

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR PROPOSED BASKETBALL HOOP REGULATIONS

After months of study the City Council is considering the adoption of new regulations associated with the placement of basketball hoops within the City's right-of-ways as recommended by a citizen committee. The City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 PM on July 17, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall to accept testimony about the proposed regulations, which are outlined below.

Proposed Regulations:

- Hoops within the right-of-way will be allowed by permit only. Permits shall be issued one time (as opposed to annually) for a fee of \$20.00 to cover processing costs.
- Occupants of property with a driveway of suitable size and slope for playing basketball are ineligible for a permit.
- The property owners must sign the permit form acknowledging their responsibility for all liability associated with the hoop and the use of the hoop (property damage, injury, etc.) and acknowledging the City's immunity from liability.
- All hoops placed within the right-of-way by permit must be removed from the right-of-way by dusk.
- Hoops must be maintained in a stable condition with adequate weight distribution to avoid tipping.
- Hoop placement must be at least eight feet from the property line of any adjacent property.
- Hoop placement may not impede traffic.
- Hoops may never be placed within the sidewalk.



OPEN GYM AT THE COMMUNITY HALL!

The Community Hall will be open for free use by the public on Monday's from 4 to 7 PM during the month of July! Bring your family, friends, and basketballs to the Community Hall, located at 1850 Second Street, and shoot a few hoops!!



FREE WATER CONSERVATION KITS

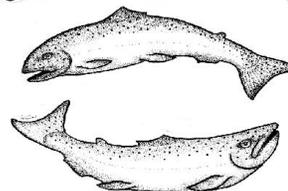


The City is currently offering a free water conservation kit to water customers while supplies last. Kits include a 1.5 GPM dual thread faucet aerator, a dish squeegee, leak detection dye tablets, a toilet tank fill cycle diverter, and a shower timer. Limit one kit per water customer. To obtain your free water conservation kit, complete the form on page 4 and bring it to City Hall.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

New T-shirts, designed by local artist Teresa Knight with Art & Photos LLC, are currently available for purchase! The shirt is navy blue with cream print. Inquire at City Hall during regular business hours.

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Short sleeve shirts are available in the following sizes:

Small-XL: \$10

2X: \$11

3X: \$12

4X: \$13



Chief McGlothlin presents Officer Cowen with his Basic Certificate from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training during a recent Council Meeting.

SCAMS

There have been a couple of scams we wanted to bring to your attention and ask that you be alert to anybody asking for you to give money or your information over the phone.

PGE scam - *What is it?* Someone pretending to be the utility company will call and threaten to shut off your power unless you make payment immediately with a prepaid card. Do not remit payment! Here's Info on the PGE scam, including numbers to call to report this activity:
http://www.portlandgeneral.com/our_company/new_s_issues/current_issues/fraud_alert.aspx

IRS scam - *What is it?* Someone claiming to be the IRS will call and request that you pay additional taxes or fees, sometimes threatening deportation or lawsuit. Here's the direct link to the IRS website with information on the scam:
<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Reiterates-Warning-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>

One more resource: the Office of Consumer Protection in Oregon. It has information on scams, reporting them and ways to protect yourself and your information. Also, there are forms for filing complaints available online at the following link:
<http://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer/pages/index.aspx>

Please be vigilant of these types of scams!

CUSTOMERS MAY NOTICE A CHANGE IN WATER PRESSURE

Our water customers may notice a change in water pressure during the month of July as the City's Water System Improvements Project nears completion. The project will stabilize water pressures throughout the system. Currently, more than 50% of the connections to the system have pressures in excess of 80 pounds per square inch (psi), and one smaller area in town has low pressure.



The project will add two new pressure zones to the system, which already has three pressure zones. A pressure zone is designed to keep water pressure within a range of 40 to 80 pounds per square inch. If the pressure is too low, so is the flow. If the pressure is too high, plumbing fixtures can leak and water bills will rise.

As with many new systems, the City will need to make adjustments to achieve the desired level of performance between the five pressure zones. The water will not look, smell or taste any different because of the change in pressure. After completing the water system modifications, residents may need to make adjustments to plumbing, such as individual residence pressure reducing valves (if installed), irrigation systems, and low-flow fixtures.

