

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2014

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### OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, and ending **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Burning is restricted to yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited. Yard debris is lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings/prunings, sawdust and wood scraps. It is **not** dirt/gravel, paper/plastic, metal, rocks/bricks, sod, or food waste.

#### **Burn permits are required prior to burning!**

Permits may be obtained at City Hall, at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on their website: [www.CRFR.com](http://www.CRFR.com).

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.



You must follow these basic rules for proper open burning:

- ❖ You must have a garden hose, or a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water at all times, and the fire must NOT be left unattended at any time until out.
- ❖ Yard and garden trimmings must be cut and piled no larger than 6 feet wide by 4 feet high. The ground must be cleared not less than 10 feet around the burning area. There must be a separation of 50 feet between the burn pile and any structure, trees, vehicle or property line if the burn pile is greater than 3 feet in diameter; and a 25-foot separation if the burn pile is less than 3 feet in diameter.
- ❖ The smoke from the fire must not adversely affect neighbors.
- ❖ It must be daylight hours during a designated burn day.

#### **COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK SPONSORS**

#### **Grant Funding:**

*2014 Veterans and War Memorial Grant  
2013 Veterans and War Memorial Grant*

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*"I can no other answer make  
but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."  
~William Shakespeare~*

#### **💧 WATER CONSERVATION TIP 💧**

##### **Get a jump on spring plantings.**

Gardeners will tell you that plants set in the fall season require less water and will look better come spring time!

## REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH!

Every vote counts! Return your ballot to the Columbia County Courthouse no later than 8 pm on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!



## BETTER BURNING TIPS FOR CLEANER AIR



During colder months in Oregon, smoke from fireplaces and woodstoves is one of the largest threats to healthy air. Wood smoke is basically fuel from your firewood that does not burn and becomes air pollution.

If you heat your home with wood you can take steps to burn cleaner (good for your health)

and more efficiently (good for your pocketbook):

- Use only dry, seasoned wood. Dry wood for at least 6 months.
- Burn only wood. Do not burn garbage, plastics, rubber, paint or oil, briquettes, paper, etc. – burning these items releases harmful chemicals into the air.
- Build small, hot fires instead of large, smoldering ones.
- Don't "bed the fire down" for the night. Holding a fire overnight is a fire hazard and can create serious indoor and outdoor air pollution problems.

## PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

This time of year many residents escape to warmer locations or make plans to visit family and friends out of town. The Columbia City Police Department would like to remind you that, at your request, they will periodically check your home while you are away. To request this service, please register with the Columbia City Police Department before you leave. Forms are available at City Hall and on line at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org).



## CHRISTMAS SHIPS

The Christmas Ships will visit Columbia City on Saturday, December 13, 2014. At 6 pm they will assemble at the St. Helens City Docks and head downriver to Columbia City. If weather conditions permit, they will cross to the Washington side of the river and pass by the Columbia Riverfront RV Park, and then pass by Columbia City again on their return trip to St. Helens. The fleet will be out for approximately two hours. For more information in next month's newsletter.



## REPORT STREETLIGHT PROBLEMS

To report a street light outage, a light going on and off (cycling), a light on during the day, or any other problem with a street light, please contact City Hall by calling 503-397-4010 or e-mailing [colcity@columbia-city.org](mailto:colcity@columbia-city.org). When reporting a problem, please provide as much information as you can about the location, such as the pole numbers, adjacent addresses, cross streets, etc. We depend on citizens to report problems, and appreciate your assistance.

