

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016



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1926 A COMMUNITY HALL AND A CITY ARE BORN

On December 30th, 1925, 34 ladies got together for a "Community Club" meeting at the home of Mrs. R.C. Hubbard. Among the group were Mrs. H.B. Murphy, Mrs. L.A. Higby, Mrs. Cody, Mrs. Harry Caples, Mrs. Hugh Caples, Mrs. A.J. Rambolski, Mrs. White, Mrs. H.E. Freeland and Miss Maclay. During the meeting, the group of ladies discussed their goals - community service, amusement, and community interest. The ambitious group of ladies quickly built fires under their reluctant husbands and the few businesses in the area and raised \$1,200 for lumber and another \$800 for labor. Then they rallied the entire community to donate



time to help erect the Community Hall. Local kids, excited by the prospect of having a place for basketball and other recreation, pitched in to help - carrying lumber, bending nails, and enjoying the pot-luck lunches and dinners provided each work day by the Community Club members. In May, they were all soon enjoying the fruits of their labor and the ladies' dreams - the brand new Community Hall was constructed!

The City of Columbia City was incorporated on June 7, 1926, and the very first City Council meeting was held in the new Community Hall that same day. During that first meeting, the

Community Club was granted a temporary permit to hold dances, moving picture shows and other entertainment in the Community Hall. Nearly 14 years later, on January 5, 1940, the Community Club members turned the Hall over to the City.

DANCE

Grand Annual Opening
Sat., Mar. 25, 1933
**AT COLUMBIA CITY
COMMUNITY HALL**

Music By
**WALLY GRAHAM
and His Five Crackers**

**If You Can Walk You Can Dance
To This Wonderful Music**

ADMISSION 25c
Free Checking *Refreshments*

The Columbia City Community Hall will turn 90 this May! In keeping with its original use, a **90th Birthday Benefit Dance** will be held on **Saturday, May 14th from 6 to 9 pm**. Please join us for live music, dancing, a free dance lesson, food and drinks, birthday cake, and more! Tickets are \$10 for adults (sorry, no minors) and may be purchased in advance at the City Hall or at the door the night of the event. Live dance music will be provided by Nightfall. Food and drinks, including locally crafted beer and wine, will be available for purchase. All of the proceeds from the event will be used for improvements to the Community Hall.

CITY RECEIVES VETERANS & WAR MEMORIALS GRANT

We are pleased to announce the City's receipt of a \$15,600 grant from the Veterans & War Memorials Grant Program. This is the City's third grant award from this funding source. The funds will be used for the following improvements to the Columbia City Veterans Park:

- A monument providing a tribute to the family members of all American veterans;
- A monument honoring United States military personnel taken as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action (POW/MIA's);
- A fourth veteran wall panel faced with quarry paver tiles for engraving;
- A plaque explaining the purpose of unique features on the existing monument that honors all American veterans;
- Quarry paver aprons for the preservation of the seven existing monuments;
- A park bench, a trash receptacle and a drinking fountain with pet dish - all constructed in a manner that is similar to the existing picnic tables and park benches.
- An extension of the split rail fencing and rose bushes along the bike path leading in to the park from the west



Construction is currently underway at the park.

ORDER ENGRAVED BRICKS FOR THE VETERANS PARK NOW!

Now is the time to order your engraved bricks and have them added to the park in time for Memorial Day 2016! Honor your favorite veteran with an engraved brick on one of the veteran walls, or show your support for veterans by purchasing an engraved brick in the sponsor section of the park. All of the proceeds from brick sales will be used for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Veterans Park. Engraved bricks sell for \$75.00 each. Use the form on page 6 to order your engraved bricks!

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM MAY 30, 2016 - 11 AM TO NOON

Please help us honor all American veterans during the second annual Memorial Day Program at the Columbia City Veteran's Park. Here's the tentative schedule for this year's ceremony:

- “Dawning of the Day”
- Welcome
- Color Guard
- “To the Colors”/Flag Raising
- Pledge of Allegiance
- “Star Spangled Banner”
- United States Service Branch Flag Raising
- “Taps”
- Placement of Wreath
- Prayer
- "Amazing Grace"
- My Vision for America*
- “God Bless America”
- Closing Remarks
- “Scotland the Brave”

Shuttle service to and from the event will be provided again this year. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details in next month's newsletter!

BIANNUAL BURN PERIOD

The biannual burn period will **begin on Saturday, April 2nd, and end on Sunday, April 17th.** The burn period is for yard debris only and it must be a burn day. Burn barrels are prohibited. **Call (503) 397-4800 for burn day information before you burn. 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.



THERE'S A NEW CARETAKER AT THE CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

The Daughter's of the American Revolution are pleased to announce that they have hired Sharon Harrison as the new caretaker for the Caples House Museum! They hope you will take a moment to stop in and meet her! Visit the Caples House Museum on Fridays from 2 to 4 pm for tea and sweets! The Museum is open from 1 to 5 pm on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and on major holidays.

SPRING CLEANUP - APRIL 23RD



Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that unwanted junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, newspaper, solidified latex paint cans, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 23rd, 2016, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE for the first two loads. Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture or mattresses, more than two loads of yard debris, lawn mowers, etc. will be accepted for a fee. The following minimum charges apply to other items:

- Yard debris, trees and limbs**
- First two loads FREE - \$5.00 per load after two**
- Car load of junk - \$5.00**
- Pick-up load of junk - \$10.00**
- Trailer load of junk - \$15.00**
- Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners - \$10.00**
- Other appliances - \$5.00**
- Car batteries FREE**
- Car or pick-up tires - \$2.00**
- Commercial truck tires - \$4.00**
- NO tires on rims*
- NO commercial truck loads*
- NO wet garbage*
- NO burn piles*
- NO painted wood*
- NO lumber*
- NO construction debris*
- NO sod*

Handicapped or elderly citizens needing assistance with transporting items to the event site may contact City Hall prior to the day of the event - (503) 397-4010.

SECOND HAND PROSE BOOK SALE



Spend this month curled up with your favorite author... or at least one of his or her novels. April is "Favorite Fiction Month" at the Columbia City Community Library and all novels in Second Hand Prose are just 2-for-1. Two novels, one price, and a whole month of enjoyment.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

See below for the department's activity during the month of February 2016. 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 360 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 Disturbances, Fraud, Intoxicated Subjects, Missing Juvenile, Follow-Up Investigations, Traffic Crashes, and Theft.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 133
 Area Patrols: 11
 Foot Patrols: 15
 Assist the Public: 10
 Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 3
 Assistance to Outside Agencies: 7
 Parking/Traffic Complaints: 2
 Nuisance Complaints: 3
 Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 82

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 7
 Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 8
 Traffic Stops: 21
 Criminal Mischief: 2
 Domestic Disturbances: 2
 Attempted Fraud: 3
 Theft: 1
 Traffic Crashes: 2
 Juvenile Investigations: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Fraud investigation in the 1700 block of Sixth Street on 03/11/2016. Investigation remains open.
2. Theft investigation in the 300 block of A Street on 03/14/2016. Investigation remains open.
3. Theft investigation in the 1600 block of Second Place on 03/24/2016. Investigation remains open.
4. Theft investigation in the 600 block of H Street on 03/26/2016. Investigation remains open.

LOST AND FOUND

A knife was found in the Columbia City Dog Park. If you think it might be yours, please contact City Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Membership on the rise! Our Friends of the Library group has picked up membership and participation this year. We have 48 people who have joined the Friends of the Columbia City Community Library group this year, compared to 20 to 30 each year in the past. We welcome your donations and your interest! FOL members can donate time as well as money. What can you do? You can attend our FOL meetings each month. You can work at the library. You can help at our book sales or in Second Hand Prose. You can adopt a bulletin board at the library. You can help with our City Celebration, which raises funds for the library. You can bring your children to Story Time or Crafts for Kids. You can use our library! Thanks for your support!

Novel Quilters reveal their quilts! The Novel Quilters have been reading *The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. It is alternately set in Alabama in current times and in Wisconsin during World War II, when women were involved in flying planes to get them to where they were needed. We'll be revealing our quilts based on the book, and finding out what we will be reading next. You are welcome to join us, whether you quilt or not, and see some unique quilts! Note that we are meeting on Tuesday, April 26 instead of our normal third Wednesday, since half our members will be in Paducah, Kentucky (at a quilt show!) on our normal meeting date!

