

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013



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## PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL BRICKS AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS

As part of the ground breaking for Columbia City's new Veterans Park, the city is selling personalized memorial bricks. The bricks are 4" X 8" quarry paver tiles, and can be engraved with a message remembering the service of a member of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine. The bricks will then be mounted on a wall to be built at the site, which is located in upper Columbia City, in a shaded forest grove overlooking McBride Creek, and easily accessible from the north end of the bicycle path that runs along Highway 30.

The bricks, available from Columbia City Hall, cost \$75.00 each, and can display up to three lines of seventeen characters each. Proceeds from the sale of bricks will go to support the park's upkeep. For more information, or to order a personalized memorial brick for a veteran you know, contact City Hall or visit our website.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Columbia City Veterans Park:** Experienced concrete workers and tile layers are needed to assist with the development of the Columbia City Veterans Park.

If you would like to donate your skills towards this meaningful community project, please stop by City Hall or call (503) 397-4010.

## NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!

The City now accepts debit and credit card payments. To pay online, visit the City's website at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org). Select the "Make a Payment" link on the home page. All transactions are subject to a minimum fee of \$2.50 or 3.25% of the amount paid, whichever is greater, except in person debit card payments, which are subject to a flat fee of \$2.50.



## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

It's free and it's the law! One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for FREE. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state One-Call Center. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines, and can continue your project by digging with care and respecting the marks. More information regarding 811 can be found at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).



## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

### RV, Boat and Trailer parking and storage regulations:

- **Within the right-of-way:** The City is enforcing new regulations associated with the storage of any type of recreational vehicle, boat, and trailer within the City right-of-ways. Parking and storage within the right-of-way that is not in compliance could be subject to the issuance of a citation or towing. Specific information about the regulations may be found on the City's website at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org).
- **Upon private property:** The legal owner of the storage must reside upon the property. Parking and storage within the front yard setback is limited to paved or graveled areas. Only one unit that is designed for human occupancy (e.g. one boat with a head and galley, one fifth-wheel, one travel trailer, or one motor home) may be parked upon a single property. For more specific information, contact City Hall.

**Home Occupations.** The City permits residents an opportunity to use their home to engage in small-scale business ventures, which could not be sustained if it were necessary to lease commercial space. Inquire at City Hall for guidelines and cost.

**Keep grass and weeds cut!** Between April 15 and September 30 of any year, weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height and blackberry bushes cannot extend across property lines or into the City's right-of-way, including streets, alleys and sidewalks. Property owners or other persons in charge of the property must keep weeds, grass and other noxious growth, such as poison oak, cut and maintained to prevent them from becoming unsightly and a fire hazard, and to prevent them from maturing and going to seed. Violators can be cited into Municipal Court. Additionally, the City may abate the nuisance and lien the property for the costs.

 **WATER CONSERVATION TIP** 

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.

           

## CHIEF'S CORNER

**SAVE THE DATE:** The City of Columbia City will be hosting an Emergency Management Fair on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Hall. The event will focus on citizen registration of both "land line" and cellular phone lines with the CAN system for emergency notifications, shelter-in-place training and demonstrations, and general emergency preparedness information. A free hamburger/hotdog meal will be provided along with chances to win many different types of door prizes. Planned participants include Dyno Nobel representatives, the American Red Cross, Columbia County Emergency Management, Public Health, and various stakeholders from throughout the area that assist in mitigation and response to emergency events. Please come join us for an informative and interesting time!

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

## 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.

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT  
MAY – JULY 2013**

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 965 calls for service; both self-initiated as well as dispatched calls, during the 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: Probation Violation, Contempt of Court, Found Property, Suicide Attempt, DUUI, Theft, Warrant Services, Assault, Domestic Violence, Possession of Controlled Substances, Attempted Fraud, Reckless Driving, Motor Vehicle Crashes, Harassment, Criminal Mischief, Illegal Possession/Use of Fireworks and Violation of Release Order Conditions.

**COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:**

Residential Security Checks: 314  
Area Patrols: 309  
Foot Patrols: 7  
Assist the Public: 29  
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 4  
Radio Calls: 9  
Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 14  
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 4  
Parking Violations: 2  
Traffic Complaints: 7  
Welfare Checks: 4  
Animal Complaints: 9  
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 142.5

**CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Follow Up's: 31  
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles and Prowler Calls: 41  
Traffic Stops: 69  
Theft Investigations: 5  
Attempted Fraud: 3  
Service of Arrest Warrant(s): 3  
Probation Violation Investigations: 1  
Harassment: 2  
Narcotics Arrests: 3

