

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2015

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### SCOUT EARN EAGLE BADGE WITH HARVARD PARK SEE SAW PROJECT



The Columbia City community will enjoy the benefits of another Eagle Merit Badge project for years to come! Jeffrey Edwards and his team of volunteers installed a new see saw in the Harvard Park playground. They also relocated another piece of equipment within the park.

The City's Park Committee selected and purchased the new see saw earlier this year, and they were very pleased to have the Scouts select another community project within the City's parks system.

## Food Drive



### FEED THE NEED

Please help us **Feed the Need** by bringing your donations of boxed and canned foods to City Hall during the month of November. All of the collected goods will be given to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in St. Helens. Other ways in which you can help may be found on the Columbia Pacific Food Bank website - [www.cpfoodbank.org](http://www.cpfoodbank.org).

**We can't help everyone,  
but everyone can help someone.**

~ Dr. Loretta Scott ~

NOW ACCEPTING

## SHOP WITH A COP NOMINATIONS

Do you know of a local family that could use some extra assistance during the upcoming holiday season? We are currently accepting nominations for the 2015 Shop with a Cop Program.

To nominate a family, complete the nomination form on page 4 of this newsletter and return it to City Hall. Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on Friday, December 4, 2015.

### SEWER PROJECT PROGRESSES TO NORTHWEST AREA OF CITY

Starting in November, 16 steel septic tanks will be abandoned or replaced, 1,100 feet of sewer lateral will be replaced, and 2,000 feet of 4-inch sewer line will be upsized to 6-inch line. The specific project area involves those portions of Park and Sixth Streets between Pacific and Lincoln Streets. The steel tanks have exceeded their useful life, and the area will begin to be converted to gravity flow. The contractor will attempt to make contact with the residents of property that will be directly impacted by the work. **Residents are encouraged to watch for door hangers that may provide them with important information about the project.**

In October, twenty-four sewer manholes in the southwest area of the City were lined with an epoxy type grout to reduce groundwater flow into the sewer system, commonly referred to as infiltration. Infiltration increases energy and sewer treatment costs and reduces system capacity. Infiltration occurs through holes, cracks, joint failures, and faulty connections.

## COLUMBIA CITY PROPERTY TAXES SUPPORT POLICE SERVICES

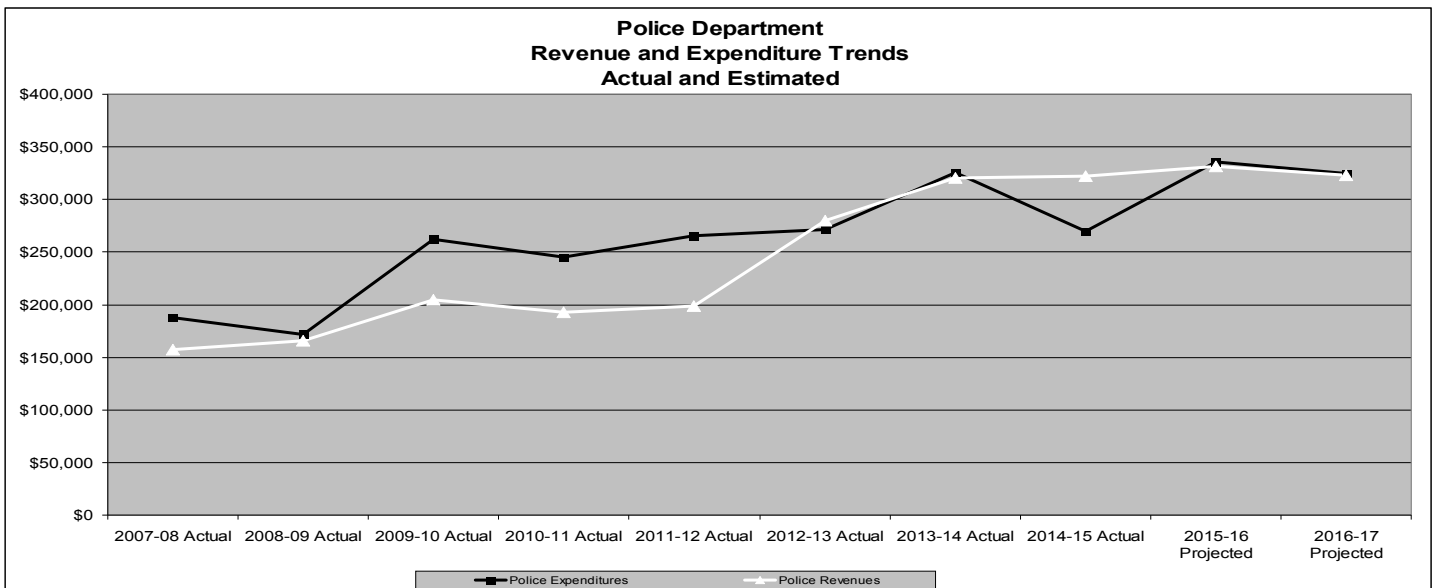
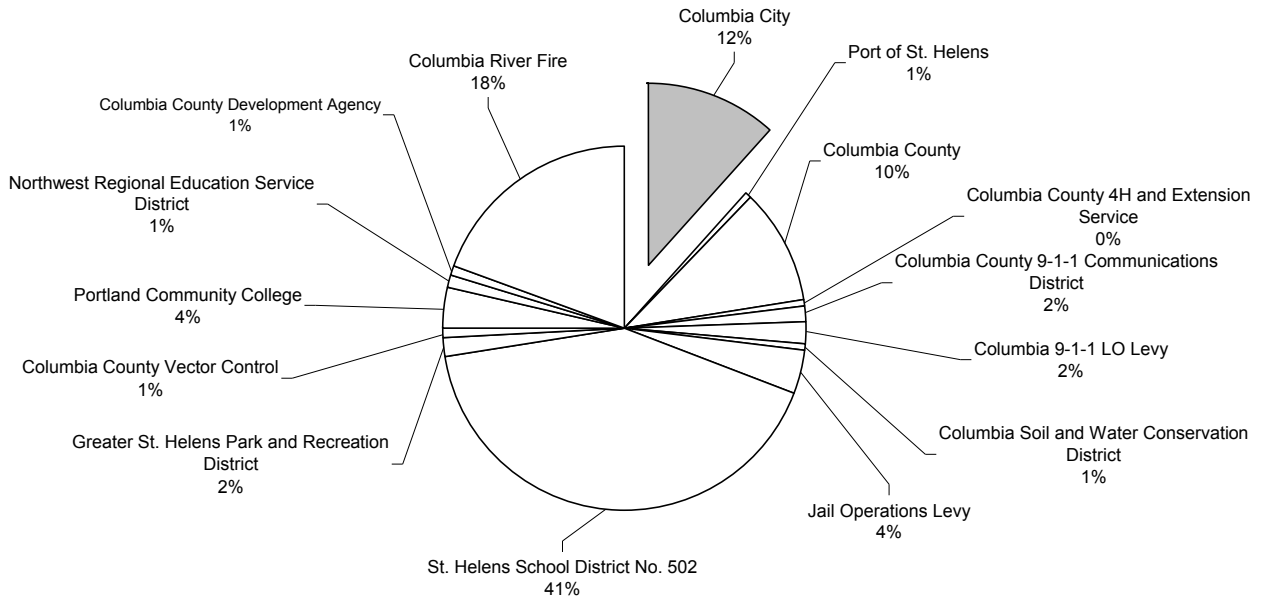
Property taxes are one of Columbia City's largest revenue sources, equal to 38% of the anticipated General Fund revenues this year. Columbia City uses the property tax revenue it collects to provide police protection services to the community.

