

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The Columbia City Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the proposed budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 4, 2012, at the City Hall or viewed on our website at www.columbia-city.org. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.



The Budget Committee will also hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed use of revenue sharing funds during the 2012-13 fiscal year

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Sidewalks: Please don't block sidewalks with vehicles, garbage cans, basketball hoops, or toys. Please keep sidewalks free of gravel, yard clippings, weeds, mud, and other debris. Owners of property adjacent to sidewalks are responsible for sidewalk maintenance.

Streets: Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris should not be deposited on the City streets.

Grass and weeds: Between April 15th and September 30th each year, weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits.

Please report violators to the City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010 or e-mailing colcity@columbia-city.org. Thank you!

CHIEF MCGLOTHLIN HONORED WITH DPSST EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE

Columbia City Police Chief, Michael McGlothlin, will be presented with multiple certifications from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) during the May 3, 2012 City Council Meeting. His recent accomplishments include acquiring the DPSST Advanced Certificate, Supervisory Certificate, Management Certificate, and Executive Certificate. The Executive Certificate is the highest level DPPST certificate available. The award of these certificates culminates hundreds of hours of DPSST approved professional development and executive level training, many years of college education, and extensive law enforcement experience inclusive of management level employment. Chief McGlothlin's certification achievements reflect his steadfast dedication to the law enforcement profession and the citizens of the City of Columbia City. According to Mayor Cheryl Young, "Chief McGlothlin's accomplishments validate the Columbia City Council's choice for our City's first full-time Chief of Police, and we are very proud of him."

💧 WATER CONSERVATION TIP 💧

Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.



CHIEF'S CORNER

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

In this edition of the City Newsletter we have included a citizen survey regarding service from the police department. We look forward to your input on how we are doing our job, as well as seeking your input in how we can improve. Please take the time to complete this survey and share your thoughts with us. No suggestion, critique, or feedback is unimportant and we appreciate any information that you would share!

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!!! We have experienced a recent increase in theft within our community. The majority of these crimes have occurred as a result of either vehicles being left unlocked, or personal property being left outside overnight unsecured. Please take the time to make sure that your vehicles are locked for the evening, that your bicycles and other property are securely stored, and that garages and/or storage buildings are locked as well. Do not give a thief the opportunity



to easily take your property! Additionally, please report any unusual or suspicious circumstances that you may observe.

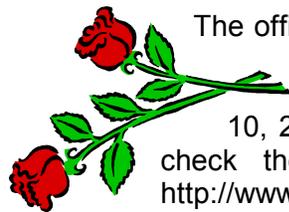
The Police Department would like to request your continued support in being our eyes and ears in the community. Please feel free to contact us with your thoughts, questions, or any information that you feel would help us in keeping our community safe. We can be reached via 9-1-1 (emergency), (503) 397-4010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

Stay safe, Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

RELAY FOR LIFE – GARAGE SALE

Relay For Life Team Columbia River Auto Glass is holding its 3rd Annual Garage Sale fundraiser at the Columbia City Community Hall on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday May 20th! Sale hours will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations now being accepted - contact Tricia at (503) 438-4106 or e-mail her at tricia@columbiariverautoglass.com and she will gladly arrange pickup. You may also drop off donations on the opening day of the sale by noon. Receipts for charitable donations will be provided upon request.

ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK



The official dates for the Rose Festival Fleet Week are Wednesday, June 6 through Sunday, June 10, 2012. For additional information check the Rose Festival website at <http://www.rosefestival.org/events/fleet/>.

CAPLES HOUSE BRUNCH

The Caples House will host a brunch honoring Mothers on Saturday, May 5th at 11 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Please call (503) 397-4390 to purchase tickets by May 2nd.

Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

*Community Hall
1850 Second Street
Saturday, May 5th - 10 AM - 4 PM*

DELUXE WATER SAVING HOSE NOZZLES \$6.00 EACH



Purchase your deluxe 10-spray water saving hose nozzles just in time for the season! Available for purchase at City Hall for \$6.00 each.