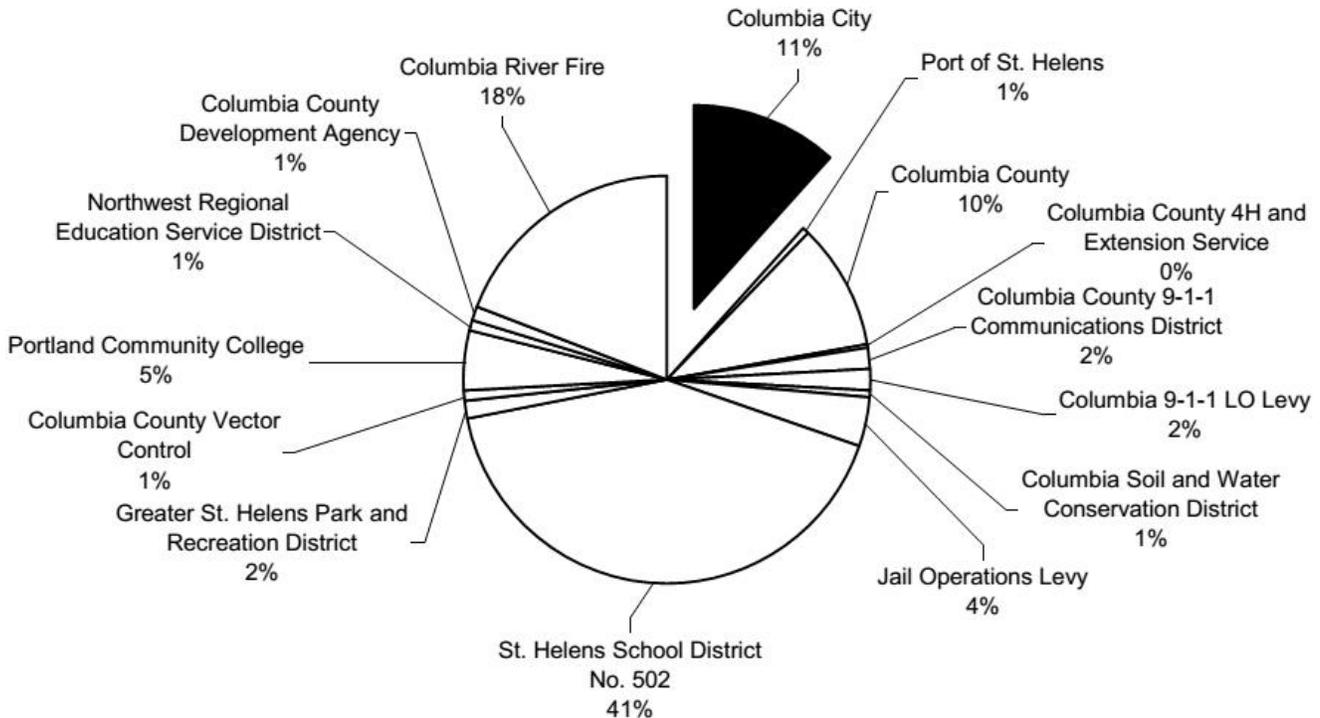


## CHIEF'S CORNER SHOP WITH A COP 2014

The Shop with a Cop 2014 program continues to focus on providing a needy family and children with wintertime necessities and as many "wish list" items as we can provide. As in previous years we need your help with nominating a Columbia City family. If you are aware of a family in need please take the time to nominate them for selection! Please fill out the nomination form (see page 6) and submit it at the front desk at City Hall no later than 5 pm on Friday, December 5, 2014. Nomination forms are also available at City Hall or online. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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). Best regards, Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

## Columbia City's share of your 2014-15 Property Tax Bill



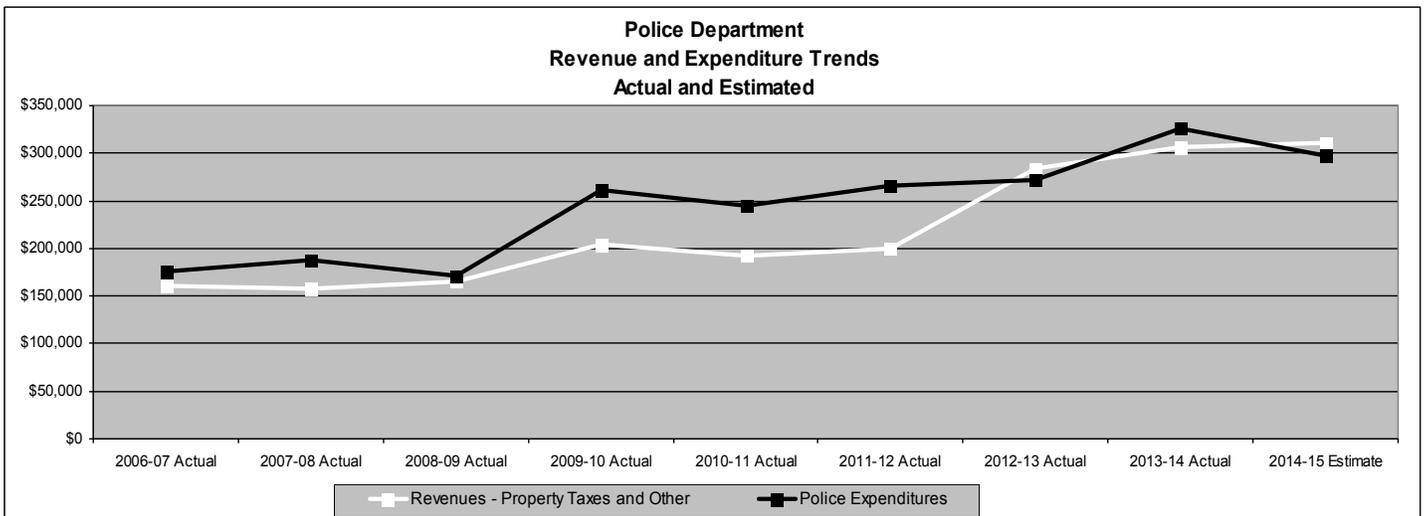
### COLUMBIA CITY PROPERTY TAXES SUPPORT POLICE SERVICES

Property taxes are one of Columbia City's largest revenue sources, equal to 38% of the anticipated General Fund revenues this year. Columbia City uses the property tax revenue it collects to provide police protection services to the community.

This year 11% of the amount you pay to the Columbia County Assessor for property taxes is representative of the taxes Columbia City levies. Columbia City

levies two separate taxes - a permanent tax levy of \$1.1346 per \$1000 assessed value, and a local option levy in the amount of \$0.67 per \$1000. The City of Columbia City tax listed on your 2014-15 tax statement from the County Assessor equates to the combination of these two tax levies with a total combined rate of \$1.8046 per thousand.

89% of the amount you pay to the Columbia County Assessor supports other governmental agencies, such as the School District, Fire District, and Columbia County.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Sidewalks:** The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of yard debris, snow, ice, and other obstructions.

**Water Meters:** It is unlawful to turn water on or off at the meter. Contact the City for assistance by calling (503) 397-4010 during regular business hours, or call C-COM at (503) 397-1521 for after hour emergency service.

**Curfew:** Curfew is in effect between 10:30 pm and 4 am Sunday through Thursday, and between midnight and 4 am Friday and Saturday.

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Columbia City Planning Commission will conduct a Site Development Review on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7 pm The applicant, the Port of St. Helens, has requested approval to construct a 1,925 square foot building containing a meeting room and related improvements on property located at 100 "E" Street in Columbia City, Oregon. **All comments for consideration by the Planning Commission must be in writing and must be received by the City of Columbia City on, or before, November 5, 2014 at 5 pm** The application is available for review at the City Hall.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Don't forget - on November 2<sup>nd</sup> (the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November) clocks are set back one hour at 2 am local daylight time, which becomes 1 am local standard time.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank the community for attending and supporting the recent Columbia City Celebration!

Volunteers are needed to assist with next year's event! Please attend the Celebration Planning Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our library works a bit differently from most public libraries. We very rarely buy new books. Instead, when you donate books, we check through them to see if we can use them in the library. Usually, we only catalog books that have been published in the last five years. For non-fiction and children's books we go further back. If we can't use books in the library, we put them in our book sales. We also put as many as we can on our Second Hand Prose sale shelves. As we pull them out of our book sales and sale shelves, we check to see if we can trade them for books we want. About 20% of our collection comes from Paperbackswap, a trading site. We can try to order books for you from Paperbackswap, for a fee of \$5.00, which covers postage plus a dollar or two. Books are removed from the stacks when they are about seven years old or older if they are checked out a lot. Popular authors will often have books in the Second Hand Prose shelves after they have been discarded from our collection. So if you're looking for an older book and it isn't on the shelf, be sure to check Second Hand Prose.

All this book shuffling requires people. We need more volunteers to work our open hours, and volunteers to help shelve books for Second Hand Prose. We are also looking for more volunteers to help us plan next year's Columbia City Celebration. At least two of our key volunteers will not be here next year, as they go gallivanting off to foreign countries for a year! Attend our next City Celebration Planning meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm.

We forgot to thank Paulson's Printing for donating the Long Beach Peninsula beach cabin stay, which we raffled at the City Celebration. They have also been our go-to printer for posters and thank you notes.

**Holiday Bazaar:** We had a lot of fun the last two years holding a holiday bazaar at the library. We had vendors, lots of items that were donated to the library to sell, and some bake sale items, plus hot apple cider all day. We will again be having a holiday bazaar Saturday, November 15, between 10 am and 4 pm. If you have something you'd like to donate for the library to sell, bring it by. We are still looking for vendors. If you are interested, call the library at 503-366-8020 and we'll be glad to add you!

**Novel Quilters New Book:** We are reading All Roads Lead Me Back to You, by Kennedy Foster for our next book. A first novel set in the Blue Mountains of Washington, All Roads Lead Me Back to You (*Cont.*)

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is an unlikely romance between a Washington rancher and an illegal Mexican immigrant whom she rescues one snowy night.

**Second Hand Prose is open!** In November, Secondhand Prose will feature election and politics books for our half price sale. And then we can forget about politics for a year or so!

**Magazine Subscriptions:** This is the time of year that magazines try to get you to renew your subscriptions and send a new subscription to a friend, all in the same price! Think of the library as a friend, and add us as you are renewing your subscription! Our mailing address is Columbia City Community Library, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018. What a low-cost way to benefit everyone in the community! Thanks in advance!

**Preparedness Kit:** We have a kit called Preparing Together produced by Washington, Clackamas and Columbia Counties' public health departments that can be checked out so you can learn how to prepare for a disaster or emergency. Be ready the next time the power goes out! The kit is available at the library desk.

**New Books:** We added 95 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

*The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook* by Ben Mezrich  
*Think Like a Freak* by Steven Levitt  
*Argo: How the CIA and Hollywood pulled off the most audacious rescue in history* by Antonio Mendez  
*The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan  
*Vigilante* by Stephen Cannell  
*Inherit the Dead* by Mary Higgins Clark  
*The Marriage Plot* by Jeffery Eugenides  
*Moving Target* by J.A. Jance  
*Before the Frost* by Henning Mankell  
*Criminal* by Karin Slaughter  
*Dracula the Un-Dead* by Dacre Stoker and Ian Holt  
*We are Not Eaten by Yaks* by C. Alexander London  
*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

**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 11 am

**Holiday Bazaar**

Saturday, November 15, 10 am - 4 pm

**Friends of the Library**

Monday, November 17, 7 pm

**City Celebration Planning**

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 pm

**Novel Quilters**

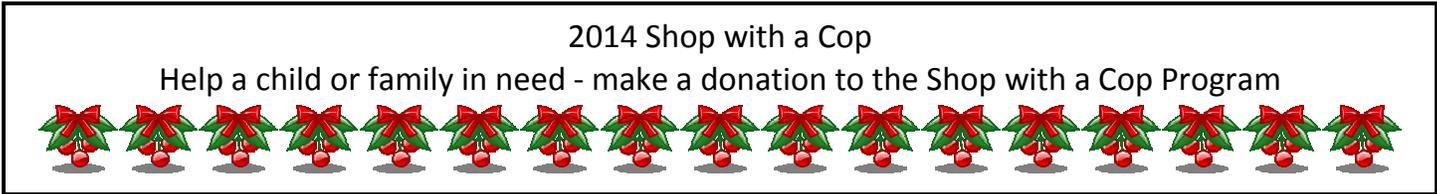
Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 pm

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT**

All households should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

- ✓ Backpack & fanny pack
- ✓ Water (1 gallon per person per day, extra for pets)
- ✓ Water filter bottle
- ✓ Non-perishable foods-food ration bars, granola bars, MRE's (can opener if needed)
- ✓ Spoon, fork, knife
- ✓ Headlamp, flashlights & light sticks
- ✓ NOAA radio & AM/FM radio (battery-powered or hand crank)
- ✓ Extra batteries for all
- ✓ Fire lighter, flint, fire starters, matches
- ✓ Knife, utility knife, scissors
- ✓ Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- ✓ Hand sanitizer, wet wipes, soap
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Duct tape
- ✓ Survival blanket
- ✓ Hotties, gloves, socks
- ✓ Safety glasses
- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ Medications
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Map
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ✓ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- ✓ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ✓ Bottle opener
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit
- ✓ Poncho
- ✓ Face/dust mask
- ✓ Tube tent
- ✓ Bio bags
- ✓ Tooth care
- ✓ Important papers
- ✓ Paper and pen
- ✓ Change of clothes

For more information visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR  
NOVEMBER 2014**

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time ends
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day	Remember to Vote before 8:00 pm
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	dusk	Last day of burn period
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Friends of the Library Meeting in the Library
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Celebration Planning Meeting in the Library
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting at City Hall
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving



**2014 "Shop with a Cop" Nomination Form**

It is time once again for the Columbia City Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Program. This is our sixth 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 take the time by filling 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Return completed nomination forms to Columbia City Hall, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City*  
**Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on Friday, December 5, 2014**