Saturday Crafts for Kids: Come to the library to make butterflies. This is going to be fun for kids of any age. You supply the kids and we will supply everything else necessary. Take home a milkweed plant so that butterflies will come to your garden! While you are here, check out some of our fun crafts books appropriate for kids and adults. Visit the Columbia City Community Library Saturday, April 9 between 11 am and 2 pm.

Read your favorite fiction with Second Hand Prose: In April, all fiction is half price. Fiction sells the most, and here is your chance to stock up. Just think, for the price of a new book you can get 28 books! Go wild!

New books: We added 109 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life by James Hollis
10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in My Head by Dan Harris
Dealing with China by Henry Paulson
Does the Noise in My Head Bother You? By Steven Tyler
Being George Washington by Glenn Beck
The Guilty by David Baldacci
A Dog's Journey by John Burdett
The Crossing by Michael Connelly
The Promise by Robert Crais
The Solomon Curse by Clive Cussler
The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant
Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
By Its Cover by Donna Leon
Violent Crimes by Phillip Margolin
The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje
Truth or Die by James Patterson
These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Pine by Nancy Turner
The Silver Star by Jeannette Walls
Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy by Dave Pilkey
The Best Night of Your (Pathetic) Life by Tara Altebrando

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

Saturday Crafts for Kids - Butterflies

Saturday, April 9 from 11 am to 2 pm

Columbia City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, April 18 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters Reveal

Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm

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Northwest Plumbing Services ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN FAIR

Don't miss the **Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association's 21st Spring Garden Fair** on **April 30th** at St. Helens High School Commons, 2375 Gable Road. The sale starts at 9 am and ends at 3 pm. Admission and parking are free. Please carpool.

Certified Master Gardeners offer 5,000 tomatoes in more than 30 varieties for only \$1.50 per plant, tomato and general gardening information, raffle tickets, hourly prizes and displays.



Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$1.00 each from many Master Gardeners and at the OSU Extension Service in St. Helens. Dozens of local vendors will offer annuals, trees, shrubs, perennials, vegetables, ceramics, trellises, garden art, herbs, containers, hanging baskets and more.

Visit the Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association's website for more information and photo

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Keep grass and weeds cut: Between April 15th and September 30th weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits.

Solicitation permit: The City requires a City business license and a solicitation permit for businesses that go door-to-door selling products or soliciting business. **Before** doing business with anyone selling door-to-door, please ask them to provide you with a copy of their Columbia City business license and solicitation permit, and report violators to the City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010 or the non-emergency dispatch at (503) 397-1521.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Are you interested in serving on the Columbia City Planning Commission? The City currently has a position available. Applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The term is for a period of four years. The Planning Commission meets at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month when there are topics to discuss. Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, or

Diamond - \$1,000 or more:

Port of St. Helens
The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
Michael Allen Harrison
The Snowman Foundation
Bake Sale Volunteers
James and Thelma Hays
Columbia River PUD
The Gardes Family Trust
Parnell and Elsie Hovland
Leonard and Sally Ann Marson



Ruby - \$500:

Ace Hardware - West
Lowell Bauer
Landis & Landis Construction LLC



Sapphire - \$250:

Jeff and JoAnn Hughes
L. Lee Phillips
Leslie and Chuck Ramsdell
Steve Schroeder
Christopher and Hester Thurman
Tom and Brandy Vernon



Emerald - \$100:

Mike and Kay Brown
Marian Calnon
Robert and Carlene Clore
Columbia City Community Club
Rich and Jeanette Crandall
Rob "Bud" and Dolores Heinz
Margaret Jeffries
Terry and Karen Kent
Joe and Sue Kovich
George and Jean LeMont
Bill and Jan Mansheim
Jean McBride
Scott and Sharon Morris
Robert Schmor and Shirley Palm
Dorothy M. Rofinot
Tennessee Cable Service, Inc.
Gordon and Gail Thistle



Amethyst - \$50:

Raymond and Sunghe Buckno
Geneva Burwell
Donna McAtee
Fred and Winnie Neilson
Gregory Newcomb