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT
March - April 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

Your police officers answered 313 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, Harassment, Theft, Criminal Mischief, Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicles, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY

Residential Security Checks: 12
Area Patrols: 13
Foot Patrols: 3
Assist the Public: 10
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 2
Radio Calls: 168
Noise Complaints: 2
Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 2
Juvenile Situations: 2
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 5
911 Hang Up: 1
Missing Juveniles/Juvenile Investigations: 3
Parking Complaints/Violations: 6
Traffic Complaints: 2
Alarm Calls: 1
Civil Situations: 1
Reserve Police Officer Hours worked: 94

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 12
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles and Prowler Calls: 4
Traffic Stops: 38
Theft Investigations: 5
Harassment: 2
Criminal Mischief: 4
Traffic Crash/Hit & Run Investigations: 2
Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle: 3
Domestic/Disturbance Investigations: 4
Warrant Services: 1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 1

DHS Investigations: 1
Fraud Investigations: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. DHS investigation in the 1600 block of Seventh Street on 03/22/12 – Investigation completed with case determined as unfounded.
2. Theft and Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle investigation in the 2700 block of Sixth Street on 03/29/12 – Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
3. Warrant arrest on Highway 30 near "L" Street on 03/31/12 – Suspect identified, located, and arrested.
4. Criminal Mischief investigation in the 300 block of "L" Street on 04/04/12 – Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
5. Criminal Mischief and Harassment investigation in the 1700 block of Second Street on 04/10/12. Juvenile suspect identified, located, and arrested. Custody transferred to Columbia County Juvenile Department.
6. Fraud investigation in the 2000 block of The Strand on 04/11/12. Investigation completed with case determined as unfounded.
7. Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle, Theft, and Criminal Mischief investigation in the 2900 block of Fifth Street on 04/16/12. Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
8. Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle and Theft investigation in the 400 block of Weown Court on 04/16/12. Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
9. Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle, Theft, and Criminal Mischief investigation in the 400 block of Weown Court on 04/16/12. Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
10. Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle investigation in the 400 block of "C" Street on 04/18/12. Investigation completed with the suspect identified and located; suspect already jailed on a previous arrest. Additional charges referred to the Columbia and Polk County District Attorney's Offices.
11. Theft investigation in the 1800 block of Second Street on 04/18/12. Investigation completed with case closed as leads exhausted.
12. Arrest for Driving While Suspended/Revoked (Misdemeanor) in the area of Highway 30 near Pacific Street on 04/21/12. Suspect arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

**RENT THE COMMUNITY HALL
FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!!**



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.

COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCE & JOB FAIR

The Oregon Employment Department and MTC Works will hold a Resource and Job Fair for job seekers and employers on Tuesday, May 22nd. The event will be held in the Columbia River Foursquare Church, 555 Commons Drive, St. Helens, and will be open for Veteran's from noon to 1 p.m., and for the General Public from 1 to 4 p.m.

**ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT
A GREAT SUCCESS!**

We would like to thank the many volunteers, sponsors, and City staff members that made the Columbia City Spring Clean Up Event a great

success!!! Special thanks to our site volunteers, Sheila Bauer, Sally Ann Marson, Don Cross, Karl Johnson, Dezaray Johnson, and Jessy Johnson! Kudos to our City staff, Helen Johnson and Andrew Nollette, for their participation at the site. And a big thank you to our site sponsors - this event would not be possible without their continued support and participation:

Beaver Bark
Columbia County Community Corrections Dept.
Columbia County Transfer Station
Junk It Store It
Hudson Garbage Service
Hudson Portable Toilet Service
Les Schwab Tire Center - St. Helens
St. Helens School District
South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Stan's Refrigeration
Waste Management

SEWER SMART TIPS

Sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle three types of waste products:

- ✓ Used water
- ✓ Human body waste
- ✓ Toilet paper

You can help prevent unwanted sewer backups and keep your sanitary sewer working properly by following these simple Dos and Don'ts!

Do's:

- *Do* collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- *Do* place food scraps in the garbage for disposal with solid waste.
- *Do* place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste.

Don'ts:

- *Don't* pour grease, fats and oil from cooking down the drain.
- *Don't* use the sewer to dispose of food scraps.
- *Don't* use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage and chemicals.
- *Don't* use the toilet to dispose of diapers, plastic gloves or personal hygiene products. These items do not belong in the sewer systems.

Important note: Violators may be subject to civil penalties, suspension of service, damages, court costs, attorney's fees and more!

LIBRARY NEWS

The library's new location is still up in the air, but we expect to move before the end of June. The basement at the Knapp Center (part of the Caples House complex) has been approved by the board of the Caples House. We are also talking to the St. Helens School District about using one of the portables on the Columbia City School grounds. We don't know whether that will be possible, or affordable. As soon as we know which option will work, we will sign leases and schedule the move. We expect the library to be closed for two weeks to a month while we pack and move and get set up again. Before we move, we would like to ask all our patrons to check out lots of books, so that there will be less books to pack and move. Watch for signs at the library for our move schedule. It goes without saying, we will need lots of volunteer help! And boxes!



