

Columbia City Newsletter

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\$30,000 STILL NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY HALL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

The Community Hall: The Community Hall was constructed by the Community Club in 1926, the very same year Columbia City was incorporated. The Club was organized to promote friendship and community betterment, and the Club regularly held benefit dances in the Hall. The Hall was also used for meetings, receptions, elections, school athletics, school programs, and the like. The Club turned the facility over to the City in 1940, and the City has continued to maintain the Hall for the benefit of the community.

About the Renovation: The objectives of this project are to preserve a vital community asset that has a 90-year rich history. This project involves remodeling the kitchen, creating separate men and women restrooms, adding a shower facility, providing easily accessible storage for tables and chairs, installing retractable basketball hoops, replacing windows and doors, repainting the interior, repairing dry rot and brick work, improving ADA accessibility, etc. This project is essential to the preservation and sustainability of the Community Hall building, and it will increase the use and interest in this already popular facility by enhancing the overall rental experience. With these renovations, this affordable multi-purpose facility will meet the needs of many more people and better serve the public as a Red Cross shelter in times of emergency.

Project Schedule and Funding: The project is well underway, and we hope to have it completed by February 2017. The project is estimated to cost \$195,000, and so far we have raised \$165,000. The funding has come from a combination of funds raised from sponsors, donors and partners, contributions of goods and services, foundation grant awards, a variety of fund raising activities, City funds and in-kind contributions.

How to Sponsor the Campaign: To sponsor this project, please complete the form included with this Newsletter and mail your payment to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018, or drop it off at City Hall. Sponsors will receive recognition for their

support throughout the course of the project. All diamond level sponsors will be listed on a bronze plaque that will hang on the exterior of the Community Hall building after completion of the project. **Charitable contributions to Columbia City for public purposes are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

RENT THE COMMUNITY HALL

For all types of events!

- Wedding Reception**
- Baby Shower**
- Family or Class Reunion**
- Rummage Sale**
- Holiday Bazaar**
- Birthday Party**
- Retirement Party**
- Basketball/Volleyball Fun**
- Memorial Service**
- Banquet**
- Crafting Group**



1850 Second Street

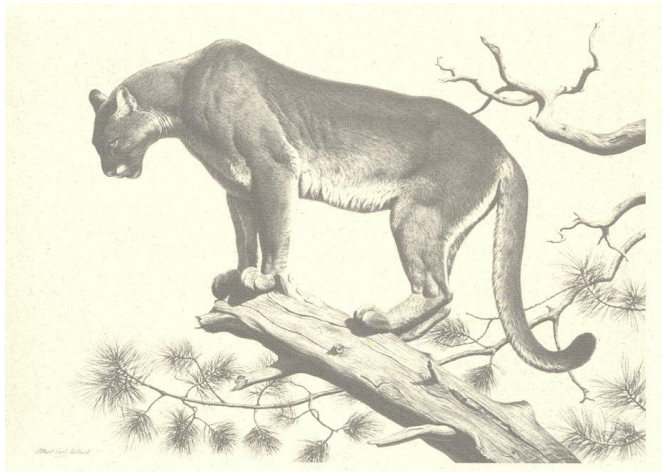
\$17.50/hour or \$175/full day
\$30 food/beverage fee
\$200 liquor fee

www.columbia-city.org
 Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

COUGAR SIGHTING - COLUMBIA CITY

In late October we received a report of a cougar sighting to the west of Sixth Street between H and I Streets. **If you spot a cougar in Columbia City, please IMMEDIATELY call 9-1-1 to report the incident.** After the sighting, please leave paw prints and other signs undisturbed until authorities arrive.

Identifying characteristics: Adults of both sexes have light tan coats and long black-tipped tails, with black coloration on the backs of their ears. Adult males may exceed 8 feet in length, from nose to the end of their very long tail, and weigh between 130 and 170 pounds. Adult females can be 7 feet long and weigh between 75 and 105 pounds.



Safety precautions: The potential for human/cougar interactions has increased in recent years. However, more people are injured or killed by deer, bees, dogs and spiders than by cougars. If you are concerned about safety, familiarize yourself with the signs of cougar and their habitat and follow these suggestions:

- **Keep an eye on your children.** Don't let your children play unattended in the backyard, especially when cougars are known to be in the area. You also want to keep your children away from dense brush, which the cougar may use for cover.
- **Be cautious at dusk and dawn.** Contrary to popular belief, most predators are most active at dusk and dawn. This is a time to be especially cautious.
- **Don't leave food or garbage outside.** The strong smell of food or garbage may attract a cougar into your yard.
- **Keep your pets indoors.** While you may have left your pet in the backyard in the past, you may want to start bringing it indoors with a cougar in the area. Cougars can easily kill the largest dog

and leaving your pet out may prompt an attack. Don't feed pets outside as this can attract cougars and their prey.

- **Don't feed wildlife.** By feeding deer, raccoons or other wildlife in your yard, you may inadvertently attract cougars, which prey on them as a food source.
- **Do not hike alone.** Go in groups, with adults supervising children.
- **Do not approach a cougar.** Most cougars will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- **Do not run from a cougar.** Running may stimulate the instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. If you have small children with you, pick them up so they don't panic and run. Try to pick them up without bending over or turning away from the cougar.
- **Do all you can to appear larger.** Raise your arms, open your jacket, and throw stones or whatever you can without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak in a firm, loud voice. Fight back if attacked, and remain standing and face the attacking animal. Use rocks, sticks, jackets, garden tools, camping gear and your hands to fend off the attack.

