



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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Save the date!

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th - 5 PM

A Legacy to Treasure
benefit with
Michael Allen Harrison



In addition to being a sought after producer, composer and arranger, Michael Allen Harrison is a well-known concert pianist who has been in the music scene for over two decades.

Adult tickets: \$20.00 *(Sorry - no minors!)*
Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Seating is limited!

Purchase your tickets now!!!

All event proceeds will benefit "Our Community Hall
- A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign."

Purchase tickets at City Hall
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OUR COMMUNITY HALL

A Legacy to Treasure

The Capital Campaign for the Community Hall improvements is off to a great start!! The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation awarded a \$5,000.00 grant towards the project! We would like to thank The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation and the rest of our project sponsors for their support!

Diamond:

The Snowman Foundation
Bake Sale Volunteers
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Information about how to join our sponsor list is available at City Hall and on our website - www.columbia-city.org.



**THE SNOWMAN FOUNDATION'S
PLAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM
OFFERS UPRIGHT PRACTICE PIANOS
TO YOUNGSTERS**

The Snowman Foundation has offered three refurbished upright practice pianos to local families with a child or children that have a demonstrated talent and/or a strong desire to play the piano. Through its Play It Forward Program, the Snowman Foundation works to inspire the next generation by matching young musicians with real instruments.

The Snowman Foundation, which started as a vision of Northwest composer and pianist Michael Allen Harrison, has evolved into a community effort that shares the joy, the healing, the learning, and the life-changing gifts music has to offer by giving children access to music through inspiration, instruments and instruction.



If you are interested in obtaining a free refurbished piano for your child or children, please complete the form on page 6 and return it to City Hall by January 31, 2016. Supplies are limited - if the number of applications exceeds the supply, a City Council appointed Committee will select the recipient families.



**COLUMBIA CITY TEEN COMPETES
IN STATE LEVEL
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ESSAY CONTEST**

The Voice of Democracy has been a premier scholarship program for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the Post, District, State and National level. This year's essay theme is "My Vision for America."

In November, Columbia City resident Ted Burns, who is a high school homeschooled senior, won the St Helen's VFW Post level award. He has since been selected as the VFW District winner. As District winner he will be competing in January at the State level conference in Newport, Oregon.

State winners receive an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. in late February, where they will receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards. Ted's entire family will be cheering him on at the Newport competition.

Ted has already been accepted to the Naval Branch of the military after he graduates this June. When his enlistment ends, Ted plans to use his G.I. Bill and any scholarships he might receive from the Voice of Democracy program to attend college.

Ted served on the City's Parks Committee for more than two years, and also volunteered on several park related projects during that time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Recreational vehicles: Only one vehicle that is designed for human occupancy (RV, boat, travel trailer, camper, or motor home) may be parked or stored at any single property at any time.

Home occupations: Under certain conditions, residents may use their home to engage in small-scale business ventures which might not be sustainable if it were necessary to lease commercial space. All home occupations require a permit.

Sidewalk maintenance: The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of ice, snow, yard debris and other obstructions.

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

Please report violators to City Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Help us by signing up for Fred Meyer's Community Reward Program. To link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library, visit 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.

Columbia City Community Library is now registered to receive Amazon points which become cash benefits, 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.

Second Hand Prose is Improving! In January, improvement is the theme. Improve your home, improve your body, or improve your mind, Secondhand Prose will feature improvement books for our half price sale.

New Books: We added 185 books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

The Wolf of Wall Street by Jordan Belfort
Meet Me in Atlantis: My Obsessive Quest to Find the Sunken City by Mark Adams
H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald
Why We Get Fat and What to Do About It by Gary Taubes
Home: A Memoir of my Early Years by Julie Andrews
American Soldier by Tommy Franks
The Assassin by Clive Cussler
A Quilt for Christmas by Sandra Dallas
The Third Bullet by Stephen Hunter
Dry Bones by Craig Johnson
1Q84 by Haruki Murakami
The Locked Room by Maj Sjowall
Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

Library Hours:

Monday 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesday 4 pm - 8 pm
Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Story Time

Every Monday at 11 am

Columbia City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, January 12 at 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, January 18 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, January 27 at 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library
2000 2nd Street - PO Box 189
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ABOUT HOME FIRES

If a fire starts in your home, you may have just a minute or two to escape. The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help. If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, cover your face, drop to the ground and roll back and forth. STOP, DROP AND ROLL!



Smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms once a month. If they are not working, change the batteries.

Fire extinguishers: Purchase an A-B-C- type fire extinguisher and teach all responsible family members how to use it. Fire extinguishers are for small fires only. When using one, stand back ten feet from the fire, keep your back to an exit and remember the PASS sequence:

- Pull the pin out.
 - Aim the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - Squeeze or press the handle.
- Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire.

