

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE TO OUR CITIZENS FROM DYNO NOBEL

If you've driven by Dyno Nobel's Deer Island facility recently, you may have noticed something is happening. The company is undergoing a scheduled plant turnaround, meaning the plant is temporarily and safely undergoing a shut down so that workers can begin a very thorough inspection and maintenance process before restarting the facility. Currently, the restart is set for completion in mid-July, 2012.

Company spokesperson Jodi Morgan stated that the company spends millions of dollars to do this in order to take a close look at each piece of equipment and supporting systems. This can be very difficult unless the operations are shut down as portions of the plant's equipment are often completely dismantled, repaired or even upgraded.

The turnaround is no small task. Teams start the planning phase more than a year in advance and carefully oversee each step through completion. The turnaround will result in more than \$13 million dollars of local expenditures -- including the hiring of many local contractors and temporary workers -- to complete this behemoth task on time and in line with the company's strict safety standards. Morgan stated that the company takes safety very seriously, including its employees, contractors and neighbors. According to Morgan, "Care for the Community and our Environment is an important Dyno Nobel company value."

So, if you happen to drive by the plant in June and July, you may see extra vehicles, people and activity. Just know that this is business as usual, even if "usual" in this case means temporarily shutting down. "Just as you can't work on a car engine while it's running, you must shut down a plant to complete routine maintenance. There is no better way to keep a plant running safely and effectively", Morgan stated.

Dyno Nobel, a subsidiary of Australian-based chemical producer Incitec Pivot Ltd., is one of the largest explosives manufacturers in the world. The Deer Island facility sits just off U.S. Highway 30 just 3 miles north of St. Helens and produces agricultural-grade nitrogen fertilizers and chemicals used to reduce pollution from diesel engines and power plants. The facility employs approximately 65 people.

If you have questions about Dyno Nobel, please contact Jodi Morgan at (801) 328-6511.

💧 WATER CONSERVATION TIP 💧

In the yard, use a nozzle on garden hoses that can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray. When finished, shut water off at the house instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks. Consider installing a water-saving drip irrigation system to provide a slow steady supply of water to the garden and shrubbery.



CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Two City Council positions will be filled by the voters during the November 6, 2012 General Election. Qualified electors who have resided within the City since November 6, 2011, may run for office. Nominating petitions are available at City Hall. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and must be filed with the City Administrator by 5:00 pm on August 23, 2012. The positions are for a term of four years.



OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The Caples House Museum is hosting an ice cream social July 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a sing-along and music provided by the Yankton Grangers. Ice cream sundaes available for \$2.50. The Daughters of the American Revolution invite you to **come join in the fun!**

GOOD DEED ACKNOWLEDGED

We'd like to extend a special "thank you" to the citizen that found a drivers' license, debit card, and various other items and dropped them off at City Hall. The items were successfully returned to their owner.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be moving to the portable on the Columbia City School grounds at the beginning of August.

We will close the library to pack after



Thursday, July 26. Saturday July 28 we will pack up everything, and then the bookcases and books will be moved Saturday August 4. Saturday August 11 we will get the library ready to reopen. We expect to be open again on Monday, August 13. You can help! Even if you aren't available on the Saturdays to help pack or move, you can check out extra books during the month of July. If every family that has used the library in the last two years checked out 20 books, we could have half our books checked out. Check out lots at the old location, then bring them back to the new location after we open again.

Because we will have lots more space at the new portable, we will be buying some additional bookcases. We'll need a crew to put them together Saturday August 4. We will need lots of help packing, moving, and setting up again. Pickup trucks, tools, and hand trucks will be needed. So come either or all three Saturdays, we will start at 8 am but if you can't be there at 8, show up when you can! We will have pop and pizza on August 4 as added incentive for our volunteers!

On Monday, July 16, we will hold Summertime at the Library to promote our summer reading program. Come by at 11:30 am for popsicles or ice cream, and do a Glow in the Dark craft. We will be drawing for gift cards to the St. Helens Book Shop at the end of the summer for those who have kept their reading log and put stars on our dark sky wall.

We will be holding a T-Shirt design contest during July for the library. Rules: No larger than 8x11. Line drawing, not colored. Turn in to city hall or the library by August 1. The winner will get a free T-shirt. We will print the T-shirts and sell them at this year's Columbia City Celebration.

Our Friends of the Library Treasurer will resign at the end of this year (August) so we are looking for someone who is willing to serve as our treasurer. Please contact the library if you are willing to serve.

