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LEAHNETTE RIVERS RECEIVES ESTEEMED HERMAN KEHRLI AWARD

EXTRA CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS COLLECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER



Leahnette Rivers, with husband Buddy

The League of Oregon Cities' prestigious Herman Kehrl Award was presented to Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator, Friday evening as part of the League's 90th Annual Conference in Bend, Oregon. The award is given to a city employee who has made exceptional contributions to city government in Oregon, producing lasting benefits to the community.

Don't forget!! Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-7153.

SMELLING AMMONIA OUTSIDE? DIAL 9-1-1!

The City's Hazard Mitigation Team would like to remind Columbia City residents that they live in close proximity to a chemical plant that produces agricultural-grade nitrogen fertilizer, along with chemicals used to reduce pollution from power plants. Anhydrous ammonia is a pungent gas with suffocating fumes that is used in fertilizer.

A citizen can be the first to detect an ammonia release, and they should never consider the smell of ammonia in the area to be "normal." Citizens are urged to dial 9-1-1 when they detect the smell ammonia.

Leahnette began her career in public service working for the City of Rogue River at age 17 under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, or CETA program. Created in 1973, this program trained workers and provided them with jobs in public service. Six months later she stepped into a full-time position with the City of Rogue River serving as their Deputy Recorder/Account Clerk. She was promoted to City Recorder/Treasurer, and became Rogue River's first City Administrator. In 1997, she accepted the job of City Administrator for the City of Talent where she worked until she married her husband, Buddy. After the wedding, the couple relocated to the Portland area and Leahnette began her 16 years as City Administrator for Columbia City.

Endorsements for Leahnette's award came from community members, who praised her outstanding efforts to bring a park to her community to honor veterans and their families; elected officials, who praised her financial planning and budgeting skills; and city staff, who described her as having great compassion for others and steadfast leadership.

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HOSTS HAVEST FESTIVAL

The Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR) will host a Harvest Festival at the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, Columbia City, on Sunday, October 4 from noon to 5 pm. There will be fun activities for the whole family including cider pressing, butter churning, candle making, and pioneer kids' games. Admission is free to the festival and Museum tours are \$4 per adult, \$3 for children five and older.





**SURVIVING A QUAKE
JOIN THE GREAT OREGON SHAKEOUT DRILL**

On October 15 at 10:15 am, Oregonians are encouraged to participate in the Great Oregon ShakeOut, the world's largest "Drop, Cover, and Hold On!" earthquake drill. Approximately 385,000 Oregonians have already registered for this year's drill. Due to the fact that Oregon is seismically active with both inland earthquakes and the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the Oregon Coast, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is encouraging participation in the Great Oregon ShakeOut.

"Participating in the drill is something you can do to protect yourself and your family," said Oregon Office of Emergency Management Geologic Hazard Coordinator Althea Rizzo. "Oregonians should strive to be self-sufficient for at least two weeks after a major earthquake."

OEM is also asking for support promoting the Great Oregon ShakeOut by using #ORShakeOut. There will be a twitter chat on September 30 from 11 am to noon hosted by OEM to discuss earthquake preparedness, and to highlight the 2015 ShakeOut. Recently, there has been increased interest about earthquakes in Oregon. The release of an article in the New Yorker called "The Really Big One", Governor Kate Brown's proclamation of September being National Preparedness Month, the release of the updated "Cascadia Playbook", and other important projects that are highlighting and mitigating earthquake risk in Oregon are examples.

You can register and get information about the Great Oregon ShakeOut at <http://shakeout.org/oregon/>.

**SCOUTS EARN EAGLE MERIT BADGES
ON PROJECTS BENEFITTING COLUMBIA CITY**



The Columbia City community will enjoy the benefits of several Eagle Merit Badge projects for many, many years to come. These projects were planned, developed and led by local Boy Scouts from Troop 142.

In February 2015, Garth Naillon led a team of volunteers in the installation of an irrigation system and electrical conduit in the Veterans Park.

Then in March, Brian Ferrin organized a team of volunteers to landscape a large section of the Veterans Park.

