentation and stay for the City Council Meeting for a chance to meet both new and returning Councilors.

I'm sure I've forgotten many things, but I don't want to forget to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!

Goodbye until next year.

Your Mayor,
Nancy Bell



STATE OF THE CITY & CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 14th, 2025
at 6pm
Coburg City Hall