Library Hours

Monday 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesday 4 pm - 8 pm
Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Story Time:

Every Monday at 11 am

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, July 23 at 6:30 pm

Planning Meeting:

Monday, July 23 at 7 pm

Summertime treats at the Library:

Monday, July 16 at 11:30 am

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, July 25 at 7 pm

Last day library is open at current location:

Thursday, July 26 from 2 pm - 6 pm

Packing:

Saturday, July 28 from 8 am - ??

T-shirt contest designs due:

Wednesday, August 1

Moving Day:

Saturday, August 4 from 8 am - ??

Library reopens:

Monday, August 13 at 10 am

Columbia City Community Library

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CAPLES MUSEUM – NEWS RELEASE

The Caples Museum Building and Grounds Committee would like to acknowledge our faithful donors that help us financially to support the Caples House Museum and Grounds.

The following people have enabled us to continue our work bringing Columbia County history alive:

- Ms. Carol Campbell
- Mrs. Barbara Wray
- Mrs. Diane Wheatly
- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bigelow
- Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Mills
- Ms. Nancy Cutler
- Mrs. Susan Owen
- Mrs. Phyllis Kingman
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gordon
- Miss Rachel and Miss Rebecca Freitag

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT MAY - JUNE, 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 341 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: Assault, Burglary, Harassment, Theft, Threats, and Warrant Services.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 24
Area Patrols: 18
Foot Patrols: 4
Assist the Public: 14
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 4
Radio Calls: 117
Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 3
Juvenile Situations: 2
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 4
Welfare Check: 1
Parking Complaints/Violations: 2

Traffic Complaints: 2
Alarm Calls: 4
Animal Complaints: 2
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 110

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 15
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles and Prowler Calls: 16
Traffic Stops: 25
Burglary: 3
Theft Investigations: 3
Harassment: 3
Traffic Crash/Hit & Run Investigations: 3
Domestic/Disturbance Investigations: 1
Warrant Services: 3

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Burglary and Theft investigation in the 400 block of Weown Court on 05/29/12 – Investigation completed with leads exhausted.
2. Hit and Run in the Highway 30 area near Pacific Street on 06/06/12 – Suspect identified, located, and charges referred to the District Attorney's Office.
3. Unauthorized Entry to Motor Vehicle and Theft investigation in the 1800 block of Fifth Street on 06/11/12 – Investigation remains active.
4. Burglary investigation in the 1600 block of Fourth Street on 06/12/12. Investigation complete with suspect identified, located, and arrested.
5. Burglary and Theft investigation in the 1600 block of Fourth Street on 06/21/12. Investigation completed with suspect identified, located, and arrested.
6. Warrant investigation in the 700 block of James Street on 06/26/12. Suspect located and arrested.

HELP WANTED MUSEUM CARETAKER

Conscientious, friendly manager of a small museum complex to give tours, book events and keep up the grounds. Interested parties can contact Terry Maloney after July 2nd at 503-366-4010.



**CHIEF'S CORNER
THANK YOU**

We would like to thank all citizens that participated in the recent survey regarding city services, specifically your comments regarding the police department. With your help we have identified areas where we are meeting your expectations, as well as areas that we want to improve upon. Please feel free to contact me at the department with any specific concerns, questions, or suggestions that you may have.

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 your thoughts, questions, or any information that you feel would help us in keeping our community safe. We can be reached via 9-1-1 (emergency), (503) 397-4010 (office), or (503) 397-1521 (non-emergency dispatch).

Stay safe, Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

DO WE KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU?



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. Call City Hall 503-397-4010 or you may email the information to colcity@columbia-city.org



WANT TO RENT THE COMMUNITY HALL?

Need a place to play basketball or volleyball? How about host a birthday party, wedding reception, baby shower, reunion, rummage sale, or wine and cheese tasting? The Community Hall has a gym floor, basketball hoops, and a net for volleyball. There's also a supply of tables and chairs, as well as a stage. The kitchen is equipped with a stove, oven, microwave, sink and refrigerator. Come check it out and book your next event!

Community Hall Rental Rates:

\$17.50 per hour

\$175.00 per day

Rentals involving food & beverages: \$30.00 fee

Rentals involving beer, wine or liquor: \$200.00 fee

Contact City Hall in Columbia City for availability and additional information.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2012

July 4	CLOSED	City Hall is closed for Independence Day
July 5	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
July 9	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at City Hall
July 10	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 17	7:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
July 19	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
July 24	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall