

## ANNUAL REPORT COBURG CITY COUNCIL

2021

Honorable Mayor Smith and members of the Coburg City Council,

The Coburg Park & Tree Committee would like to share highlights of the past year. The committee was able to continue work parties by committee members, volunteers from the Coburg Crossings neighborhood led by Jennifer Rhea, and from other areas of our city.

Fourteen individuals volunteered ninety-four hours during 2021 to improve our parks.

Upon acceptance of the Donation Policy by Council, the city received donations of 2 trees, one for Pavilion Park and one for Norma Pheiffer Park and a bench which was placed in Norma Pheiffer Park in honor of a veteran.

Other improvements Included: two new spring toys in Norma Pheiffer, plantings of trees, shrubs, and flowers in Jacob Spores and pruning trees and shrubs in Norma Pheiffer and crabapple trees and shrubs at Pavilion. There was plenty of weeding done at Johnny Diamond, Pavilion, Norma Pheiffer and other open spaces. The committee coordinated with DariMart and the Grange to design and plant the beds at DariMart,

Designs were drawn by committee members for a Veteran's Memorial around the flag pole in Norma Pheiffer and for new tree plantings at Trail's End. The trees will be planted at Trail's End this Spring.

Currently, designs are being drawn for a grant proposal for Pavilion Park including the newly acquired land.

After citizen input regarding space for a pickle ball court, the committee decided half of the basketball court at Norma Pheiffer could be changed to include pickle ball.

Two pop up children's tables were added to the playgrounds at Norma Pheiffer and Johnny Diamond.

A representative from the East I-5 property under consideration for annexation attended one committee meeting. The committee shared concerns towards air pollution and urban heat and why investing in effective urban forestry, using permeable or reflective pavements, installing green or reflective roofs, and using smart growth practices are so important. The committee would like to see developers' policies regarding open spaces include these kinds of concepts.

A sub-committee is formulating ideas for the open space at Coburg Creek. We look forward to additional park space for citizens to enjoy. Warmer weather brings opportunities for park improvements. We welcome citizens to enjoy and help care for these wonderful spaces.

Mary Mosier, Chair, Park & Tree Committee