

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2016

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### CITY RECEIVES \$45,000 FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

We are pleased to announce Columbia City's receipt of a \$45,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation for the Community Hall Remodel Project. The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford and is located in Roseburg, Oregon. The foundation joins a long list of project sponsors for the Community Hall - A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM

### *Holiday Concert*

featuring

*Michael Allen Harrison*



Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Event location: Columbia City School Gym

#### Dinner Menu:

Pulled pork sandwich with cole slaw	\$6
Croissant sandwich with potato salad	\$6
Meat and cheese platter	\$5
Veggie tray	\$3
Carrot cake	\$3
Cheesecake	\$3
Soda, coffee, tea, bottled water	\$1



*Brian Gray, Regional President of Knife River Northwest, presents Mayor Cheryl A. Young with a \$5,000 check from the Knife River Foundation for the Community Hall Capital Campaign. Knife River Northwest has also committed \$3,000 in additional funding and materials towards the project.*

### CITY COUNCIL HOLDS HEARINGS

Upcoming public hearings before the City Council:

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm, regarding a proposed \$20,000 Safe Drinking Water loan for water system mapping and asset management. The loan is eligible for 100% debt forgiveness.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, regarding proposed changes to the accessory structure regulations and vision clearance requirements within the Development Code.

*All event proceeds will benefit*

*"Our Community Hall,*

*A Legacy to Treasure, Capital Campaign."*

*Seating is limited! Purchase your tickets now!*

## MEASURE 5-256 SUPPORTS CITY POLICE SERVICES

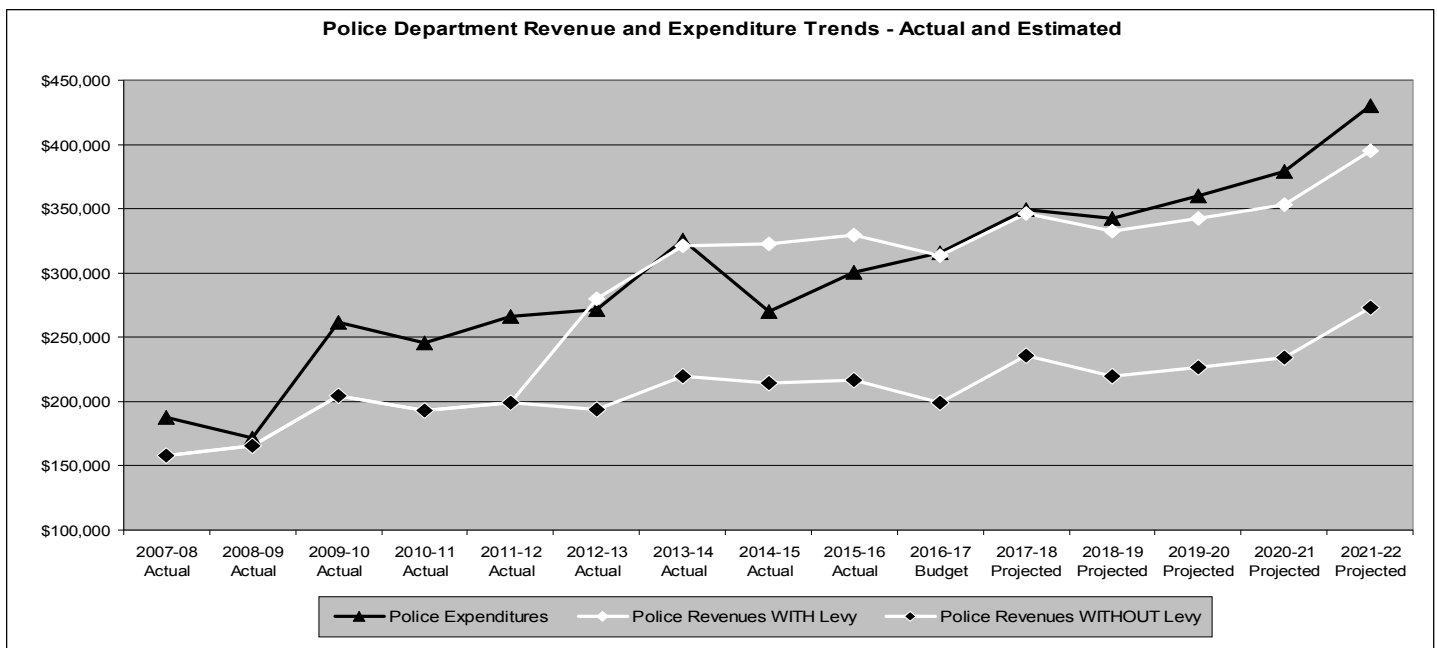
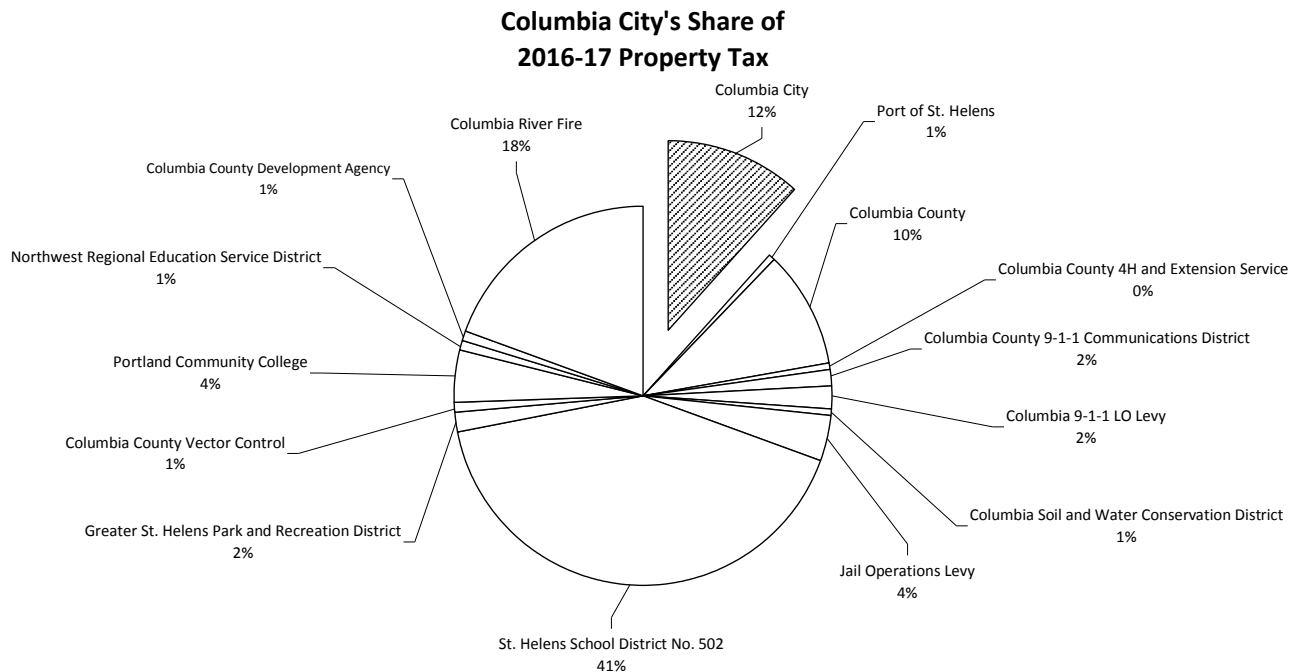
Property taxes are one of Columbia City's largest revenue sources, equal to 32% of the anticipated General Fund revenues this year. Columbia City uses all of the property tax revenue it collects to provide police protection services to the community.

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

local option levy will expire after this tax year.

Measure 5-256 submits to the voters the question of renewing the five-year local option levy to sustain current police protection services. The local option levy is needed to bridge the funding gap between the tax revenues collected under the City's permanent tax rate and the total cost of providing basic protection services.

88% of the taxes you pay to the Columbia County Assessor support other governmental agencies, such as the St. Helens School District, Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Columbia County, and Portland Community College.



**CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 11 AM - 2 PM**



Don't be leaved behind! Please join us at the Columbia City Community Library for autumn leaves art on Saturday November 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!

**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).

**Food Drive**



**We can't help everyone,  
but everyone can help someone.**  
~ Dr. Loretta Scott ~

**OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>  
BURN PERMIT REQUIRED**

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and ending Sunday, November 20<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.

**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 10, 2016. 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.

**ATTENTION  
DOG PARK VISITORS!**

We want the Columbia City Dog Park to be a clean and fun place for you and your pets to visit!

**PLEASE,  
PLEASE,  
PLEASE!**

Help us make sure all visitors pick up after their dogs and properly dispose of the waste in the trash cans that are provided! Thank you!



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Three Easy Ways to Help Your Library!

**1. Fred Meyer:** Our supporters (19 households) who shopped at Fred Meyer between July 1 and September 30 contributed to a \$88.14 total donation. Help your Library by signing up for Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program! Simply visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) to 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.

**2. 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](https://smile.amazon.com). Your registration will give you directions.

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

**Holiday Bazaar at the Library:** The Columbia City Community Library Holiday Bazaar will feature Cathy Lundberg and Dianne Ebert, award winning quilters, plus homemade items from our other talented volunteers. Look for toys, hats, cookies, jam, and more! The bazaar will be Friday November 18 and Saturday November 19, between 10 am and 3 pm.

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

**Saturday Crafts for Kids:** Don't be leafed behind! Please join us at the Columbia City Community Library for autumn leaves art on Saturday, November 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!

**Novel Quilters New Book:** We are reading Whistling Season by Ivan Doig for our next book. For the first time ever, everyone at our October meeting had a quilt to show off!

**New Books:** Check out the new books on the shelves of the Library!

*The Secret Life of Bats* by Merlin Tuttle  
*Factory Man: How One Furniture Maker Battled Offshoring, Stayed Local, and Helped Save an American Town* by Beth Mac  
*The Clockwork Universe: Isaac Newton, the Royal Society, and the Birth of the Modern World* by Edward Dolnick  
*The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi  
*The Gangster* by Clive Cussler  
*The October List* by Jeffery Deaver  
*The House I Loved* by Tatiana de Rosnay  
*William Shakespeare's The Clone Army Attacketh* by Ian Doescher  
*The Last Original Wife* by Dorothea Benton Frank  
*The Lake House* by Kate Morton  
*After You* by Jojo Moyes  
*Summer on the Moon* by Adrian Fogelin  
*Growing Money: A Complete Investing Guide for Kids* by Gail Karlitz  
*The Zen of Zombie: Better Living Through the Undead* by Scott Kenemore  
*The Million Death Quake: The Science of Predicting Earth's Deadliest Natural Disaster* by Roger Musson  
*Where Have All the Wildflowers Gone? A Region-by-region guide* by Robert Mohlenbrock  
*My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman  
*Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini  
*How the Light Gets In* by Louise Penny  
*Salvation in Death* by J. D. Robb  
*The Oregon Weather Book* by George Taylor  
*Dad is Fat* by Jim Gaffigan  
*Best Hikes With Dogs* by Bishop  
*Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

**Storytime** - every Monday at 11 am  
**Saturday Craft: Fall Leaves** - 11/12, 11 am to 2 pm  
**Novel Quilters** - 11/16 at 6:30 pm  
**Holiday Bazaar** - 11/18 & 11/19, 10 am to 3 pm  
**Friends of the Library Meeting** - 11/21 at 7 pm  
**Mystery Book Club** - 11/30 at 7 pm  
**HOURS: Monday, 10-2, Tuesday 2-6, Wednesday 4-8, Thursday 2-6, Saturday 10-2**  
**CLOSED Thanksgiving Day**  
2000 2nd Street/PO Box 189  
(503) 366-8020 ccclibrary@live.com

### BELATED THANK YOU

The Friends of the Columbia City Community Library would like to thank Gerry Fantz for helping with the Show & Shine - he was erroneously omitted from the thank you list in last month's newsletter.

