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AMBRE ENERGY/MORROW PACIFIC COAL EXPORT PROJECT

On December 5th the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold an informational meeting in Clatskanie to answer questions and hear comments about DEQ air and water permit applications for the proposed Ambre Energy/Morrow Pacific Coal Project. This event presents an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and make comments about the project. The DEQ meeting will begin at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at the Clatskanie High School Auditorium, 471 Bel Air Drive, Clatskanie. Morrow Pacific project staff will be available from 5 pm to 6 pm to answer questions prior to the DEQ meeting.

DON'T HAVE A LANDLINE? STILL WANT TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS --- FAST? REGISTER WITH C.A.N.

Some events are so urgent that the whole community needs to know about them - fast. In Columbia County, we have the Columbia Alert Network (C.A.N.) This automated emergency phoning system lets you know important information to protect yourself and your loved ones in rare instances like these:

- A hazardous chemical release or accident has occurred and noxious airborne contaminants are blowing in your direction
- A small child is lost in your community
- An armed and dangerous subject wanted by police is in your neighborhood

In this day and age, many households no longer have landlines. To receive C.A.N. notifications on your cellular phone, Voice over Internet Protocol or email, or in text form to devices capable of receiving text or e-mail messages, you must first register your number with your address. To register your number with your address, use the C.A.N. Registry at www.columbia911.com or complete the form contained on page 8 of this newsletter and return it the Columbia 9-1-1 District.

There is no need to use the registry for landline phone numbers - the C.A.N. system already has access to those numbers in Columbia County.

CHIEF'S CORNER

THEFT UPDATE: Thefts of unsecured property continue to occur within our city. Please take the time to lock vehicles which are parked during the evening hours, close and lock any garages or unattached storage buildings, and secure bicycles and other similar property for the night. Thieves watch out for you so please do the same for them and report any suspicious circumstances to the police department.

ARE YOU INTERESTED? Our department is researching interest in starting a police volunteer corps, separate from our department's police reserve program, for our community. This program will be geared toward support within the community for such programs as neighborhood watch, administrative support, and help with special events or projects. We would like to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering, as well as efforts that you feel are needed within our community. Please feel free to contact Chief Mike McGlothlin at (503) 397-4010 or mmcglothlin@columbia-city.org if you would like to participate.

The Police Department would like to request your continued support in being our eyes and ears in the community. Please feel free to contact us with any information that you feel would help us in keeping our community safe. We can be reached via 9-1-1 (emergency), at the office (503) 397-4010 (non-emergency), or through C-COM (non-emergency dispatch) at (503) 397-1521.

Stay safe ~ Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

FLU SEASON INFORMATION

Flu season looms! To prepare for flu season, vaccine is in and the community can schedule flu shots by calling the main Public Health Foundation number, (503) 397-4651, extension 2023. The Centers for Disease Control recommends flu vaccine for all people six months of age and older. Flu season is traditionally October through May and the vaccine takes two weeks for protection to develop after the shot. By getting flu vaccine you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. Shots are offered at \$20.

HOW TO SHELTER IN PLACE DURING A CHEMICAL OR RADIATION EMERGENCY

What Shelter-in-Place Means: One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe while remaining indoors - at times when an evacuation would be more risky. Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building.

Why You Might Need to Shelter-in-Place: Chemical, biological or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally or intentionally into the environment. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities by television and radio stations and possibly by telephone alert systems such as CAN (Columbia Alert Network) on how to

protect you and your family. The important thing is for you to follow the instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-inplace. If you are told to shelter in place, follow these instructions.



How to Shelter-in-Place:

- Stay calm.
- Bring children and pets indoors immediately.
- Close and lock all windows and outside doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Gather disaster supplies and battery powered radio
- Go to an interior room ideally without windows. In the case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air, and may seep into basements even if the windows are closed.
- If possible, use duct tape and plastic sheeting or wet towels to seal doors, windows, vents and exhaust fans.
- Listen to the radio or TV for emergency instructions and Shelter-In-Place until you are told all is safe.
- If you have symptoms of exposure or other emergency call 9-1-1 immediately.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 for information.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We frequently find that the phone numbers we have

listed on our utility accounts are no longer valid. It is very important that we have current contact information on file for you. We may need to call you to:



- Let you know about a water leak we discovered while reading your meter, or
- Notify you of a temporary street closure that will impact your access, or
- Let you know your water will be shut off due to a waterline break or other repair work, or
- Let you know your dog was spotted near Highway 30, or
- Contact you in the event of an emergency.