HOUSING REHABILITATION FUNDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Is your house in need of repairs? Low-income homeowners may now be eligible for ***no-interest, deferred payment loans!*** The funds may be used to complete the following housing rehabilitation projects:

- Update electrical, plumbing or sewer
- Replace or update heat source
- Replace roof, doors, windows
- Structural repairs
- Foundation repairs
- Energy saving measures

In order to qualify, you must be a homeowner, meet certain income and property guidelines, and live in the dwelling to be repaired. Loan funds are limited! Please contact the Community Action Team, Inc., at (503) 366-6544 for additional information and/or loan applications.



LOST AND FOUND

- A pair of black gloves were found in the Library.
- A purse was left at City Hall.
- A butterfly pin was found outside of City Hall.
- An Oregon State University hoody was left in the Community Hall.

These items may be claimed at the City Hall.

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HOSTS CHRISTMAS SHIP EVENT

See the Christmas Ship Fleet on the Columbia River at the Caples House Museum on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 6 pm.

Holiday cookies and cocoa will be served, and there will be a Christmas Sing-A-Long. Admission is free and donations are appreciated!



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Sidewalks: The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of snow, ice, leaves, weeds, blackberries, and other obstructions.

Burning trash is prohibited: Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited within the City. Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc.

Attention pet owners! You must pick up after your pets! It's the law!

Steep slope excavation prohibited. Ground excavation activities on steeply sloped properties are prohibited between October 1 and April 15.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 106 OFFERS HOT MEALS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 2016

The Boy Scouts of Troop 106, in cooperation with the American Legion Post 42 and businesses of Columbia County will be providing a hot meal to approximately 120 families in the Southern Columbia County area on December 24, 2016. Included with the dinner will be a Christmas sock and toys for children 12 and under.

The Troop is in their 29th year of providing this Christmas Eve dinner and toys. They are looking for help from the community in the form of donations of money, toys, vegetables, hams, or turkeys. They also are looking for individuals that might want to spend an hour or two helping on that afternoon. If you can help please send your contribution to Boy Scout Troop 106, PO Box 216, Columbia City, Oregon 97018 or call Bill Reese at (503) 366-0726 for a pick-up of your item.

If you know of an individual or a family in need of a Christmas Eve dinner, please call the Boy Scouts at (503) 366-0726 and they will help. You may also make contact through the Columbia Pacific Food Bank.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Columbia City Community Library received a \$1000 grant from the Libri Foundation, and used the Junior Library Guild to purchase books for children and young adults. We received 95 of those books this month, and they are ready to check out. We also received a donation of 7 boxes of DVD movies, and we added almost 100 of those to the Library. We added 315 items to our Library this month – that is two or three times how many we usually add each month! Stop in to see what we have!

Holiday Closures: The Library will be closed for the holidays, Saturday December 24 and Saturday December 31. We want to celebrate too!

Columbia Art Guild: The Columbia Art Guild will meet at the Library on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm to discuss upcoming shows and events.

Saturday Crafts: Please join us at the Library for Eat Your Art Out Kid's Craft Day, featuring a Christmas candy craft on Saturday, December 10 from 11 am to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!

Second Hand Prose: Open any time the Library is open! In December, Secondhand Prose will feature holiday favorites with a two for one sale. Cookbooks, mysteries centered around Christmas, decorating – tell us why you think it is a holiday book and you'll get the special price!

Three Ways to Help Your Library:

Fred Meyer's Community Reward Program. Visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards to *(continued)*

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link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library. 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 own Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates.

Smile.Amazon. Columbia City Community Library is registered to receive Amazon points which become cash benefits, equal to 0.5%, from YOUR orders. If you do any ordering from Amazon, please go to this website, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0210620> and follow the easy directions. It costs you nothing extra! After registering, all you have to do with future orders is sign into smile.amazon.com. Your registration will give you directions.

Magazine subscriptions. Send the Library that free second subscription! What a low-cost way to benefit everyone in the community!

New Books: We added 315 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions include:

- The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper
- Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Killing the Rising Sun* by Bill O'Reilly
- The Highwayman* by Craig Johnson

- The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett
- The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny
- Every Last One* by Annie Proulx
- Extreme Prey* by John Sandford
- In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware
- The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware
- Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass* by Mary Carson
- Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom: Life in the Dead Zone* by Rebecca Johnson
- Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird* by Pamela Turner
- The Great Leopard Rescue: Saving the Amur Leopard* by Sandra Markle

Storytime - every Monday at 11 am

Columbia Art Guild - 12/7, 7 pm

Saturday Craft: Eat Your Art Out!

12/10, 11 am to 2 pm

Friends of the Library - no meeting this month

Novel Quilters - no meeting this month

Mystery Book Club - no meeting this month

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-6,

Wednesday 4-8, Thursday 2-6, Saturday 10-2

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Saturday 12/24 and Saturday 12/31



MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2016



December 1 st	6:00 p.m.		Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
December 15 th	6:00 p.m.		Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
December 20 th	6:30 p.m.		Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled
December 23 rd	CLOSED		City Hall is closed the day before Christmas Eve
December 26 th	CLOSED		City Hall is closed the day after Christmas



**CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 11 AM - 2 PM**



Eat your art out! Make edible Christmas decorations out of candy canes and gum drops at the Columbia City Community Library on Saturday, December 10 from 11 am to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!