

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

# May 2016

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**The City of Columbia City**  
*In Columbia County on the Columbia River*



## CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Columbia City provides a range of services to the community. We'd like to ask you to please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Your input is important to us, and we look forward to hearing how we might better serve you. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you need not answer all of the questions.

***Your feedback is appreciated!***

***Please return completed surveys to City Hall during the month of May***

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### Question 1:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the City Hall Office?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (skip to Question 2)

B. If you answered yes to Question 1A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied

5=very satisfied

_____ Water or Sewer Utility Payment or Inquiry	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Municipal Court Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Building, Plumbing or Mechanical Permit	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Land Use Related	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Street Light Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:**

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Police Department?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (skip to Question 3)

B. If you answered yes to Question 2A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied

_____ Criminal Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Traffic Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Traffic Stop	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3:**

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Public Works Department?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (skip to Question 4)

B. If you answered yes to Question 3A, please indicate the nature of the contact and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied

_____ Water Service Need or Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Sewer Service Need or Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Park Facility Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Storm Drain Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Street Maintenance Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:**

What is your perception of the overall quality of services provided by the City of Columbia City?  
(circle one)

1 (Poor) 2 3 4 5 (Excellent)

Additional comments you would like to make: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY HALL'S  
90TH BIRTHDAY BENEFIT DANCE**

Don't miss the 90th Birthday Benefit Dance for the Columbia City Community Hall - A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign, Saturday, May 14th from 6 to 10 pm.



Live dance music by Nightfall!



If you can walk, you can dance to this wonderful music!!! 60's pop/rock and contemporary country!

Take a free dance lesson! Enjoy some birthday cake!



Adult tickets \$10 (sorry, no minors!)

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, including wine and locally crafted beer from Columbia Brewing.



The event will include a cake auction, a centerpiece "surprise" package auction, a 50-50 drawing, and loads of fun!

Pre-purchase your tickets at City Hall or purchase tickets at the door the night of the event.



All of the proceeds from this event will benefit our Community Hall - A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign.

**Our Community Hall  
*A Legacy to Treasure*  
Capital Campaign**

Our Sponsors:

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  
Lower Columbia Engineering  
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  
Mark and Barbara Gordon  
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  
Northwest Plumbing Services  
Sante and Judy Valpiani



**VETERANS PARK DEDICATION PROGRAM  
MAY 30, 2016 - 11 AM TO 12 NOON**

**"Dawning of the Day"**  
*Mark Mullaney, Bagpiper*

**Master of Ceremonies**  
*Patrick B. Trapp, CAPT USCG Retired*

**Welcome**  
*Betsy Johnson, Oregon State Senator*

**Color Guard**  
*Young Marines, Oregon Cascade Unit*

**"To the Colors"/Flag Raising**  
*Kennan Turner and the  
Young Marines, Oregon Cascade Unit*

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**  
*Cheryl A. Young, Mayor*

**"Star Spangled Banner"**  
*Pastor Joe Strandjord, First Lutheran Church*

**United States Branch Flag Raising**  
*United States Service Branch Representatives*

**"Taps"/Placement of Wreath**  
*Keenan Turner and  
Peggy Schaller, President St. Helens Garden Club*

**"America the Beautiful"**  
*Pastor Joe Strandjord, First Lutheran Church*

**Prayer**  
*Chaplain Denver Peoples, VFW Post #1440*

**"Amazing Grace"**  
*Mark Mullaney, Bagpiper*

**A Tribute to Veterans**  
*Alta Lynch, VFW Veterans Group Chair*

**My Vision for America - Americans in the Arena:  
Deciding Our Future**  
*Theodore Burns, Voice of Democracy Essay  
Winner*

**"God Bless America"**  
*Pastor Joe Strandjord, First Lutheran Church*

**Closing Remarks**  
*Patrick B. Trapp, CAPT USCG Retired*

**"Scotland the Brave"**  
*Mark Mullaney, Bagpiper*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK  
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

The Columbia City Veterans Park will be officially dedicated to all American veterans and their families on Monday, May 30, 2016 from 11 am to 12 noon.



Before attending the event, please review these **IMPORTANT** ***transportation and parking instructions:***

**Free bus service will be offered to and from the event!** To catch the bus, park near the Caples House Museum, Community Hall or City Hall, or park at the CC Rider Park 'n Ride in St. Helens, and be bussed directly to the park! Bus service will start at 10 am.

Parking near the Veterans Park is **NOT RECOMMENDED.**

Vehicular access to the park from Highway 30 will be **PROHIBITED** on event day.

Parking along Highway 30 on event day will be **PROHIBITED.**

Refreshments will be available, compliments of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mt. St. Helens Chapter.