For whatever the reason, we hope we have your current contact information in our records when we attempt to call you. If your work phone number has changed, or you have a new cell phone or home telephone number, please keep us informed so we can update our records. To update your contact information, please email the information to colcity@columbia-city.org, stop by City Hall, or drop us a note with your water bill payment.



COLUMBIA HUMANE SOCIETY - NEEDS YOU!

Columbia Humane Society (CHS) is looking for a few good people to serve as volunteers and board Past experience with animals is not necessary. Applicants must be good-natured and have good communication skills. Interested persons need to fill out a Volunteer Application at the Columbia Humane Society to get started. CHS is looking for clerical, data-entry and grant-writing volunteers. The out-going personality may be interested in marketing, volunteer coordinating or fundraising. If care giving is your nature, you may want to learn how to foster. The CHS needs you! For more information call (503) 397-4353 or go to the following link website: www.columbiahumane.org/volunteer.php.

FOUND ITEMS

The following items were found recently and turned into City Hall.

- Verizon cell phone found on the corner of Tahoma & Pacific Streets.
- Leather jacket found on Fifth Street between "I" and "J" Street.

Do any of these items belong to you? If so, please contact City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010.

CHRISTMAS SHIPS

The Christmas Ship Parade will visit Columbia City on **Saturday, December 8th**. The ships will assemble at the St. Helens City docks at 6 pm and motor downriver to Columbia City. Both the Columbia and Willamette Fleets will be in the parade! The Christmas ships will be out approximately two hours, will stay overnight at the St. Helens City docks and leave Sunday morning via the Multnomah Channel.

<u>Caples House Christmas Ship Party:</u> Watch the Christmas Ships at The Caples House, located at 1915 First Street, in Columbia City and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, and singing as the ships pass by on Saturday, December 8, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m.



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- Signs shall not be attached to a utility pole or placed within any public right-of-way (unless specifically approved by the City Council). Signs placed in the public right-of-way or on Cityowned real property may be immediately removed by the City without prior notice to the owner of the sign.
- Animals dogs, cats and other pets may not run at large. Owners must have complete control, by adequate leash, of their animals at all times while the animals are off the owners premises, and owners must pick up after their pets.
- It is unlawful to keep an animal that makes loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise that annoys and or disturbs the comfort and peace of others.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SAFE KIDS CAR SEAT EVENT

Columbia County Safe Kids will be holding a child safety seat checkup event on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at the St. Helens Fire Station, 105 S. 12th Street, St., Helens, from 4 pm to 6 pm.

The clinic provides an opportunity to have a child safety seat checked by a certified technician who is trained to correct misuse, help with installation, teach you how to correctly install the seat, and check for seat recalls. The clinic services are free to the public.

Child safety seats are also available to low-income families at a reduced cost while supplies last. Questions? Call (503) 397-7211 or ACTS Oregon Child Safety Resource Center 1 (877) 793-2608.

MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have an emergency kit available and ready to go. Consider these items for your emergency kit:

- 1. "Special needs" items for the family, such as formula and supplies for infants, items for older people or those with disabilities.
- 2. First aid supplies.
- 3. Prescription meds for members of the household.
- 4. Flashlight and battery powered radio.
- Sleeping bag and extra shoes.
- 6. Water and food. A gallon of water per person per day. Canned and dried foods are easy to store.
- 7. Tools (duct tape, garbage bags, manual can opener, hammer, screwdrivers, scissors, etc.)
- Cash.
- 9. Cell phone if available.
- 10. Snacks.
- 11. Reading materials and games.
- 12. Pet supplies.
- 13. Towels.



RESOURCES FOR WINTER TRAVEL

ODOT offers travel information via the Internet, by phone, and on cable TV. Visit ODOT'S travel information website at www.TripCheck.com. In addition to text-based reports, the site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes, and other key locations

throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and trouble spots and include information about weather, road construction, and maintenance work and traffic incidents.

In the Portland area, a speed map provides average travel times for local commuters and other highway users. You can also develop a custom camera page to check specific routes at a glance. The QuickCheck page brings camera and incident information together in a text-based format for easy access.

TripCheck.com has links to bus, airport, train, bicycle and truckina information. mileage calculator allows you estimate distance and choose the most direct route. Other features include detailed information scenic byways.



safety rest areas, and SnoParks. Motorists can access winter driving information at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/winterdriving.shtml. Topics include preparation for stormy conditions, driving in the rain, low-visibility driving, chains and traction tires, road conditions and travel information.