Proper water line pressure ensures enough supply for customers and for firefighting, reduces water loss due to leaks, extends the life of the water system, and extends the life of residential plumbing and fixtures. Your patience during startup and adjustment is appreciated.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

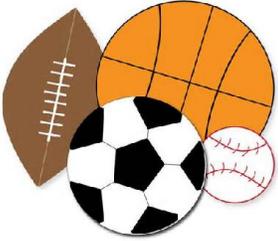
- Baseball glove found in Harvard Park.
- Set of keys found on the bike path at the south end of Fourth Street.
- Turquoise necklace found at City Hall.
- Sunglasses found in the Community Hall.

Do any of these items belong to you? If you think so, please contact City Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Program Continues! Join us at 11:00 each Monday to have some fun! Keep up those reading skills over the summer, and have fun learning! Our summer reading program focuses on science. Monday, July 7 we are going to experiment with volcanoes! If you could help at the library for an hour or so on Monday mornings, we would appreciate some added hands!

Second Hand Prose: In July, all sports books will be half price. We have some great biographies, how-to sports books and even sports based humor. Our sale books are wonderfully organized, so be sure you shop in the library at the county's largest used bookstore.



Columbia City Celebration, September 20: Planning is well underway for this year's Columbia City Celebration. There will be lots going on, so watch for our Columbia City Celebration posters at the library and around town. We will be having a car show, book sale, raffles for a quilt and a beach cabin, a silent auction, bake, plant and handmade craft sales.

Consider raising or dividing some plants for the plant sale, baking your favorite cookie for the bake sale, or donating something interesting for the silent auction.

We will need many volunteers for the day of the City Celebration. Start thinking about how you would like to help. A sign-up sheet is available at the library, so come pick your job!

New Books: We added 108 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

- *Mother of the Groom: Everything you need to know to enjoy the best wedding ever* by Sharon Nylor
- *Being Caribou: Five months on foot with an Arctic herd* by Karsten Heuer
- *Arranging Flowers From Your Garden* by Cynthia Bix
- *The Oregon Trail* by David Dary
- *The Flintstones' Wacky Inventions* by L. Humphrey

- *The First Phone Call From Heaven* by Mitch Alborn
- *London Boulevard* by Ken Bruen
- *The Cuckoo's Calling* By Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling)
- *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman
- *Unlucky 13* by James Patterson
- *Champions of the Ocean* by Fran Hodgkins
- *Carpentry for Children* by Lester Walker
- *The Witches' Kitchen* by Cecelia Holland

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

City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, July 22 at 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, July 21 at 7 pm

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, July 30 at 7 pm

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2000 Second Street / PO Box 189
503-366-8020
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Columbia City Celebration Craft Fair

*Items must be handcrafted
in Columbia County*

The Friends of the Library have expanded the Columbia City Celebration by adding a Craft Fair. Vendors may purchase a booth space to display and sell items handcrafted within Columbia County. The Craft Fair will be open from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Vendors may purchase a booth space for \$20. Registration forms are available at the City Hall and on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org. Registration must be completed no later than 5 PM on August 8, 2014. For additional information, contact City Hall by calling 503-397-4010.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Fireworks - many types are prohibited! Cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels are permitted. All other exploding fireworks are prohibited by City Ordinance and Oregon State Law. Refer to ORS 480.110 through 480.165 for additional information.

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.

RV storage must be owned by the occupant of the property. In residential zones, the storage of an RV that is owned by a legal resident of the property is permitted provided it is stored in a location allowed by City Ordinance. However, when an RV is not owned by a legal resident of the property, the RV storage is not permitted.

Home occupations. Under certain conditions, residents may use their home to engage in small-scale business ventures which might not be sustainable if it were necessary to lease commercial space. All home occupations require a permit.

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Caples House Museum is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 13th from 2 PM to 4 PM. There will be a sing-along of patriotic songs and other songs from days gone by led by the Yankton Grangers. Ice cream sundaes available for \$3.00. The Daughters of the American Revolution invite you to **come join in the fun!**



WATER CONSERVATION TIP 

Apply water only as fast as the soil will absorb it.












MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2014

July 3	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 4	CLOSED	City Hall is closed for Independence Day
July 7	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Open Gym at the Community Hall
July 8	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 10	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
July 14	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Open Gym at the Community Hall
July 17	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
July 21	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Open Gym at the Community Hall
July 21	7:00 pm	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
July 22	noon	Parks Committee Meeting at the Veterans Park
July 28	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Open Gym at the Community Hall
July 28	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

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YES! I would like a FREE Water Conservation Kit!

The information requested below must be provided to receive your kit. You must be a Columbia City water customer. Limit one kit per customer.

Name: _____ Water Account Number: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Return this completed form to City Hall to pick up your kit.