

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013



COLUMBIA CITY
1840 SECOND STREET
PO BOX 189
COLUMBIA CITY, OR 97018
PHONE: (503) 397-4010
FAX: (503) 366-2870
colcity@columbia-city.org
www.columbia-city.org

CHIEF'S CORNER

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FAIR: The City of Columbia City will be hosting an Emergency Management Fair on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10 am to 2 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. One giveaway will include three chances to win a reduction in your Columbia City water/sewer bill of up to \$150.00! 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. Special thanks goes to Dyno Nobel for sponsoring the event! Please come join us for an informative, interesting, and prize-winning time!

THANKS TO OUR CITIZENS: We would like to thank all of our citizens that participated in this year's City Celebration. Many came out to enjoy the pancake breakfast, meet their local police officers and city staff, check out the new car show addition, as well as support our local library. Your participation and feedback were, as always, greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing even more community members next year as this event continues to grow.

SHOP WITH A COP 2013: The Holiday Season is fast approaching, bringing with it the Fifth Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event. This program teams a needy family and children with a police officer in order to provide them with wintertime necessities as well as Christmas wish list items. As in previous years we would like to involve our citizens in this project. If you know of a family in need, please fill out the nomination form (see page 5) and submit it at the front desk at City Hall no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. 17584

WE VALUE YOUR INPUT: 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

EXTRA CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS COLLECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

Good news!! Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-7153.

NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS!

The City now accepts debit and credit card payments.



To pay online, visit the City's website at 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.

HALLOWEEN EVENT

A message from the Caples House Museum

The Caples House will hold a Halloween Event on Friday, October 25, 2013 at 6 pm. Anyone who is interested in hearing our true ghost stories from the museum, taking a candlelit tour and enjoying a spaghetti dinner come and join us. Cost is \$25/per person, RSVP by calling (503) 397-5390. Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, Columbia City.

BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS

Beginning **Saturday, November 2, through Sunday, November 17**, yard debris may be burned outdoors within Columbia City. However, **burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits may be obtained at City Hall or at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District. Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

Have questions? Please call the Fire Marshall at (503) 397-2990. Watch for additional information in next month's newsletter.

HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 8 am to noon. The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Pesticides herbicides, fertilizers, and poisons
- ✓ Thinners and solvents
- ✓ Household cleaners and disinfectants
- ✓ Art and hobby chemicals
- ✓ Aerosol spray chemicals
- ✓ Propane tanks and bottles
- ✓ Fluorescent lamps and ballasts
- ✓ PCB's
- ✓ Medical sharps
- ✓ Used cooking oil
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel
- ✓ Fireworks
- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Small arms ammunition



Items not accepted during the event:

- No radioactive materials
- No household trash/empty containers
- No explosives
- No bio medical waste

Reminder: The following items can be recycled at the Transfer Station **anytime**:

- Antifreeze
- Used motor oil
- Automotive batteries

For more information regarding the event or any other solid waste issues, please contact Columbia County Solid Waste at (503) 397-7207.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- Ground excavation activities on steeply sloped properties may require geotechnical work, and they are prohibited between October 1 and April 15 of each year. Contact City Hall for more details prior to beginning excavation work.
- Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited. Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc.
- Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of diapers, shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.

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

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Columbia City Water Meter Replacement Project will kick off during the week of October 7th. Approximately 500 manual water meters will be replaced with new automated meters during the month of October. If your meter is scheduled to be replaced, a door hanger will be left on your door at least 48 hours prior to completion of the work. The meter swap typically takes just 15 to 20 minutes.

Once the project is completed, the City will have a fully automated water meter reading system. The project will free up resources that are needed for other water system maintenance and construction projects, and allow the City's Public Works Crew to spend more time on maintenance needs and construction projects within other departments. This project is funded by grant and loan funds from the Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FAIR

Saturday, October 12

10 am to 2 pm

Columbia City Community Hall

Lots of emergency preparedness information!

Chances to win up to \$150.00 towards your water and sewer bill!

Door prizes!

Free hot dogs and hamburgers!

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 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 448 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: Criminal Mischief, Domestic Violence/Disturbance, Fraud, Hit and Run and Traffic Crashes, Kidnapping (determined as unfounded), Missing Juvenile (located), Theft, Trespassing and service of Arrest Warrants.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 151
Area Patrols: 104
Foot Patrols: 3
Assist the Public: 25
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 5
Radio Calls: 6
Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 4
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 5
Parking Violations: 4
Traffic Complaints: 3
Welfare Checks: 7
Animal Complaints: 3
Civil Situation: 2
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 48

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 19
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles
and Prowler Calls: 14
Traffic Stops: 54
Theft Investigations: 2
Attempted Fraud: 4
Service of Arrest Warrant(s): 2
Domestic Violence/Disturbance Investigations: 2
Criminal Mischief: 1
Criminal Trespass: 1
Motor Vehicle Crash: 2
Narcotics Investigations/Arrests: 3

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Domestic Assault investigation in the 1600 block of Second Street on 08/27/13. Suspect arrested and transported to jail.
2. Burglary and Theft investigation in the 2000 block of Second Street on 09/09/13. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
3. PCS Methamphetamine and Probation Violation arrest in the area of Highway 30 near "L" Street on 09/11/13. Suspect arrested and transported to jail.
4. PCS Methamphetamine and Marijuana arrest on "E" Street near Fifth Street on 09/24/13. Suspects arrested and transported to jail.