Our next **Book Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Hall. We will do setup from 8 to 10 that morning, so show up bright and early ready to work! And buy lots of books! The book donations are continuing to flow in – including at least four boxes of quilting and needlework books. We'll have a great selection of over 4000 books again!

We received the 44 new hardcover children's books from our Libri Foundation grant. We will have to process them, and will have a celebration of our children's area in our new location – look for details to come.



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 interested.

The Novel Quilters showed seven quilts based on Geraldine Brooks' book *People of the Book*. Beautiful! *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson is our next book. Award-winning Norwegian novelist Petterson renders the meditations of Trond Sander, a man nearing 70, dwelling in self-imposed exile at the eastern edge of Norway in a primitive cabin. Trond's peaceful existence is interrupted by a meeting with his only neighbor, who seems familiar. The meeting pries loose a memory from a summer day in 1948 when Trond's friend Jon suggests they go out and steal horses. That distant summer is transformative for Trond as he reflects on the fragility of life while discovering secrets about his father's wartime activities. The past also looms in the present: Trond realizes that his neighbor, Lars, is Jon's younger brother, who "pulls aside the fifty years with a lightness that seems almost indecent." Trond becomes immersed in his memory, recalling that summer that shaped the course of his life while, in the present, Trond and Lars prepare for the winter, allowing Petterson to dabble in parallels both bold and subtle. Petterson coaxes out of Trond's reticent, deliberate narration a story as vast as the Norwegian tundra. (*June Publisher's Weekly*)

Story Time:

11 a.m. every Monday

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, May 14 - 7 p.m.

Lincoln's Assassination and the Capture of John Wilkes Booth:

Saturday, May 19 - 1 p.m.

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, May 16 - 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, May 30 - 7 p.m.

Staffed Library Hours:

Monday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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**HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**



Is your house in need of repairs? Low-income homeowners may now be eligible for **no-interest, deferred payment loans!** The funds may be used to complete the following housing rehabilitation projects:

- ⇒ Update electrical, plumbing or sewer
- ⇒ Replace or update heat source
- ⇒ Replace roof, doors, windows
- ⇒ Structural repairs
- ⇒ Foundation repairs
- ⇒ Energy saving measures

In order to qualify, you must be a homeowner, meet income and property guidelines, and live in the dwelling to be repaired. Loan funds are limited! Please contact the Community Action Team, Inc., at (503) 397-1675 for additional information and/or loan applications.

**STREET LIGHTS
OUT OR BLINKING?**
Please report street lights in need of repair to City Hall.
Call (503) 397-4010
or send an e-mail to colcity@columbia-city.org.

LOST AND FOUND

A scooter was found in Harvard Park about a month ago. If you think it may belong to you, please contact City Hall - (503) 397-4010.



PERMIT / BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER

Planning to hire a contractor to help you with a repair or project around the house? If so, please make sure the contractor has a current 2012 business license to do work within the City of Columbia City. Most City business licenses expire December 31st of each year.

Also, whether you're hiring a contractor or planning



to do the work yourself, please remember that many types of projects require a permit. For building, plumbing and mechanical permit information, call City Hall at (503) 397-4010. For electrical permit information, contact Columbia County

Land Development Services at (503) 397-1501. Construction work is limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., although a resident may perform construction activities around their home until 8:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2012

May 3 rd	6 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 5 th	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Columbia City Friends of the Library BOOK SALE at the Community Hall
May 8 th	6 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 8 th	7 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting - Cancelled
May 10 th	7 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 14 th	7 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
May 17 th	6 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 22 nd	5 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 28 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day



Question 2:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Police Department?
Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 3)

B. If you answered yes to Question 2A, please indicate the nature of the contact:
_____ Criminal Complaint
_____ Traffic Complaint
_____ Traffic Stop
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint
_____ Other: _____

C. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of service you received (circle one):
1 2 3 4 5
(Not At All Satisfied) (Very Satisfied)

D. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 3:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Public Works Department?
Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 4)

B. If you answered yes to Question 3A, please indicate the nature of the contact:
_____ Water Service Need or Issue
_____ Sewer Service Need or Issue
_____ Park Facility Issue
_____ Storm Drain Problem
_____ Street Maintenance Issue
_____ Other: _____

C. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of service you received (circle one):
1 2 3 4 5
(Not At All Satisfied) (Very Satisfied)

D. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 4:

What is your perception of the overall quality of services provided by the City of Columbia City?
(circle one)

1 2 3 4 5
(Poor) (Excellent)

Additional comments you would like to make: _____