**ORDER ENGRAVED BRICKS FOR THE  
NEW VETERAN WALL BY MAY 10TH!**

Be sure to order your engraved bricks by May 10th to have the engraving done prior to Memorial Day 2016! Honor a 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 Columbia City Veterans Park. Engraved bricks are \$75.00 each.

A rectangular box with a black border. At the top, there are two blue water droplets flanking the text "WATER CONSERVATION TIP". Below the text is a paragraph: "If walking across the lawn leaves footprints (blades don't spring back up), then it is time to water." At the bottom of the box, there is a horizontal row of ten blue water droplets.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SET



The Columbia City Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from the public about the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 6, 2016, at City Hall. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK SALE!** We're holding our spring book sale on Saturday, May 21, from 10 am to 4 pm. We'll be under the covered play area for those books that are currently hiding in boxes. Secondhand Prose will be open inside the library building. We will also have a few plants for sale, from those of us who have too many! For those of you who can help us set up, we'll be starting at 8 am Saturday morning.

**OPEN HOUSE!** We are adding four new bookshelves to our library, and rearranging a few areas to take advantage of the new shelf space. So along with our book sale on May 21, we will be holding an open house in the library. Come in, eat cookies and juice, and get a coupon for \$2.00 to spend at Secondhand Prose – or the book sale that day!

**SATURDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS:** April showers bring May flowers, so this month all our activities will be about flowers. Please join us down at the Columbia City Community Library on Saturday May 14th from 11 am to 2 pm. We are going to make flowers, learn about the parts of a flower, and then we are going to plant the library's flower garden... and we are going to need lots of help doing it all. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!

**STUDY OUR HISTORY WITH SECOND HAND PROSE:** In May, biographies and history books are half price. There are lots to choose from!

**SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY!** Our supporters (15 households) who shopped at Fred Meyer between January 1st and March 31, 2016, have contributed to a \$43.69 donation to the Columbia City Community Library. Help us by signing up for Fred

Meyer's Community Reward Program. 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 Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates.

**NEW BOOKS:** We added 98 books to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

*The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell* by Mark Kurlansky

*High Crimes: The Fate of Everest in an Age of Greed* by Michael Kodas

*Wild Bill Donovan: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage* by Douglas Waller

*Knockdown* by Sarah Graves

*The Violets of March* by Sarah Jio

*I've Got Your Number* by Sophie Kinsella

*Innocence* by Dean Koontz

*The Wicked Girls* by Alex Marwood

*The Girl on the Cliff* by Lucinda Reley

*Early Warning* by Jane Smiley

*Death of an Artist* by Kate Wilhelm

*Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies and Other Warped and Creepy Tales* by David Lubar

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### 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, May 10 at 7 pm

### Saturday Crafts for Kids - Butterflies

Saturday, May 14 from 11 am to 2 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, May 16 at 7 pm

### Novel Quilters Reveal

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm

### Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 25 at 7 pm

## WHAT DO COLUMBIA COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS NEED?



Columbia County's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is developing its county-wide four-year Area Plan. Now is the perfect time to share your ideas, concerns, and observations about the needs of our Seniors who are 60 years old or better and those who care for them. Your opinion counts.

A comprehensive and anonymous survey is currently available. The survey asks for feedback about the following topics relating to Seniors:

- Community supports and services
- Health, mental health, and substance abuse services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Housing
- Preventative health education

A series of Town Hall meetings are being held throughout the county. Meetings will open up conversations about the opportunities and challenges Columbia County faces to ensure Senior Citizens have the resources they need. The Columbia County Veterans Services Officer will also be presenting at Town Hall meetings.



You are invited to attend the open meeting that is most convenient for you.

- Clatskanie:** Thurs., May 5, noon at the American Legion
- Scappoose:** Mon., May 9, 11:00 AM at the Senior Center
- St. Helens:** Wed., May 11, 11:00 AM at the Senior Center

Surveys can be picked up at City Hall in Columbia City. Surveys are also available at the five area Senior Centers, or can be filled out online at [www.cat-team.org](http://www.cat-team.org). Look for the link in the yellow box on the left. In order for survey feedback to be considered in the development of the 2017-2020 Area Plan, it must be submitted by June 1, 2016.