Last month in September, Dylan Desilva and his team installed over 200 feet of split rail fencing along the top of a steep bank above McBride Creek.

We greatly appreciate the contributions these three Scouts and their many volunteers have made to our community!

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Plant in the fall, if supported by the planting instructions of your product, when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- ❑ Attention pet owners! You must pick up after your pets! It's the law!
- ❑ Ground excavation activities on steeply sloped properties may require geotechnical work, and they are prohibited between October 1 and April 15 of each year. Contact City Hall for more details prior to beginning excavation work.
- ❑ Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited. Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc.
- ❑ Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of diapers, dental floss, shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.

Please report violators to the City Hall.

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!

PREPARE FAIR 2015: We conducted our annual Prepare Fair, in conjunction with the City Celebration, on Saturday September 19, 2015 at the Columbia City School location. The fair ran from 10 am until noon and offered information, materials, and suggestions regarding general family preparedness and sustainment for a two week plus time frame. Local stakeholders and service providers who will be responding in times of natural or man-made disasters were on hand. These groups will include: Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia County Roads Department, Public Health, St. Helens area Community Emergency Response Team, ARES Emergency Communications, Columbia 911, Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Midway Veterinary Hospital, and the Columbia City Police Department. Special thanks to Northwest Natural Gas, Dyno Nobel, and the St. Helens School District for sponsoring this project. Thank you to all that presented as well as our citizens who stopped by the event!



Maximus Fromm admires the new patrol car during the Prepare Fair

SHOP WITH A COP 2015: We have begun solicitation for nominees for our annual Shop with a Cop event. This program sponsors a Columbia City family who is nominated by citizen input, and allows

the department to provide the family with winter time necessities and Christmas wish list items. If you know a family who could use some assistance this holiday season please take the time to nominate them. Nomination forms may be submitted at the front desk at the City Hall.

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

The Columbia City Celebration was a great success this year. We raised over \$5,700 for the library. The car show, the silent auction, and the number of vendors grew. We had a lot of help, and managers of the events did a great job. We had wonderful weather again. So thank you to everyone who helped, everyone who attended, and everyone who spent money to help support our library! Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm at the library will be our next planning meeting.

The Library has joined Fred Meyer's Community Reward Program. Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library by visiting 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 your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates.

Second Hand Prose Celebrates Two Year of Business! Our sale area has been open for two years now, and is a steady source of income to the library. And it makes it so much easier to find books! So to celebrate, everything in Second Hand Prose will be half price for the month of October. Stop over and see if you missed something during the sale!

Readers' Reads: Read any good books lately? Share the titles with your friends by posting a recommendation on the "Readers' Reads" board at the library.

Friends of the Library Membership: It's time again to join Friends of the Library (FOL). Our FOL group administers the library, purchases (*continued on page 4*)

LIBRARY NEWS: (continued from page 3) books, pays the utility bills, and in general, makes sure you have a library! Please support us with your membership, and get involved with the library!

Novel Quilters Revealed: We are reading Winter Garden, by Kristin Hannah. Join us on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm as we reveal our quilts based on the book, and start on our next book. We always welcome visitors, and this is the month to visit us and see whether you'd like to join our group.

2015 City Celebration proceeds: Silent Auction: \$1,991, Book Sale: \$924, Car Show: \$1,500, Breakfast: \$19, Lunch: \$679, Quilt Raffle: \$318, Beach Cabin Raffle: \$286, Plant Sale: \$123, Bake Sale: \$219, Ice Cream: \$100, Popcorn \$40, and Booth Space Sales \$500.

New Books: We added 173 books to the library during the past two months. Some recent additions to our library include:
Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
Forty Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World by Howard Buffett

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert
Gardening in Miniature by Janet Calvo
Through My Eyes by Tim Tebow
The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
This Was Bradwood: Includes Clifton and Bugby by Donald Helwig
Americanah by Chimamanda Adichie
Chestnut Street by Maeve Binchy
The Forgotten Room by Lincoln Child
The Twelve by Justin Cronin
Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
Headhunters by Jo Nesbo

Storytime

Every Monday at 11 am

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, October 19 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Group

Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE 2015 COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATION!!!

Corporate Sponsors: West Oregon Wood Products, Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, Columbia River PUD, St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union, Hudson Portable Toilet Service, City of Columbia City, St. Helens School District, Starbucks, and Paulson's Printing.

Show & Shine:

Award Sponsors: Lawrence Oil, Outlaw Automotive, Les Schwab Tire Center St. Helens, St. Helens Auto Center, Alliance Automotive/Eaton's Tire & Service, Emmert Motors, Gearhead Motorworks, Sunset Auto Parts, and Comcast.

Show & Shine Volunteers: Simon Ebert, Bill Mansheim, Jerry Perron, Scott Downey, Dennis Cross, Chip Gardes, Gordon Thistle, Gail Thistle, Mark Ebert, and Lora Berg.

Show & Shine Judges: Rich Mazzella, Wayne Martin, Glenn Keudell, John King, Fred Dyson.

Special Acknowledgements: City Staff and Public Works Department; Columbia City Mayor and Police Chief, Dutch Bros. Coffee St. Helens, KL&C Fence Inc., Summit Racing, Rock Auto, and to Chip and Kit Gardes for contributing for the band.

Silent Auction Donors: Alterations by Heather, Avamere, Bella Maison, Bernie Albertine, A Better Way, Bings, Blackbird Catering, Burke and Kris Wood, Burrito House, Candice Weitzel, Children's Closet, Chip Gardes, Christine Ebrahimi, Colleen

Calkins, Columbia City, Columbia Electric Feed and Seed, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Columbia Theatre, Cornerstone Café, Dalgren's, Dana Belisle, Dari Delish, Dee Loyd, Deer Island Store, Dianne Ebert, Dr. Cornutt, El Tapatio, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, Family Vision, Fast Lube St. Helens, Fibers and Stitches, Flowers 4 U and Antiques Too, Fritz's Clock Repair, Fultano's, Flaze, Gifts and Giggles, Grammy Tryner, Great Clips, Harrington's, Ichabod's, Interstate Tavern, Ixtapa, Janet LeSollen, Jean LeMont, Jilly's, Jocelyn Marble, John Weinman, Joy Creek Nursery, Kim and Don Harrington, Kuy's Cuisine, Leahnette Rivers, Lee Phillips, Leonard Marson, Marcia Parrett, Mark Ebert, Mark's on the Channel, Martin Kyle-Milward, McMenamins, Methodist Church, Miyako Japanese Restaurant, Mo's Art, Hook & Needle, MPC Digital Rainier, Muchas Gracias, Oaks Park, Oregon Trail Lanes, Our Sister Company, Pacific Athletic Club, Papa Murphy's, Pittock Mansion, Pizza Vendor, Pure Serenity, Quill, Ray Murphy, Scappoose Express Car Wash, Scappoose Outfitters, Sheila Bauer, Simm's, Stacey Finney, St. Helens Physical Therapy, Sunshine Pizza, Uptown Market, Yankton Store, Ye Ol' Grog Distillery, Victoria Worrall, Village Inn, Wildwood Golf Course, and Wynne Frank.

Plant Sale Donors: Beverly Darling, Lee Ann Landenberger, Mike Landenberger, Kip Smith, Kristen Bailey, the Wheeler family, Cathy Lundberg, Colleen Calkins,

Dana and Jim Bellisle, Betty Castro, and many anonymous donors.

Lunch and Bake Sale: Cathy Lambert, Cathy Lundberg, Colleen Calkins, Beth Hansen, Arissa Cupp, Mike Shiel, Sharon Shiel, Cody Shiel, Sam Shiel, Cloud King, Luna King, Amy Forman, Keirney Glenn-Barham, Linda Glenn-Barham, Elsa Wooley, and many more.

Book Sale: Cathy Lundberg, Colleen Calkins, Doug Calkins, Edna Morse, Garla Pecore, Hailey Griffin, Katrina Clift, Lee Phillips, Lowell Bauer, Marian Smith, Mark Ebert, Diane Ebert, Percy Smith, and Wynne Frank.

