

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

*at the Library
2000 Second Street
&
Community Hall
1850 Second Street*

*Saturday, September 14
9 AM - 3 PM*

CHIEF'S CORNER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FAIR

The City of Columbia City will be hosting an Emergency Management Fair on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 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. 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. Please come join us for an informative, interesting, and prize-winning 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

COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Strawberry Pancake Breakfast: 8 AM to 10 AM

At the Knapp Social Center, 1925 First Street
Adults \$6.00, children (10 and under) \$4.50
Sponsored by the Columbia River PUD

Show & Shine Car Show: 8 AM to 2 PM

Columbia City School, 2000 Second Street
Sponsored by Les Schwab - St. Helens,
St. Helens Auto Center, Emmert Motors,
Eaton's Tire Service & Lawrence Oil Company

Columbia Humane Society Pet Adoption: 9 AM to 3 PM

Caples House Orchard

Silent Auction: 9 AM to 2 PM

Columbia Art Guild Show & Sale: 9 AM to 3 PM

Quilt Show: 9 AM to 3 PM

Bake Sale: 9 AM to 3 PM

Plant Sale: 9 AM to 3 PM

Book Sale: 9 AM to 3 PM

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs: 10:30 AM to 1 PM

Quilt Raffle Drawing: 2:30 PM

Weekend at the Beach Raffle: 2:30 PM

In the Community Hall, 1850 Second Street

Community Library Book Sale: 9 AM to 3 PM

In the Library, 2000 Second Street

Caples House Museum will be open

9 AM to 4 PM
1915 First Street

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.



**COLUMBIA COUNTY SAFE KIDS
CAR SEAT EVENT**

Columbia County Safe Kids will be holding a child safety seat checkup event on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at Emmert Motors, 2175 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, from 11 AM to 1 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.

Attend the

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT FAIR**

Saturday, October 12

10 am to 2 pm

Columbia City Community Hall

Lots of emergency preparedness resources!



Have a chance to win up to \$150.00 towards your water and sewer bill!



Door prizes!



Free hot dogs and hamburgers!

LOST & FOUND ITEM

A child's sweatshirt was found at Harvard Park recently. Does this item belong to you? If you think so, please contact City Hall (503) 397-4010.

**CITY PARKS COMMITTEE
BUSY WITH PARK DEVELOPMENTS**

Veterans Memorial Park: The Committee has finalized the site development plan for the Veterans Memorial Park at the north end of the bike path along Highway 30, and the Public Works crew is prepping the site for development. Jason Jones of Jones Sculpture Studio was hired to construct a unique monument for the park. Jason will sculpt the facial features of six veterans - one representing each branch of the service - onto a large piece of black basalt rock quarried in Madras. The monument is expected to be placed in the park in late September. A veterans memorial wall will be constructed, and a picnic area, benches, flag pole and landscaping will be added to the site. This project is funded in part by a grant under the 2013 Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program. The Columbia River PUD is sponsoring the project, and the project will receive support from the Veterans of



Foreign Wars Post 1440, the St. Helens Garden Club, the St. Helens Elks Lodge, and the St. Helens Senior Center. Personal memorial bricks may be purchased for \$75.00 each. Proceeds from brick sales will be used to support the park's upkeep. Refer to page 6 for a brick order form.

Dog Park: The Committee is developing an off-leash dog park in partnership with the Port of St. Helens and the Columbia County Community Corrections Crew. The park will be located on Port-owned property that is currently not in use along "E" Street. Fencing construction will begin next week.

McBride Creek Trail System: The Committee is utilizing the Columbia County Community Corrections Crew and other volunteers to develop the first phase of the McBride Creek Trail System. The project will include a picnic area near the trailhead. The Committee is also working on acquiring additional property for future phases of the trail system.