Domestic Violence/Disturbance Investigations: 5  
Police Officer Hold/Suicide Threats: 1  
Contempt of Court/Violation of Release Conditions: 2  
Criminal Mischief: 4

**CALLS OF INTEREST:**

1. Contempt of Court Violation in the 1800 block of Second Street on 05/22/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
2. Theft and Warrant Service arrest in the 2900 block of Fifth Street on 05/27/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
3. Police Officer Hold/Suicidal Threats in the 3100 block of Fifth Street on 05/30/13. Person transported to medical facility for evaluation.
4. Assault/Domestic Violence arrest in the 200 block of "G" Street on 06/04/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
5. Narcotics and Warrant Service arrest in the 300 block of "A" Street on 06/05/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
6. Attempted Fraud investigation in the 600 block of "H" Street on 06/10/13. Case investigated and cleared as unfounded.
7. Reckless driving arrest in the area of Smith Road near Sixth Street on 06/13/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
8. Narcotics and Warrant Service arrest in the area of Highway 30 near "L" Street on 06/14/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
9. Narcotics arrest in the 3300 block of Tahoma Street on 06/14/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
10. Domestic Violence arrest in the 500 block of "A" Street on 06/17/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
11. Domestic Violence and Harassment arrests in the 3300 block of Fifth Street on 06/21/13. Suspects arrested and transported to the County Jail.
12. Criminal Mischief investigation in the 3000 block of Sixth Street on 06/23/13. Case investigated and closed leads exhausted.
13. Theft arrest, clearing a Columbia County Sheriff's Office case from the Warren, OR area, on 06/25/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
14. Illegal Possession of Fireworks investigation in the area of the ProBuild Lumber Yard Docks on 07/04/13. Illegal fireworks seized.
15. Theft and Restraining Order Violation investigation in the 3300 block of Fifth Street on

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT (Cont.)

07/07/13. Suspect identified and case referred to the District Attorney's Office.

16. Theft arrest in the area of Pixie Park on 07/10/13. Juvenile suspect identified and charges referred to the Juvenile Department.

17. Warrant arrest in the area of Highway 30 near Pacific Street on 07/19/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.

18. Theft investigation in the 2200 block of The Strand on 07/25/13. Case investigated and closed with leads exhausted.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION JUST GOT BETTER

The CONNECTOR is a regional transit alliance that makes traveling along the Oregon Coast (and to/from the I-5 corridor) easier by bus. The five transit agencies included in the alliance are:

- Columbia County Rider
- Sunset Empire Transportation District
- Tillamook County Transportation District
- Benton County Transit, and
- Lincoln County Transit

Each bus is equipped with bike racks and stops at the major transit centers within each coastal community (Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Tillamook, Lincoln City, Newport, and Yachats), in addition to stops in Albany, Corvallis, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Portland, Kelso, and Longview. To make fare-paying easier, riders can purchase 3-day and 7-day visitor passes that allow one trip to the coast from Portland or the Albany/Corvallis area, one return trip, and unlimited travel in Clatsop, Tillamook and Lincoln Counties (from Astoria to Yachats).



For travelers to and within Oregon, the CONNECTOR offers an unparalleled bus service. Visit <http://www.nworegontransit.org/> for more information.



## STUFF THE BUS

United Way of Columbia County is proud to announce their seventh "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive, which will benefit students in Columbia County school districts. Donations of school supplies can be brought to City Hall (one of many locations in the county) through August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The school supply wish list includes:

- #2 pencils
- colored pencils
- crayons 24 pack
- erasers
- pocket folders
- glue sticks
- notebook paper - college & wide ruled
- hand sanitizer
- facial tissues
- spiral note books - 70 pages
- blunt scissors
- pointed scissors
- pens - blue, black & red
- washable markers 10 pack
- notebook dividers
- 3 ring notebooks - 1" or 1.5"
- pencil boxes
- end cap erasers
- pencil pouches
- rulers
- dual power calculators
- composition notebooks
- water color paints
- back packs

Let's help Columbia County "Stuff the Bus" and gather school supplies so children can begin this next school year ready to learn.

## LIBRARY NEWS

In April the Novel Quilters showed our quilts based on Tony Hillerman's book Sacred Clowns. In early May, the library got an email from his son-in-law, volunteering to do an author's visit! Tony Hillerman's daughter Anne and her husband Don Strel will be speaking on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm. They have published a book of photographs of sites found in Tony Hillerman's books. Anne is publishing a book in October continuing Tony's stories, and will be reading excerpts from it. We will also be displaying the quilts made by the Novel Quilters based on Sacred

## LIBRARY NEWS (Cont.)

Clowns. We are meeting at the auditorium at the St. Helens Library. Join us!