Travelers in Oregon can dial 511 to access TripCheck road and weather information by phone. You can select updated reports about driving conditions by highway, mountain pass, or major city from easy-to-use menus. The 511 system responds to voice as well as touch-tone commands. Calls to 511 are local calls when dialed from a pay or wire line phone. Wireless phone users are responsible for airtime and roaming charges according to their service contracts. If you cannot use 511, call toll-free 1 (800) 977-6368 for road and weather information. Outside Oregon, call (503) 588-2941.

FIRE SAFETY

Each year, fires take lives and burn numerous structures resulting in mounting costs that have enormous impact on families, communities and businesses. Fires also have devastating impacts on the environment and wildlife. Below is a list of zero and low cost safety precaution measures you can take to protect your home and workplace:

Candles:

- Ensure candles are in sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down. Most importantly, keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Never leave the house with candles burning and never leave burning candles unattended.

Electrical:

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- When buying electrical appliances look for products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.

Gas:

- When lighting a gas fireplace or gas space heater, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.
- Never use a gas range as a substitute for a furnace or space heater.

Additional Tips:

- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop for use only on small fires. If there is a large fire, leave immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- If you use candles, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT October - November 2012

See below for the department's activity during the most recent reporting period. Please feel free to contact me, or any of your police officers, with feedback or further questions that you may have.

Stay safe ~ Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

ACTIVITY REPORT: Your police officers answered 330 calls for service during the past reporting period. Although many of these calls were self-initiated by officers of this department, we have summarized below both significant community policing and criminal investigations that we have conducted. Additionally, within the reporting period we have conducted investigations and/or arrests in the following types of cases: Fraud, Motor Vehicle Crashes, and Theft.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 108

Area Patrols: 20 Foot Patrols: 4 Assist the Public: 6

Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 1

Radio Calls: 64

Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 2

Assistance to Outside Agencies: 8

Juvenile Situations: 1 Parking Violations: 3 Animal Complaints: 4 Civil Situations: 1

Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 42

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 3

Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles

and Prowler Calls: 6 Traffic Stops: 20 Theft Investigations: 3 Fraud Investigations: 1 Traffic Crashes: 2

Domestic/Disturbance Calls: 2

CALLS OF INTEREST:

- 1. Theft investigation in the 2200 block of Second Street on 10/23/12 Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
- 2. Theft investigation in the 1900 block of Third Street on 10/29/12 Investigation closed as unfounded.
- Attempted Fraud investigation in the 600 block of "H" Street on 11/06/12 – Investigation remains

open.

4. Theft investigation in the 1800 block of Fourth Street on 11/26/12 – Investigation remains open.



BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER

Now is the time of year to renew business licenses for the new 2013 year. Be advised that late fees or penalties may apply if the license is not purchased prior to starting work. Business license applications are available on our website at www.columbia-city.org. If you have any questions about business licenses please contact City Hall.

HOLIDAY LIGHT SAFETY TIPS

Decorating your home with indoor and outdoor lights brings a festive glow to the holidays. However, when used improperly, these decorations can result in fire or serious injury. Following a few simple guidelines from the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission will ensure that the holidays remain



joyous and safe for your family and neighbors:

- Before using lights outdoors, check the label to be sure they are certified for outdoor use.
- Unplug lights before replacing burned-out bulbs.
- Check for frayed or bare wires and throw away damaged sets.
- Keep plugs and connections away from sources of water, like puddles and snow.
- Know your circuits' limits and don't overload the system.
- Stay away from power lines leading from utility poles.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls, or other firm supports to prevent wind damage.
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

CITY SOLICITS APPLICANTS FOR COMPREHENVISE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

The City Council is soliciting applications from interested citizens to serve on a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. The Committee will meet monthly beginning in January to review the current City Comprehensive Plan and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council for amendments. Applications to serve are available on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org or may be picked up at City Hall. Interested citizens should submit a completed application by December 31, 2012.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are on the verge of having 10,000 books in our library! We are happy with our new location. If you haven't visited us since we moved, come in and see us! We will have some of the beautiful bazaar items

available until Christmas. We have some lovely ornaments, doll quilts, bookmarks, and purses. We are trying to keep our sale bookshelf full of recent interesting books that the library doesn't need, so check that out.



We have two tables in the library that you can use for meetings or just reading while you are there. Visit the library and make use of your local resources!

Some recent books we've added to the library include:

- The Spellmans Strike Again by Lisa Lutz
- Hypothermia by Arnaldur Indridason
- Naughty in Nice by Rhys Bowen
- Northwest Angle by William Kent Krueger
- The Night Season by Chelsea Cain
- Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny
- ❖ A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness
- The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York by Deborah Blum

Keep the library in mind when you get those subscription renewal forms that offer a free subscription to someone else when you renew. Hint, hint! We can always use magazine subscriptions. And we'd love to have you stop by and see what we have!