## CHIEF'S CORNER

**WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES!** During the past several weeks, we've seen an increase in citizen reports of unknown subjects observed opening and going into mailboxes within our community. Both of these recent events have taken place in the Sixth Street area; one near I and J Streets and the other in the A Street area. To date we have received no theft reports regarding these actions, but we want to make everyone aware of the activity.

The first reported incident, in the A Street area, involves a white male and a white female subject on foot with no known vehicle involved. These subjects were observed opening and entering a mailbox that was not theirs. Both subjects fled the area when they were observed by a community member.

The second incident involves a white male, driving a champagne colored small pick up (possibly a Ford Ranger or similar type vehicle). This subject was also observed opening and entering a mailbox that was not his, fleeing in the vehicle towards St. Helens after having been seen by a citizen.

Please contact the Police Department whenever incidents of these types occur.

**TELEPHONE SCAMS:** A recent attempted telephonic scam has been reported to the Police Department by one of our citizens. In this incident the unknown male caller attempted to pass himself off as a family member in need of emergency financial assistance. The male caller possessed what is described as a "Midwestern accent" and was estimated to be between 40-50 years old. This caller knew family member names and addresses (not difficult to obtain in our Internet connected culture), but could not answer specific questions when alertly challenged by our citizen. When confronted the male subject responded, "You can't blame a guy for trying..." Please be on the lookout for this type of activity and contact the Police Department if it should occur to you.

**STAY CONNECTED IN EMERGENCIES!** We would like to encourage our citizens to connect with us in order to receive emergency information. 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 City Hall or online at [www.columbia911.com](http://www.columbia911.com). Please feel free to follow us on both Facebook and Twitter as well!

**POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** Your police officers answered 286 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, Domestic Assault, Harassment, Missing Juvenile, Theft, and Warrant Service.

### COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 82  
Area Patrols: 16  
Foot Patrols: 8  
Assist the Public: 11  
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 4  
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 15  
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 2  
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 7  
Welfare Checks: 3  
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 165

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 20  
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 4  
Traffic Stops: 57  
Hit and Run Traffic Crashes: 1  
Harassment: 1  
Domestic Assault: 1  
Disturbance Calls: 6  
Theft: 1  
Juvenile Investigations: 2  
Warrant Service: 6

### CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Domestic Assault Investigation and Warrant Service in the 700 block of James Street on September 25, 2016. Monica Cain, 43, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail for multiple misdemeanor warrants. David Hamm, 46, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail for Domestic Assault 4 and multiple felony warrants.
2. Runaway Juvenile Investigation in the 1600 block of Ninth Street on October 2, 2016. Investigation closed with the location and return of juvenile male to his custodial parent.

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3. Runaway Juvenile Investigation in the 300 block of A Street on October 3, 2016. Investigation closed with the location and return of the juvenile male, reported as missing from St. Helens, to his custodial parent.

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

**LOST AND FOUND**

An Oregon State University hoodie was left in the Community Hall during the City Celebration. If you think it belongs to you, please stop by City Hall.

**INTRODUCING COLUMBIA COUNTY'S SHARPS CONTAINER EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

If you use sharps at home follow these easy steps to utilize the sharps container exchange program:

1. **Enroll** at the Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House (1601 Railroad Avenue, St. Helens) for **just \$5** per container, and get a new sharps disposal container at no cost each time you submit a full one for proper disposal.
2. **Bring** your full sharps container to the **Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House** between **8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Saturday** for proper disposal.
3. **Receive** a new empty container at no cost. For more information, call (503) 397-7259.

**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2016**

November 3rd	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 5th	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 10th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 11th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
<del>November 15th</del>	<del>6:30 pm</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled</del>
November 17th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 20th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 24th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 25th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving
November 30th	6:00 pm	Michael Allen Harrison Holiday Concert at the School Gym

**2016 "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 eighth year hosting this worthwhile endeavor within our city and we need your help! We need assistance 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 fill out the information below to nominate someone who you know could use some assistance this 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 Monday, November 28, 2016**