Community Action Team, Inc. (CAT) is a locally controlled, private, not-for-profit corporation, serving Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. Community Action Team's main focus is to mobilize resources and address the needs of the economically disadvantaged. CAT is the designated organization to serve as Columbia County's Area Agency on Aging which has a separate Board of Directors. As a whole, CAT currently serves over 16,000 persons annually

### 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.

#### RV, boat and trailer parking and storage regulations:



- Within the right-of-way:** Recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers may be parked temporarily on an improved public street for no more than five (5) consecutive days if currently licensed and registered and not blocking traffic or obscuring the visibility of an intersection, crosswalk, or a traffic control sign or device. The same rules apply to the undeveloped right-of-way, unless authorized by an approved Exception Permit. Exception permits and guidelines are available at City Hall or online. Storage on an approved driveway within the right-of-way may occur, provided storage is parked no less than six feet from the edge of the paved street, does not obstruct views of traffic or create a dangerous or hazardous condition, and it is maintained in accordance with the maintenance standards outlined in Ordinance 504.
- Upon private property:** The legal owner of the storage must reside upon the property. Parking and storage within the front yard setback is limited to paved or graveled areas. Only one unit that is designed for human occupancy (e.g. one boat with a head and galley, one fifth-wheel, one travel trailer, or one motor home) may be parked upon a single property. For more specific information, contact 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 incorporate participation in the Columbia Alert Network (CAN) system and promote 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!

### INCOME TAX FRAUD ALERT

As several of our citizens are aware of, the income tax filing season brings out incidents of attempted telephonic fraud.

While this is not a phenomenon specific to Columbia City several of our residents have received calls from individuals purporting to be with the Internal Revenue Service. All of these calls have originated with an area code of "202", which does come back as the area code for Washington D.C. However, the Internal Revenue Service does not generate calls in this manner and will instead originate all communications in writing. Persons receiving calls of this nature are encouraged to contact the police department for reporting and investigative purposes.

Update regarding above information: An additional number utilized in these types of fraudulent calls has been identified. The number of 206-775-8291 was recently used in order to have citizens call regarding their income tax returns. As with the above referenced information, this too is an attempt to defraud potential callers. Ironically enough, persons at this number were unwilling to speak with law enforcement personnel...

### POLICY ACTIVITY REPORT - MARCH 2016:

Your police officers answered 374 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 Disturbances, Fraud, Intoxicated Subjects, Juvenile Abuse, Missing Person, Runaway Juvenile, Suicide Threats, Trespassing, Theft, and Warrant Services.

### COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 206  
Area Patrols: 12  
Foot Patrols: 20  
Assist the Public: 10  
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 5  
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 9  
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 3  
Nuisance Complaints: 2  
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 110

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 17  
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 9  
Traffic Stops: 46  
Criminal Mischief: 1  
Assault: 2  
Attempted Fraud: 1  
Theft: 3  
Trespassing: 2  
Juvenile Investigations: 2  
Warrant Service: 1  
Minor in Possession (Alcohol): 1

### CALLS OF INTEREST:

- Minor in Possession (Alcohol) investigation in the area of Highway 30 near Trestle Beach on 03/30/16. Suspect, Johnathon Estrada Calvillo, 18, of St. Helens, Oregon was identified and cited into court.
- Missing Person (Adult) investigation in the 1700 block of Sixth Street on 04/01/16. Missing person located and returned to their residence.
- Runaway Juvenile investigation in the 1900 block of Fifth Street on 04/06/16. Runaway Juvenile located and returned to their home.
- Assault investigation in the 2900 block of Seventh Street on 04/07/16. Suspect identified and case forwarded to the Columbia County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- Assault investigation in the 1900 block of Fifth Street on 04/07/16. Suspect identified and case forwarded to the Columbia County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- Theft investigation in the 300 block of A Street on 04/16/16. Juvenile suspect identified and case forwarded to the Columbia County Juvenile Department for prosecution.

Stay Safe ~ Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

**SUCCESSFUL SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT**

We would like to thank the many volunteers, sponsors, and City staff members that made the Columbia City Spring Clean Up Event a great success!!! Special thanks to our site volunteers and a big thank you to our site sponsors! This event would not be possible without their continued support and participation:

- Beaver Bark
- City of Columbia City
- Columbia County Community Corrections Dept.
- Columbia County Transfer Station
- Columbia County Land Development
- Drake's Towing & Recovery
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hudson Garbage Service
- Hudson Portable Toilet Service
- Les Schwab Tire Center - St. Helens
- St. Helens School District
- South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
- Stan's Refrigeration
- Waste Management

**CANDIDATE FILING DATES**

Two City Council positions will be filled by the voters during the November 8, 2016, General Election. Qualified electors who have resided within the City since November 8, 2015, may run for office. Nominating petitions will be available at the City Hall beginning June 1, 2016. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and candidates must submit the signature sheets to the City Administrator/Recorder for verification allowing sufficient time for the verification process to be completed prior to the August 30, 2016 filing deadline. The positions are for a term of four years.



**MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2016**

May 5	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 10	6 PM	Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 12	6 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 14	6 - 10 PM	90th Birthday Benefit Dance in the Community Hall
May 16	3 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 17	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
May 19	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 21	10 AM - 4 PM	Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Library
May 24	5 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 30	11 AM - noon	Memorial Day Ceremony at Columbia City Veterans Park
May 30	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day

**CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY  
MAY 14TH, 11 AM - 2 PM**



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