Note that the library will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and there are no scheduled meetings for December.

Story Time:

11 AM every Monday
Friends of the Library Meeting:
No Meeting Planned
Novel Quilters Meeting:
No Meeting Planned
Mystery Book Group:
No Meeting Planned

Library Closed: Monday, December 24 & 31

Staffed Hours:

Monday 10 am – 2 pm Wednesday 4 pm – 8 pm Thursday 2 pm – 6 pm

Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street, PO Box 189 Columbia City OR 97018 (503) 366-8020 ccclibrary@live.com

KEEPING CATS INDOORS

According to the National Audubon Society and the Seattle Audubon Society, predation by cats is a leading threat to birds and wildlife in urban and suburban areas. By keeping your cats indoors, you help protect local wildlife, and you help your cat lead a longer, healthier life.

Cat facts:

- Outdoor cats (both companion animals and strays) kill millions of songbirds and small mammals per year.
- Cats are not a natural part of ecosystems: they compete with native predators.
- Cats transmit diseases to wildlife.
- ✓ Even well fed cats hunt and kill wildlife.
- Bells do not prevent cats from killing wildlife.
- Interrupting an attack by a cat usually does not allow the prey to escape and live.
- √ Indoor cats live three times longer, on average, than outdoor cats.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SHOP WITH A COP DONORS

We'd like to extend a very special thank you to this year's Shop with a Cop sponsors:

Wal-Mart
NRO Charitable Giving/General Mills
Fultano's Pizza
Private Citizens

It's not too late to donate to this year's Shop with a Cop program! Donations may be delivered to City Hall by 5 p.m. on December 7th.

AFTER HOUR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

When City Hall and Public Works offices are closed and an urgent water or sewer situation arises, call the following after-hours emergency number:

(503) 397-1521

The dispatcher will contact the appropriate person to respond to the situation.

FIRES AT HOME

Be Aware. Fire is the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury and death in the United States. It also ranks as the first cause of death in the home for children under the age of 15.

Prepare.

- ✓ Install working smoke alarms that have long-life lithium batteries and a hush button on each level of your home (on the ceiling, inside each bedroom, in the basement, near but not in the kitchen).
- Check smoke alarms once a month by pressing the test button. If alarm doesn't sound, replace battery immediately. Change batteries yearly

- unless using lithium batteries. Replace smoke alarms after ten years of use.
- ✓ Make an escape plan. Identify two exits from every room in your home.
- ✓ Agree on a reunion site immediately outside of the house where family members will meet.
- ✓ Remind everyone to exit quickly and call 9-1-1 from a safe location away from the home.
- ✓ Practice crawling out of the home with your eyes shut. Heavy smoke and poisonous gases make it hard to see and breathe. Staying low increases your chance of escape.

Respond.

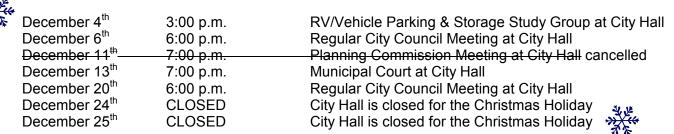
Escape: If you are in a building and smell smoke or see fire, get out quickly and call 9-1-1 from a safe place.

- ✓ Sleep with bedroom doors closed. If the smoke alarm sounds, crawl to the door; the freshest air will be closer to the floor.
- Before opening a door in a burning building, kneel down and check the air coming under the door and also feel the door handle and door with the back of your hand. If the air, handle and door are cool and you don't smell smoke, kneel behind the door while you open it just a little with your face turned away from the opening. Listen and smell for fire and smoke. If smoke is present, use another exit.
- ✓ Close doors behind you as you leave.
- ✓ Use a stairway, NOT AN ELEVATOR, to escape from a burning building.

If You're Trapped by Fire and Heavy Smoke:

- ✓ Stay low under the smoke and close the doors between you and the fire.
- Open a window slightly and hang something out of it (like a shirt of towel) to attract attention.
- ✓ Stay low and leave the window slightly open for ventilation.
- ✓ If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, cover your face, drop to the ground and roll back and forth. STOP. DROP AND ROLL!!

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2012



COLUMBIA 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT COLUMBIA ALERT NETWORK REGISTRY

To receive emergency notifications on your cellular phone, Voice over Internet Protocol or email, or in text form to devices capable of receiving text or e-mail messages, you must first register your number with your address. Please complete this form and mail to:

Name:______ Business or residence?_____

Street Address:

CAN Alternate Contact Registry Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District PO Box 998, St. Helens, OR 97051

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