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT
JULY - AUGUST 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 537 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: Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Warrant Arrests, Burglary, Theft, Disorderly Conduct, Reckless Endangering, Resisting Arrest, Attempted Fraud, Telephonic Harassment, Motor Vehicle Crash, Motor Vehicle Law Violations and Crimes, Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 232
Area Patrols: 123
Foot Patrols: 3
Assist the Public: 26
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 4
Radio Calls: 7
Nuisance/Code Enforcement Complaints: 9
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 3
Parking Violations: 1
Traffic Complaints: 1
Welfare Checks: 3
Animal Complaints: 4
Civil Situation: 1
Fireworks Complaint(s): 7
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 60

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 17
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles and Prowler Calls: 21
Traffic Stops: 57
Theft Investigations: 5
Attempted Fraud: 1
Service of Arrest Warrant(s): 4
Harassment: 1
Domestic Violence/Disturbance Investigations: 2

Criminal Mischief: 1
Criminal Trespass: 1
Motor Vehicle Crash: 1
Burglary: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Minor in Possession of Alcohol in the area of Highway 30 near Trestle Beach on 07/26/13. Juvenile suspect identified, custodial release to parent, referred to Juvenile Department.
2. Warrant Service arrest in the area of Highway 30 near "G" Street on 07/30//13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
3. Burglary and Theft investigation in the 3300 block of Park Drive on 08/05/13. Investigation remains open.
4. Disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, and resisting arrest in the area of Milton Way near Port Avenue on 08/07/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
5. Warrant Service arrest in the 1700 block of Second Street on 08/07/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
6. Warrant arrest in the area of Highway 30 near "L" Street on 08/08/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
7. Attempted Fraud investigation in the 2100 block of Fifth Street on 08/09/13. Case referred to the Greenburgh, NY Police Department.
8. Telephonic Harassment investigation in the 1800 block of First Street on 08/09/13. Suspect identified and case cleared.
9. Motor Vehicle Crash in the area of Highway 30 and "I" Street on 08/12/13. Case cleared.
10. Driving While Suspended (Misdemeanor) arrest in the area of Highway 30 near "L" Street on 08/14/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.
11. Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass investigation in the 62000 block of Highway 30 on 08/19/13. Juvenile suspects identified, case cleared and referred to the Juvenile Department.
12. Warrant Arrest in the area of Highway 30 near Pacific Street on 08/21/13. Suspect arrested and transported to the County Jail.

**COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY CLUB
GARAGE SALE**

The Columbia City Community Club will be having a garage sale fundraiser on Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st at 1700 Sixth Street in Columbia City from 8 AM to 2 PM.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are focused this month on the upcoming City Celebration, our major fundraiser for the year. **The City Celebration is Saturday, September 14.** We are introducing a large book sale area in the library, with the name to be chosen during the City Celebration. Get your naming entry in soon, the winner gets a certificate for \$25 of sale books, and that's a lot of books! Thanks again for your constant donations of books. Someone remarked to me that you can't get books at Columbia City garage sales, they all go to the library!

We have some new events at this year's City Celebration. Show and Shine features classic cars around the Columbia City School. In the Community



Hall, the Novel Quilters will display quilts from all 14 books we've read over the past seven years. The Columbia Humane Society will have a pet adoption station in the Caples House orchard. This year we will have hamburgers and hot dogs available at the Community Hall. Returning events include the pancake breakfast, Art Guild show and sale, plant sale, bake sale, silent auction and raffles for a quilt and a weekend



at a beach cabin. The book sale will feature books donated since our last sale in the Community Hall, with our new sale area open in the library containing over 5,000 books!



The City Celebration is a chance for all of us to support our local library. The Columbia City Community Library is the largest free library in the county with over 10,000 books to loan and more than 5,000 used books for sale. Let's keep our library growing!

Work on the City Celebration is ongoing, and we will have a meeting **Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm** to finalize the Celebration and continue signing up volunteers. The sign up sheet is on the

desk at the library. We especially need volunteers to help us set up on Friday, and to be cashiers during the Celebration.

New Books at the Library: We added 143 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

- *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven* by Kevin Malarkey
- *Promise Me: How a Sister's Love Launched the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer* by Nancy Brinker
- *The Farmer's Earthworm Handbook* by David Earnst
- *Inferno* by Dan Brown
- *Taken* by Robert Crais
- *The Prague Cemetery* by Umberto Eco
- *Geosynchron* by David Edelman
- *You Better Not Die* by Betty Hechtman
- *Rainshadow Road* by Lisa Kleypas
- *Whisky Beach* by Nora Roberts
- *Silken Prey* by John Sandford
- *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Lewis Stevenson
- *Courtney Crumrin and the Prince of Nowhere* by Ted Naifeh (Graphic Novel)
- *Geronimo* by Joseph Bruchac (Juvenile fiction)
- *The Necromancer* by Michael Scott
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness
- *Virals* by Kathy Reichs

Library Hours:

Monday 10 AM - 2 PM
Wednesday 4 PM - 8 PM
Thursday 2 PM - 6 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

Library Closed Labor Day:

Monday, September 2

Storytime:

Mondays at 11 AM

City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Thursday, September 5 at 7 PM

City Celebration Setup:

Friday, September 13 – 2 PM to ??