GET READY FOR WINTER STORMS

1. Minimize the impact of rainwater and melting snow by clearing walkways and keeping leaf piles and debris out of the street and storm drains.
2. Report flooding, downed trees, storm system problems, backed up sewer, and other similar problems to the Public Works Department by calling (503) 366-0454 during regular work hours, or by calling (503) 397-1521 (dispatch) after hours and on weekends.
3. Free sand bags can be picked up at the City Shop, 1755 Second Place, anytime during a declared flood-related emergency.
4. Keep snow from piling up on flat rooftops. In the event of accumulation, heavy snow load can cause structural failures.
5. Listen for unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. If you think there is danger of a landslide, leave immediately.
6. Assume highways are not safe. Be alert when driving, especially at night. Don't overdrive your headlights. It should take your car four seconds to catch up to the spot where your low beams were originally at. Embankments along road sides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.
7. Remember to check on your elderly or disabled neighbors, friends and family.

HOLIDAY TIME RECYCLING

Christmas trees, greeting cards and wrapped presents brighten homes and warm our hearts. After the holidays, however, sometimes these holiday items end up in our garbage cart. That means they will go to the landfill, even though they could have been recycled. When you consider the trees, cards, wrapping paper, envelopes and the stamps, that's a lot of trees cut down for our holiday enjoyment.

Why should I recycle my tree? Recycling your tree "gives back" to the environment as trees are composted for garden mulch. Mulch provides a protective barrier for the roots of other plants while suppressing weeds and holding in moisture. As the mulch decomposes, it provides nutrients that plants need.

Tree Recycling Tips:

- Recycle your tree and support Boy Scout Troop 106 in Columbia County. The Scouts offer two recycling options:
 - ✓ Drop your tree off in the drop box at

Lawrence Oil in St. Helens for \$6.

- ✓ Schedule curbside pick up for \$8. Curbside pickup will be offered on January 3, 8, 9, 10, and 11. To schedule a curbside pickup, call Bill Reese at (503) 366-0726, or e-mail him at billr@columbia-center.org.
- If you have yard debris service, you may recycle your tree by cutting it up and placing it inside your yard debris cart. It must fit entirely in your cart.
- Recycle your whole tree at the Columbia County Transfer Station. The minimum load fee of \$21 will apply.
- Beaver Bark in Scappoose will process your old tree into compost for a minimum charge of \$8.

Before recycling or composting discarded trees, be sure to remove the tinsel, plastic and other non-recyclable ornaments.

Wrapping Paper, Gift Boxes, Greeting Card Tips:

Save used wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows and ribbons this Christmas and reuse it all next year.

- Recycle your non-shiny or non-glittering wrapping paper, the cardboard roll the paper is wound around, tissue paper, gift boxes and tags by placing these items in your co-mingle bin or roll cart.
- You can recycle your greeting cards by donating them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The program accepts all types of greeting cards. Only the card front can be used, (please check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing etc.) they are not able to accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards. 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred. Mail donations to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Recycled Card Program, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. Currently, they have found the least expensive way to mail large quantities of card donations is through the USPS in a Flat Rate Box which holds up to 70 pounds (available at the Post Office). The ranch provides counseling and opportunities for troubled youth. The kids operate a business taking used greeting cards, creating new ones and selling the results. The kids earn money, experience and a sense of purpose through this program. For more information visit their website: www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/.

Electronic Recycling Tips: Electronics can be recycled for FREE at any time during regular business hours at the Columbia County Transfer Station on Railroad Ave. in St. Helens.

POLICE 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!



*2015 Shop with a Cop event
The program supported 20 shoppers this season*

SHOP WITH A COP 2015:

This year's Shop with a Cop event was held on Saturday December 19, 2015 at the St. Helens Walmart, and was found to be a resounding success. The department was able to help 20 individual shoppers this year with wintertime necessities and Christmas "wish list" items. Officers from the Oregon State Police, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the St. Helens Police Department, and the Scappoose Police Department joined forces with the Columbia City Police Department to help in the shop. A heartfelt thanks is extended to all of these officers and their supporting agencies for volunteering their time in helping others in need. The Columbia City Police Department also extends thanks to the many corporate and citizen donors who, through their generosity and support, helped make this event possible.

ACTIVITY REPORT NOV. - DEC. 2015:

Your police officers answered 259 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, Criminal Mischief, Domestic Disturbance, Missing Juvenile (located and returned home), Nuisance/Code Violations, Found Property, Suspicious Persons, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 112
Area Patrols: 7
Foot Patrols: 15
Assist the Public: 8
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 6
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 15
Animal Complaints: 4
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 5
Nuisance Complaints: 2
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 37

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 10
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 4
Traffic Stops: 18
Assault: 2
Theft: 1
Warrant Service: 1
Traffic Crashes: 1
Domestic Disturbances: 2
Criminal Mischief: 2
Warrant Service: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

Theft investigation in the 800 block of I Street on 12/08/2015. Investigation closed with adult suspect identified. Investigation forwarded to the Columbia County DA's Office for review and prosecution.

Motor Vehicle Crash investigation in the area of Highway 30 near Chimes Crest Frontage Road on 12/10/2015. Responsible driver cited into court.

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

2015 SHOP WITH A COP SPONSORS

~ Thank you for your support ~

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The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

~ Oscar Wilde ~

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2016

January 1st	CLOSED	New Year's Day
January 7th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 12th	7:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
January 14th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
January 18th	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 25th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall



PLAY IT FORWARD PIANO APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Age of child or ages of children with an interest in playing the piano: _____

Why do you believe a piano would be a good match for your child or children? _____

Return completed application by January 31, 2016 to City Hall, 1840 Second Street, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018