Breakfast Volunteers: John Burdett, Colleen Calkins, Doug Calkins, Jean Carulli, Suella Kovich, Mya O'Brien, Buddy Rivers, Leahnette Rivers, Kris Wood, Burke Wood, Laura Markham, Dave Markham, Sally Ann Marson, Molly Hruska, Jack Hruska, and Laverne Erhardt.

Special Thanks: To Karen Brooks and her extended family for the bounce house and children's area; to the Lions and the Elks for the children's eye screening clinic; to the National Guard for bringing their rock climbing wall; and to Paulette Lichatowich for running the squash contest and the ice cream, to Synne Frank for getting lots of silent auction donations and running the vendors; to Cathy Lambert for advertising, getting signs out, and running the lunch. I know we missed people because there were a lot of people helping! We apologize to those we missed!

HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 8 am to noon. For more information regarding the event or any other solid waste issues, please contact Columbia County Solid Waste at (503) 397-7207.

BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS

Beginning **Saturday, November 7, through Sunday, November 22**, yard debris may be burned outdoors within Columbia City. However, **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. 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. Have questions? Please call the Fire Marshall at (503) 397-2990. Watch for additional information in next month's newsletter.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 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 361 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: Criminal Mischief, Drug Activity, Fraud, Harassment, Prowler Calls, Theft, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 85
Area Patrols: 17
Foot Patrols: 19
Assist the Public: 17
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 5
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 29
Animal Complaints: 5
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 2
Nuisance Complaints: 4
Welfare Checks: 3
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 46.75

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 18
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 20
Traffic Stops: 43
Thefts: 3
Warrant Service: 1
Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle: 2
Fraud: 1
Criminal Mischief: 2
Stolen Motor Vehicle: 1
Harassment: 1
Drug Activity: 1
Prowler Calls: 4

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle and Theft investigation in the 1600 block of Eighth Street on August 26, 2015. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
2. Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle and Theft investigation in the 3300 block of Tahoma Street on August 31, 2015. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
3. Criminal Mischief investigation in the 200 block of "I" Street on September 4, 2015. Investigation remains open.
4. Warrant arrest in the area of JP West Road on September 9, 2015. Christopher Johnson, 52, of Scappoose was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR OCTOBER 2015

October 1 st	6:00 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 13 th	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall <i>cancelled</i>
October 19 th	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Celebration Planning Meeting at the Library
October 15 th	6:00 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 20 th	3:00 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
October 27 th	5:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

Here's your chance to get a great deal! The Library will accept sealed bids for each of the items below. All proceeds will benefit the Columbia City Community Library. All of the items may be examined at the Library during regular staffed hours. To bid, complete this form and return it in a sealed envelope to the Library or to City Hall.

Sealed bids must be received no later than Friday, October 30, 2015, 5 pm.

Envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked "SEALED BID" and delivered to the Library at 2000 Second Street or the City Hall at 1840 Second Street, or mailed to PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Value	Item Description	Minimum Bid	Bid
\$40.00	Tiffany style glass lamp shade	\$20.00	
\$45.00	Adidas shirt, blue M	\$15.00	
\$10.00	Vintage hand painted wildflower bookmark	\$2.00	
\$20.00	Commemorative Billy Mills Christmas pillow	\$5.00	
\$225.00	Collectible Doll "Rose" by Jan McLean	\$75.00	
\$225.00	Collectible Doll "Lucy" by Jan McLean	\$75.00	
\$250.00	Yamaha Electone Model DK40 keyboard and bench	\$50.00	
\$20.00	Scarf, lanyard gift basket with pant hem certificate	\$10.00	
\$36.00	Halo video game	\$15.00	
\$36.00	Starcraft Wings of Liberty video game	\$15.00	
\$10.00	Christmas Greetings slate	\$3.00	
\$45.00	Sunshine quilt	\$15.00	
\$150.00	Initiation fee/1 month use for 1 couple at Pacific Athletic Club	\$50.00	
\$15.00	Gift certificate for Janet LeSollen merchandise at bazaar	\$5.00	
\$10.00	Marble pillow	\$5.00	

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 the Columbia City 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: _____

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 4, 2015