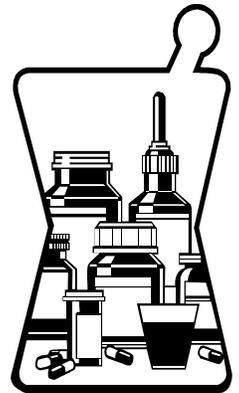
 **WATER CONSERVATION TIP** 

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



**FREE FAMILYWIZE DISCOUNT
PRESCRIPTION CARDS
AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL**

The FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discount Card enables you to receive discounted pricing on prescription drugs. It can offer immediate savings on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies for people who have no health insurance, during insurance deductible periods, and for prescription medicine not covered by health insurance, Medicare and other benefit plans.



You can use the FamilyWize card as often as you need, for any prescription, for everyone in your family. There is no income limit, age requirement, eligibility or registration required. Simply present your card and prescription to a participating pharmacy to obtain the discounted price. The card can be used at most Columbia County pharmacies.

Free FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discount Cards are available at the City Hall. The Prescription Drug Discount Card Program is a community service partnership between FamilyWize and Columbia County United Way.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Columbia City Celebration was a great success this year. We raised over \$4,300 for the Library. Visitors commented that they liked the car show and the quilt show, new additions to the Celebration this year. We had a lot of help, and managers of the events did a great job. We had wonderful weather, which we can't count on next year, but everything else that we did well we can repeat next year! So thank you to everyone who helped, everyone who attended, and everyone who spent money to help support our Library!

We will be continuing to hold meetings to plan next year's Celebration, starting with Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm at the Library. We think the car show could be bigger and better with earlier information out to the car clubs. Many silent auction items require earlier requests as well, so we can do better on that.

Second Hand Prose is open! Our new sale area is open for business any time the Library is open. We have over 5,000 books, well sorted so it is easy to find what you like. Eventually we hope that things can go on the shelves as we receive them, but we're a long ways from that now! Buy books to give us room! (Doesn't that sound like check out books so we have room on the shelves?)

Friends of the Library Membership: It's time again to join Friends of the Library (FOL). Our FOL group administers the Library, purchases books, pays the utility bills, and in general, makes sure you have a Library! Please support us with your membership.

Novel Quilters Revealed: We are reading *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is a well-known book, much shorter than I expected. How will psychological suspense show itself in a quilt? Come and see on

Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm. We always welcome visitors, and this is the month to visit us and see whether you'd like to join our group.

New Books: We added 97 books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

- *Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Tony Hillerman* by Anne Hillerman
- *The Hit* by David Baldacci
- *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks
- *Zero Hour* by Clive Cussler
- *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James
- *The Scent of Rain and Lightning* by Nancy Pickard
- *Leaving Everything Most Loved* by Jacqueline Winspear
- *The Talented Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker (a book for 3rd – 7th graders)
- *I am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak

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

Friends of the Library:

Monday, October 21 at 7 pm

City Celebration Planning:

Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, October 30 at 7 pm

Friends of the Columbia City Community Library Membership Application

_____ I am renewing my membership

_____ I am a new Friend of the Library

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail (only if you want to receive our meeting minutes): _____

Special Interests: _____

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Library

Return form & payment to: The Library or City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR

Additional Donation Amount: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500

UNITED WAY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

A message from United Way of Columbia County

Your United Way gift is more than a charitable donation; it is all of us, working together to help not only families in need, but to improve the quality of life

LIVE UNITED



United Way of Columbia County

for our entire community. Bottom line, what affects any of us, affects all of us. United Way of Columbia County must raise the money locally to help support local programs.

- Donations stay in Columbia County to fund programs for residents of Columbia County.
- Donations to the Community Fund do the most good.
- Volunteer board members review each funded program.
- Corporate Cornerstone Program helps cover low operating expenses, allowing individual donor dollars to support community programs.
- United Way of Columbia County is governed by local community volunteers.
- United Way offers you a one stop verification point for receipt and delivery of your pledge.

- Donors may direct their pledges (minimum of \$50 per designation).
- Give with payroll deduction, cash, check, credit card or bill me.
- Donor information is not sold or shared.
- Help here, where you live, by designating to United Way of Columbia County.
- If funds are not raised locally we have no money to support local programs.
- No goods or services are exchanged for donations.