**Summer Reading Program: Dig Into Reading:** Monday, August 5 join us on a treasure hunt! We probably won't dig up the schoolyard but we can still have fun looking for treasure!

**City Celebration is Saturday September 14:** We will have a classic car show as part of our City Celebration this year! The Novel Quilters will have a quilt show featuring quilts we've made over the past seven years. We will also have a pet adoption station by the Humane Society in the Caples House orchard. Returning events include the pancake breakfast, book sale, plant sale, Art Guild show and sale, silent auction and raffles for a quilt and a weekend at a beach cabin. Work on the City Celebration is ongoing, and we will have a meeting August 13 at 7:00 pm to finalize the Celebration and start signing up volunteers.



**New Books:** We added 104 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions include:

*The Unexpected Houseplant: 220 Extraordinary Choices for Every Spot in Your Home* by Tovah Martin

*Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Ops on the Frontlines of Afghanistan* by Anthony Shaffer

*The Pokey Little Puppy* by Janette Lowrey

*Suspect* by Robert Crais

*Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas

*The Story Sisters* by Alice Hoffman

*Judgement Call* by J.A. Jance

*Guilt* by Jonathan Kellerman

*Odd Apocalypse* by Dean Koontz

*12<sup>th</sup> of Never* by James Patterson

*The Witness* by Nora Roberts

*Night Sky Atlas* by Robin Scagell

*Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick* by Joe Schreiber

### Library Hours:

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

### Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

### City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Thursday, August 13 at 7 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, August 19 at 7 pm

### Hillerman Book Talk:

Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm

St. Helens Library Auditorium

### Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, August 28 at 7 pm

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### VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE MANY HOURS

*"Working together to build a stronger Community"*

Columbia City is fortunate to have a large number of dedicated volunteers to assist the City in providing a number of services to our community. During the 2012-13 fiscal year, volunteers contributed more than 3,300 hours of service. We'd like to extend our gratitude and appreciate to all of the volunteers that have donated their time to serve the citizens of Columbia City.

**Police Reserve Officers:** Volunteer Police Reserve Officers provided nearly 1,000 hours of service this past year. Volunteer Reserve Officers play an extremely valuable role in assisting our Police Department in reaching and maintaining its objectives to maintain peace, safety and quality of life for the citizens of Columbia City.

**Library:** Volunteers donated more than 1,300 hours of service to operate the Community Library and conduct book sales during the last year. The Friends of the Library continue to work hard to provide Library services to the community. They are actively soliciting donations, holding books sales and other fund raising activities, and contributing many, many hours to staff the Library.

**Parks:** Volunteers spent over 500 hours assisting with the maintenance of various City parks and facilities this past year, and the parks are looking better than ever! Many volunteers have stepped forward to take on various maintenance assignments, and their contributions play a key role

**VOLUNTEERS** (Cont.)

in the City's ability to provide enjoyable parks and open spaces for the public to enjoy.

**Utility Bills and Newsletters:** These volunteers donated over 100 hours this past year serving on the City's "Fold and Stuff Team" (FAST). In two hours or less, they process our utility bills and newsletters for mailing.

**Elected and Appointed Officials:** Volunteers serving on the City Council, Planning Commission, Budget Committee, Hazard Mitigation Planning Group, Streets Committee, Parks Committee, Water Committee, Audit Committee, Charter Review Committee, Comprehensive Plan Review

Committee, and RV Parking and Storage Study Group contributed approximately 300 hours attending City meetings throughout the year.

**City Celebration:** Volunteers provided approximately 100 hours of donated service during the City Celebration last fall. The Friends of the Library will be coordinating the Celebration again this year, and they are currently soliciting volunteer help for the event.

**Spring Cleanup Event:** Volunteers donated their time this past year assisting us with the Spring Clean Up Event in Columbia City. Residents have utilized this popular event for more than eleven years.

**MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2013**

August 1	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 5	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
August 8	7:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 13	7:00 p.m.	City Celebration Planning Meeting at the Library
<del>August 13</del>	<del>7:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall</del> CANCELED
<del>August 15</del>	<del>6:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall</del> RESCHEDULED
August 19	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
August 22	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 27	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

Your Columbia City Community Library needs help naming the library's new used-book sales area. The shelves are full of enticing titles. So, what are we going to call this new area of your library? Submit your entry to win!

***First prize: \$25 gift certificate for sales books***

***Second prize: \$10 gift certificate for sales books***

***PLUS: A \$2.00 gift certificate for sales books will be given to every entrant!***

Judging will be by the library board on September 9. The winners will be announced at the Columbia City Celebration on September 14.

***I suggest that a good name might be:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Your name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Telephone:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Address:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Email:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Return all entries to the library or to City Hall before September 9<sup>th</sup>***