



### Welcome Coburg Police!!!

Beginning Feb 1st, Harrisburg residents are likely to see new patrol cars in town. The cities of Harrisburg and Coburg have entered into an agreement for Coburg police to provide up to 25 hours per month in supplemental traffic patrol and enforcement. This is a pilot program, extending at least through December of this year.

It is very important to note that the Coburg PD patrols will NOT be replacing, in any way, the work and activities of the Linn County Sheriff. Sheriff deputies will continue to do patrols, investigate crimes and be Harrisburg’s overall public safety provider. For any emergency residents should continue to use 911, or for general law enforcement questions, concerns, or to report a crime, call the Sheriff at 800-884-3911. Residents should not attempt to contact the City of Coburg or the Coburg PD. Traffic related matters can continue to be reported to the Sheriff’s ‘800’ phone number above, or Harrisburg City Hall (541-995-6655) during regular business hours.



The Coburg black and white patrol cars will show both ‘Coburg (and) Harrisburg’ on their doors. The Coburg officers will, of course, wear Coburg PD uniforms. Citizens cited for traffic violations will still be cited into the Harrisburg Municipal Court.

Numerous studies have shown a clear link between increased traffic patrols and enforcement with reduced traffic related fatalities and injuries, and overall help prevent crime. So, please welcome the Coburg officers as they begin their patrols here in Harrisburg.... even if you should be ‘pulled-over’!

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### Interim City Administrator’s Message

The year 2020 will see quite a bit of activity here in Harrisburg. There will be substantial improvements to Smith, LaSalle, Kesling and Fifth streets, (see article elsewhere). Work on substantial expansion and improvements to the city water system will begin (approved by the voters last year), as well as various downtown building rehab projects funded, in part, by the city’s Redevelopment Agency.

As the Interim City Administrator, I’m not sure how much longer I will continue here in Harrisburg. A new recruitment for a permanent administrator will open later this month, or early February. If that recruitment is successful, he/she could start in March or April.

I would urge readers of ‘Our Town’ to always feel free to ask questions or communicate concerns directly to me, our City Council members, or attend a City Council meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM, held at 354 Smith Street.

The City Council recently approved a zoning application that could result possibly in the development of a new Senior/Assisted Living facility on the north side of town. There are a variety of other private sector constructions projects that will probably begin this Spring or Summer.

### The Harrisburg City Council

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# OUR TOWN

## CITY SEEKS STREET IMPROVEMENT BIDS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> AND KESLING STREETS



At its January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Harrisburg City Council authorized city staff to seek bids to substantially improve Kesling Street from 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> streets, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> street from Kesling to LaSalle. Bids will be opened on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and likely awarded by the end of the month.

The approximately \$900,000 project will result in completely rebuilt streets, new water lines and storm drainage improvements. Public Works Director, Chuck Scholz reported that, ‘this project will not increase anyone’s taxes or impose costs on the property owners in the area. The city will be able to pay for this out of existing, dedicated funds held by the city. We hope to finish the project by September of this year. We will work with the contractor and property owners in the project area to minimize impacts during construction, but some inconvenience is unavoidable.’



For questions or more information contact Chuck Scholz at 541-995-6655.

### City Office Closures

City Hall will be closed on Presidents Day, Monday, February 17, 2020



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Sat February 15, 2020

2:00—4:00 pm

@ Harrisburg Christian Church

601 Smith St, Harrisburg, OR 97446

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Michele @ City Hall 541-995-6655  
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