This year the United Way is also holding a raffle for a diamond tennis bracelet. There will be just 400 tickets sold at \$20 each, the drawing will be Dec. 2, 2013 so the winner can have a nice Christmas gift if they choose.

It can be difficult to think about giving when the economy is still so shaky. However, several small donations can add up to a much larger amount very quickly.

More information is available at the United Way website, www.unitedwayofcolumbiacounty.com, or by calling (503) 556-3614. Donations to the United Way may be mailed to: PO Box 538, Rainier, OR 97048.

2013 “Shop with a Cop” Nomination Form

Dear Citizen,

It is time once again for the Columbia City Police Department’s “Shop with a Cop” Program. This is our fifth year hosting this worthwhile endeavor within our city and we need your help! For those that are interested, we need assistance in selecting a needy family within our community. Our goal is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities, and Christmas wish list items for the nominated family. Please fill out the information below if you wish to nominate someone who you know could use some assistance during the holiday season.

Thank you ~ Michael S. McGlothlin, Chief of Police

Name of Family: _____ Family Address: _____

Family Bio (Please answer all that apply): ___ Father ___ Mother ___ Number of children

Reason for your nomination: _____

Return completed nomination forms to Columbia City Hall, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City OR
Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2013

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE 2013 COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATION!!!

Corporate Sponsors:

West Oregon Wood Products
 Columbia River PUD
 Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
 St. Helens Community Federal
 Credit Union
 Starbucks Coffee Co.
 Pet Palace Grooming
 Don's Rental

Car Trophy Sponsors:

Eaton's Tire and Repair
 Emmert Motors
 Lawrence Oil
 St. Helens Auto
 St. Helens Les Schwab Tire

Donors to Silent Auction:

Absolutely You on 19th
 Ace Hardware
 Barlow Bikes & Boards
 Bella Maison
 Cathy Lundberg
 Columbia City Sports & Recreation
 Columbia Easy Wash
 Columbia River Maritime Museum
 Dairy Delish
 Dianne Ebert
 Edna Morse
 Evergreen Aviation
 & Space Museum
 Fancy Nails Salon
 Jean McBride
 Jilly's
 Klondike
 Mark Ebert
 McMenamins
 Miyako Japanese Restaurant
 Oaks Park
 Oregon Trail Lanes

Phyllis Thompson
 Pittock Mansion
 Pizza Vendor
 Portland Spirit
 Sheila Bauer
 St. Helens Olde Towne
 Barber Shop
 St. Helens-Scappoose Septic Tank
 Service
 Sunshine Pizza
 The Grotto
 The Vault
 Top Notch Thrift Store

Donors to plant sales:

Beverly Darling
 Burke & Kris Wood
 Cathy Lundberg
 Chip & Kit Gardes
 Colleen Calkins
 Jean LeMont
 Marcia Parrett
 Mark and Dianne Ebert
 Paulette Lichatowich
 St. Helens Garden Club

Lunch and bake sales:

Tom & Sue McKercher
 Cathy Lambert
 Colleen Calkins
 Heidi Green
 Jennifer Anderson
 Kris Wood
 Lee Phillips
 Mary Ann Emerson
 Teresa Katz

Car Show Volunteers:

Gordon Thistle
 Cheryl Young

Chief Michael McGlothlin
 Chip Gardes
 Glenn Keudell
 Leonard Marson
 Scott Downey
 Simon Ebert

Book Sale Volunteers:

Barbara Wootan
 Bergen Anderson
 Beverlee Darling
 Cathy Lambert
 Cathy Lundberg
 Chip & Kit Gardes
 Colleen Calkins
 Hunter Usletan
 Jani Remsberg
 Jennifer Anderson
 Lee Phillips
 Mark & Dianne Ebert
 Melisa Richardson
 Paulette Lichatowich
 Peggy & Dareld Artman
 Percy Smith
 Rob Dillinger
 Sandy McMillan

Breakfast Volunteers:

Stacy Dailey
 Sheila Bauer
 Doug and Colleen Calkins
 Sally Ann Marson
 Burke and Kris Wood
 Bill and Linda Guy
 John and Jan Burdett
 Jack and Molly Hruska
 Mya O'Brien
 Isaiah O'Brien
 Leahnette Rivers

Our sincere apologies to anyone we may have missed – we thank you, too!

**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR
 OCTOBER 2013**

October 3 rd	6:00 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 7 th	6:00 PM	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
October 8 th	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
October 10 th	3:00 PM	Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Meeting at City Hall
October 10 th	6:00 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
October 12 th	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Emergency Management Fair at the Community Hall
October 17 th	6:00 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 21 st	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
October 22 nd	6:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall