

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015



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ST. HELENS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ESSAY CONTEST! WIN PRIZE MONEY!

The American Legion is inviting St. Helens High School students to participate in an essay contest. The essay topic is:

“What do the American Flag and Memorial Day mean to me?”



The essay will be judged by members of the American Legion for originality, clarity of expression and adherence to the contest theme as well as grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Essays should be no more than 300 words, and are due by May 15, 2015.

**First place wins \$100
and reads their essay during the
Veterans Park Dedication Ceremony**

Second place wins \$50

Third place wins \$25

Mail essays to:
The American Legion
PO Box 16
St. Helens OR 97051

Email essays to:
jhwellington1919@gmail.com
with a subject line reading
Essay Contest

NEW RESERVE OFFICER SWORN IN

Chief McGlothlin presents Officer William Vance with his badge after he takes the oath of office at a recent City Council Meeting. Officer Vance is the Police Department's newest reserve officer.



ORDER BRICKS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Blank veteran bricks are sold on a first come, first served basis, and only 28 bricks remain to be sold! Place your orders now before we run out!

The proceeds from brick sales will be used to pay for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Veterans Park. Engraved bricks sell for \$75.00 each.

We also have sponsor bricks available for purchase. Sponsor bricks may be engraved with special messages, business names, the names of family members, etc. Show your support of our veterans by purchasing a sponsor brick!

AVOID LATE FEES ORDER BANK CHECKS EARLY!

Ordering a bank check to pay your utility bill? Be sure to allow enough time to avoid late fees! Unpaid accounts are subject to late fees on the 26th of the month.

SPRING CLEANUP ON EARTH DAY!



Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that unwanted junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, newspaper, solidified latex paint cans, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 2015, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE for the first two loads. Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture or mattresses, more than two loads of yard debris, lawn mowers, etc. will be accepted for a fee. The following minimum charges apply to other items:

Yard debris, trees and limbs

First two loads FREE - \$5.00 per load after two

Car load of junk - \$5.00

Pick-up load of junk - \$10.00

Trailer load of junk - \$15.00

Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners - \$10.00

Other appliances - \$5.00

Car batteries - \$2.00

Car or pick-up tires - \$2.00

Commercial truck tires - \$4.00

NO tires on rims

NO commercial truck loads

NO wet garbage

NO burn piles

NO painted wood

NO lumber

NO construction debris

NO sod

Need help transporting your items to the event site? Junk It Store It can help. They will load and haul your yard debris and junk. Please call to schedule an appointment prior to the event (503) 397-5865.

BIANNUAL BURN PERIOD



The biannual burn period will **begin on Saturday, April 4th, and end on Sunday, April 19th.** The burn period is for yard debris only and it must be a burn day.

Burn barrels are prohibited. **Call (503) 397-4800 for burn day information before you burn. 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.

ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN FAIR

Don't miss the **Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association's 20th Spring Garden Fair** on April 25th at St. Helens High School Commons, 2375 Gable Road. The sale starts at 9 am and ends at 3 pm. Admission and parking are free. Please carpool.

Certified Master Gardeners offer 5,000 tomatoes in more than 35 varieties for only \$1.50 per plant, tomato and general gardening information, raffle tickets, hourly prizes and displays.

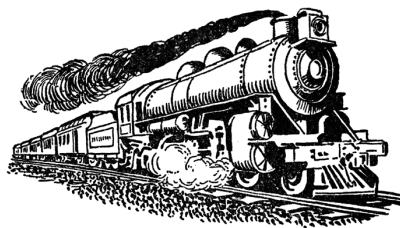


Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$1.00 each from many Master Gardeners and at the OSU Extension Service in St. Helens.

Dozens of local vendors will offer annuals, trees, shrubs, perennials, vegetables, ceramics, trellises, garden art, herbs, containers, hanging baskets and more.

Visit the Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association's website for more information and photos: www.ColumbiaCountyMasterGardeners.org

PLEASE REPORT QUIET ZONE VIOLATIONS



Columbia City is located within a Quiet Zone designated by the Federal Railroad Administration. In a Quiet Zone, railroads are directed to cease the routine sounding of their horns when approaching public highway-rail grade crossings. However, railroads may still use train horns within a Quiet Zone as deemed necessary for safety purposes.

We would like to thank all of the residents that recently documented and reported the use of routine train horns with the Columbia City Quiet Zone. We were able to report the documented violations to the proper authority to get the problem resolved. If you witness the use of routine train horns within Columbia City, please document the date and time of the occurrence and provide the information to City Hall.

**VETERANS PARK DEDICATION PROGRAM
MAY 25, 2015 - 11 AM TO 12:30 PM**

“We’re No Awa Tae Bide Awa”
Travis Dutton, Bagpiper

Welcome
Betsy Johnson, Oregon State Senator

Color Guard
Young Marines, Oregon Cascade Unit

“To the Colors”/Flag Raising
*Kennan Turner and the
Young Marines, Oregon Cascade Unit*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Cheryl A. Young, Mayor

“Star Spangled Banner”
River City Singers

Park Dedication Plaque Unveiling
*Sally Ann Marson, Chairman - Parks Committee
Gene Hester, VFW Post #1440*

Blue Star Byway Marker Unveiling
Marcia Kay Whitelock, Blue Star Marker Chairman

Branch Flag Raising/Monument Unveiling
United States Service Branch Representatives

All American Veterans Monument Unveiling
Cheryl A. Young, Mayor

“Taps”/Placement of Wreath
*Keenan Turner and
Marcia Kay Whitelock, Blue Star Marker Chairman*

Prayer
Chaplain Denver Peoples, VFW Post #1440

**Essay Reading: “What Do the American Flag
and Memorial Day Mean to Me?”**
*Commander Lyle King, St. Helens American Legion
and the Essay Contest Winner*

“God Bless America”
Pastor Joe Strandjord, First Lutheran Church

Closing Remarks
Patrick B. Trapp, CAPT USCG Retired

“Scotland the Brave”
Travis Dutton, Bagpiper

**Light Luncheon served at the Caples House
Museum/Knapp Social Center**
*Daughters of the American Revolution,
Mt. St. Helens Chapter*

COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK

Grant Funding:
2014 Veterans and War Memorial Grant
2013 Veterans and War Memorial Grant

Diamond Level Sponsors:
Anonymous Private Donor
Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
Hamer Electric
Knife River
West Oregon Wood Products
Geneva Floors
St. Helens Garden Club
Boy Scout Troop No. 142
Brundage Bone
Columbia River PUD
Comcast
Dyno Nobel
NW Natural
Port of St. Helens

Platinum Level Sponsors:
Artisan Concrete
Veterans of Foreign Wars #1440
DocuMart
Ferguson Waterworks
CalPortland
Columbia County
Hudson Garbage Service
**St. Helens-Scappoose Septic Tank
Service**
Wayne Mayo Construction

Silver Level Sponsors:
Columbia River Pilots
Ferguson’s Fragrant Nursery

Bronze Level Sponsors:
CenturyLink
RS Media
Brad Witt

**“I can no other answer make but thanks,
and thanks, and ever thanks.”**

~William Shakespeare~

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT
FEBURARY - MARCH 2015**

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 562 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: Assault, Burglary, Death Investigation, Domestic Disturbance, Harassment, Stolen Motor Vehicle, Threats, Theft, Traffic Crashes, Trespassing, and Warrant Services.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

- Residential Security Checks: 217
- Area Patrols: 33
- Foot Patrols: 21
- Assist the Public: 19
- Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 14
- Assistance to Outside Agencies: 34
- Animal Complaints: 9
- Parking/Traffic Complaints: 7
- Noise Complaints: 3
- Welfare Checks: 3
- Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 69

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

- Investigative Follow Up's: 16
- Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles: 14
- Traffic Stops: 176
- Threats: 2
- Assault: 1
- Burglary: 2
- Warrant Service: 2
- Death Investigation: 1
- Harassment: 1
- Traffic Crashes: 2
- Stolen Motor Vehicle: 1
- Theft: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

- 1. Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Theft

Investigation in the 1900 block of Third Street on February 14, 2015. Suspects Jeff Coughlin, 29, of St. Helens and Cody Coughlin, 21, of St. Helens identified. Vehicle recovered and returned to owner. Case forwarded to the DA's Office for prosecution.

- 2. Death Investigation in the 1700 block of Sixth Street on February 26, 2015. Death ruled as natural causes.
- 3. Fail to Report as a Sex Offender in the area of Highway 30 near L Street on March 6, 2015. Suspect: Christine Johanson, 43, of Deer Island arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
- 4. Warrant arrest in the area of Highway 30 near E Street on March 6, 2015. Suspect: James Cook, 19, of Columbia City arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Keep grass and weeds cut: Between April 15th and September 30th weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits.

Solicitation permit: The City requires a City business license and a solicitation permit for businesses that go door-to-door selling products or soliciting business. **Before** doing business with anyone selling door-to-door, please ask them to provide you with a copy of their Columbia City business license and solicitation permit, and report violators to the City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010 or the non-emergency dispatch at (503) 397-1521.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Are you interested in serving on the Columbia City Planning Commission? The City currently has a position available. Applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The term is for a period of four years. The Planning Commission meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month when there are topics to discuss. Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, or may be found on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org.



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Act as if what you do makes a difference.
It does.

~ William James

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CHIEF'S CORNER

STAY CONNECTED IN EMERGENCIES! We would like to encourage all of our citizens to connect with us in order to receive emergency information and notifications in times of emergency. In order to achieve this goal several communication forums are used. In addition to the educational efforts of the City Newsletter we also incorporate participation in the Columbia Alert Network (CAN) system, as well as continued involvement with Facebook and Twitter accounts. Registration for participation in the CAN network can be completed at the front desk of City Hall. Please feel free to follow us on both Facebook and Twitter as well!

WELCOMING A NEW RESERVE OFFICER: We would like to welcome William H. Vance to the ranks of the Columbia City Police Department as our newest Reserve Police Officer. Reserve Officer Vance was sworn into duty at the March 5, 2015 City Council meeting, upon completion of his appointment process and successful graduation from the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Reserve Academy. He currently works as a full-time officer with the Port of Vancouver Security Office and is supported by his wife and two children. Reserve Officer Vance has begun his Field Training and Evaluation Program and is expected to be a tremendous asset to our community.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Novel Quilters: April is the month we complete one of our series of quilts. This time we have been reading *All Roads Lead Me Back to You* by Kennedy Foster. Expect to see horses! Our quilt reveal is Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. Please join us to see the quilts and to find out what we will be reading next. You don't have to be a quilter to come see the quilts!

Columbia City Celebration Plant Sale September 19, 2015: We need donations of plants

to sell to benefit our Library. We sell indoor and outdoor plants. August is a good time to divide your early blooming bulbs. Last year we sold African Violets, Irises, Daylilies, etc. Or start some seeds for flowering plants. Who can use 150 heucheras? We can! Call Beverlee Darling at (949) 292-6065 for more information.

Second Hand Prose: This month's sale selection is philosophy, psychology, and religion. We get lots donated, so we know you like to read them! Half price for the month of April!

New Books: We added 111 books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

- *Cascadia's Fault: The coming earthquake and tsunami that could devastate North America* by Jerry Thompson
- *How Chance and Stupidity have Changed History: The Hinge Factor* by Eric Durschmied
- *Philomena: A Mother, Her Son, and a Fifty-Year Search* by Martin Sixsmith
- *Astoria & Empire* by James P. Ronda
- *Alexander, Who's Trying His Best to Be the Best Boy Ever* by Judith Viorst
- *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg
- *Songs of Love and Death: Tales of Star-Crossed Lovers* by George R.R. Martin and Gardner R. Dozois
- *Ironhorse* by Robert Parker and Robert Knott
- *Second Honeymoon* by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
- *Winners* by Danielle Steel
- *Death and the Maiden* by Frank Tallis
- *Doing Hard Time* by Stuart Woods
- *Garfield, Survival of the Fattest* by Jim Davis

Library Hours:

Monday 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesday 4 - 8 pm

Thursday 2 - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Story Time:

11 am every Monday

City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, April 7 - 6:30 pm

Novel Quilters Meeting:

Wednesday, April 15 - 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, April 20 - 7 pm

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, April 29 - 7 pm

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - APRIL 2015

April 2 nd	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
April 4 th	dawn	First day of open burning season
April 9 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
April 14 th	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
April 16 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
April 18 th	8:00 a.m. to noon	Spring Clean Up Event at the Columbia City School
April 19 th	dusk	Last day of open burning season
April 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
April 27 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
April 28 th	5:00 p.m.	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.

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

Signature

Make checks payable to Columbia City

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Columbia City provides a range of services to the community. We'd like to ask you to please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Your input is important to us, and we look forward to hearing how we might better serve you. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you need not answer all of the questions.

Your feedback is appreciated!

Please return completed surveys to City Hall during the month of April

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Question 1:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the City Hall Office?

Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 2)

B. If you answered yes to Question 1A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied

5=very satisfied

_____ Water or Sewer Utility Payment or Inquiry	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Municipal Court Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Building, Plumbing or Mechanical Permit	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Land Use Related	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Street Light Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 2:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Police Department?

Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 3)

- B. If you answered yes to Question 2A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):
- 1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied
- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <u> </u> Criminal Complaint | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Traffic Complaint | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Traffic Stop | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 3:

- A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Public Works Department?
 Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 4)

- B. If you answered yes to Question 3A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):
- 1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied
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| <u> </u> Water Service Need or Issue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Sewer Service Need or Issue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Park Facility Issue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Storm Drain Problem | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Street Maintenance Issue | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <u> </u> Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 4:

What is your perception of the overall quality of services provided by the City of Columbia City? (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5
 (Poor) (Excellent)

Additional comments you would like to make: _____