This year 12% 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 2015-16 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 St. Helens School District, Columbia River Fire & Rescue, and Columbia County.

### Columbia City's Share of 2015-16 Property Tax



## OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and ending Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</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.

### 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.

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

**RV Waste Disposal is Prohibited:** It is unlawful to dump RV waste into the City's sewer system. RV waste must be disposed of at a specifically designated disposal site.

### CHRISTMAS SHIPS

The Christmas Ships will visit Columbia City on Saturday, December 12, 2015. 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.

### BELATED THANK YOU

The Friends of the Columbia City Community Library would like to thank Keith Forsythe and Pacific Industrial Services, Inc., for their contribution to the 2015 Celebration Silent Auction. They were erroneously omitted from the thank you list in last month's newsletter.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The City Celebration planning group is taking a break until January. However, a lot of those involved in the City Celebration have started attending the Friends of the Library meetings, the third Monday of each month at 7 pm at the library. FOL is the governing group for our library. For those who volunteer to staff our library, we will begin holding quarterly meetings on Monday, November 2. We have a great bunch of volunteers and can't tell you how much we appreciate them!

Help us by signing up for Fred Meyer's Community Reward Program. Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library by visiting [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number 81652. Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you will be helping the library earn a donation! You will still earn Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates.

**Holiday Bazaar:** We will again be having a holiday bazaar Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, between 10 am and 3 pm. We had a lot of fun the last three years holding the bazaar. We will have vendors, lots of items donated to the library to sell, and some bake sale items, plus hot apple cider all day. If you have something you'd like to donate for the library to sell, bring it by. We are looking for vendors, but will have to limit it to six vendors because of our limited space. If you are interested, call the library at (503) 366-8020 and we'll be glad to add you!

**Secondhand Prose is Cooking!** In November, Secondhand Prose will feature cookbooks for half the normal price. Try a new recipe for your Thanksgiving feast!

**Novel Quilters New Book:** We are reading The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion, by Fannie Flagg for our next book. Fannie Flagg is at her hilarious and superb best in this new comic mystery novel about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are.

**Online Volunteer Needed:** Occasionally a book or silent auction item is donated to the library, and our local audience is not the right market for it. We need someone who can list items on Amazon or eBay for the benefit of the library. Please contact the library if you would be interested in doing this for us!

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**LIBRARY NEWS**  
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*Written in My Own Heart's Blood* by Diana Gabaldon  
*Falling From Horses* by Molly Gloss

**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 PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018. What a low-cost way to benefit everyone in the community! Thanks in advance!

**New Books:** We added 57 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

- The Vacationers* by Emma Straub
- The Martian* by Andy Weir
- The Dog Lived (and So Will I)* by Teresa Rhyne
- Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen
- Bird Cloud* by Annie Proulx
- The Sound of Broken Glass* by Deborah Crombie

**Library Hours:**  
 Monday 10 am - 2 pm  
 Wednesday 4 - 8 pm  
 Thursday 2 - 6 pm  
 Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

**Storytime:**  
 Every Monday - 11 am

**Volunteer group meeting:**  
 Monday, November 2 - 7 pm

**Friends of the Library Meeting:**  
 Monday, November 16 - 7 pm

**Novel Quilters:**  
 Wednesday, November 18 - 6:30 pm

**Holiday Bazaar:**  
 Friday, Saturday, November 20 & 21 - 10 am - 3 pm

**Library Closed :**  
 Wednesday and Thursday, November 25 & 26

**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2015**

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time ends
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
<del>November 10<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>7:00 pm</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED</del>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	dusk	Last day of burn period
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving

**2015 "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 seventh 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  
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