City Celebration:

Saturday, September 22 – 8 AM to 3 PM

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, September 16 at 7 PM

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM

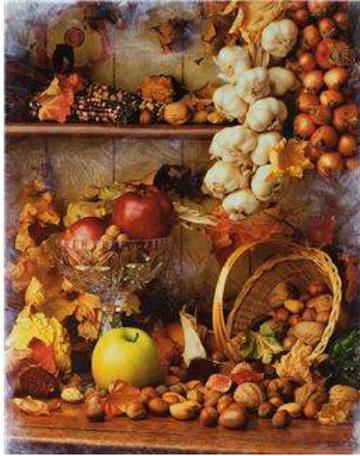
Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Caples House will hold a Harvest Festival on September 28, 2013 from noon to 5 p.m. Fun for the whole family!

- Pioneer kids games
- Butter churning
- Cider pressing
- Candle making



Our fundraising raffle includes dozens of great items, so come see what's available!

Admission is free to the festival. Tours of the Children's Attic & Museum are \$3 for children (5+), \$4 for adults. We are located at 1925 First Street, Columbia City.

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!

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK

A message from NW Natural

In its natural state, natural gas is odorless and colorless. For ready detection, NW Natural injects an odorant into the gas before it is inserted into the distribution system. The odorant is so highly concentrated that even the smallest amount of natural gas can be detected. The odorant gives off a foul smell, reminiscent of rotten eggs or sulfur.

Any odor of natural gas may indicate a leak. Here are some steps to take if a natural gas leak is detected:

SMELL - How to identify a possible gas leak:

- You smell rotten egg odor (or a sulfur-like smell).
- You hear a blowing or hissing sound.
- You see blowing dirt.

GO - What to do:

- Leave the structure or area.

DON'T use any electrical or battery-operated device, such as a light switch, phone, appliance or garage door opener.

DON'T smoke or use a match or lighter.

DON'T start a vehicle in a garage or near any natural gas odor.

DON'T try to find the leak.

LET US KNOW - Who to call:

- Call NW Natural and report the odor immediately!
- Call 1(800) 882-3377, 24-hour emergency line.
- Always call on a phone away from the area, a neighbor's phone or public phone.
- If the leaking gas ignites, do not attempt to put out the flames. Call 9-1-1, and then call NW Natural.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Animals: Animals must be kept on a leash when away from the owner's property, and droppings must be picked up and disposed of properly.

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

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

Junk: The open storage of junk, rubbish, trash, or debris is prohibited.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

September 2 nd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Labor Day
September 5 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 9 th	6:00 PM	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
September 10th	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - Canceled
September 12 th	6:00 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
September 14 th	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at the Knapp Social Center
	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Show & Shine Car Show at the Columbia City School
	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Silent Auction in the Community Hall
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Book Sale at the Library and Community Hall
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Columbia Art Guild Show & Sale in the Community Hall
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Bake Sale in the Community Hall
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Plant Sale in the Community Hall
	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs in the Community Hall
	2:30 PM	Quilt/Beach Cabin Raffle Drawings in the Community Hall
September 16 th	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
September 19 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 24 th	6:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall

**The Columbia City Veterans Park
BRICK ORDER FORM
(4" x 8" Quarry Paver Tiles)**



Purchaser Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Please spell out in the above space exactly how you would like your brick to appear.

Maximum 17 character spaces per line (including commas and spaces)

Maximum of 3 lines of lettering

I have double-checked the spelling on the form above and would like the brick engraved as I have it.

Signature

PRICE: \$75.00 per brick (4" x 8" Quarry Paver Tiles)

Make checks payable to: Columbia City

Return form to City of Columbia City, 1840 Second Street, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018