

# Columbia City Newsletter

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SELECTS MCBRIDE CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that the National Park Service has selected Columbia City's McBride Creek Trail Project as one of over 50 projects in the Pacific West Region that will receive technical assistance during fiscal year 2018. As a result, experienced staff from the National Park Service will provide the City with free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise under their Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

The McBride Creek Trail System is a proposed hiking trail over two miles in length. The plan is for the trail to extend from the beautiful sandy beaches along the

Columbia River in the far northeast corner of the City and through the riparian corridor of McBride Creek that wraps around the northwest perimeter of the City. The riparian area along the creek offers a pleasant forested atmosphere that bursts with trillium in the spring. After leaving the riparian area, the trail will head up into the hills to the west of the City, offering spectacular views of the Columbia River valley, and ultimately lead down to the existing pedestrian system in the far southwest corner of Columbia City. The plan is for the project to include a safe Highway 30 pedestrian crossing, a developed parking area, and multiple access points throughout Columbia City. Trestle Beach, the Columbia City Veterans Park, and the Columbia City Bike Path are each regionally significant attractions, and this project will provide connectivity between these attractions. *(Continued)*

**Proposed general location of future McBride Creek Trail System**



Google Earth



# MCBRIDE CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM

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The McBride Creek Trail System project was originally identified during the development of the City's Parks Master Plan back in 2001. Citizen input during the development of the Parks Master Plan revealed that walking and hiking was the most popular activity.

Since the development of the Parks Master Plan, the City has worked to acquire sections of property and/or easements for the trail, and sought to establish interest, support and/or commitments from property owners, such as the Port of St. Helens and Knife River, and from other stakeholders.

During the next year, with the assistance of the National Park Service, the City will be gathering information, studying options, identifying obstacles, seeking solutions, collaborating with stakeholders, and seeking public participation and input as we work towards the development of an overall conceptual plan for the McBride Creek Trail System project.

## PARKS COMMITTEE CONTEMPLATES USE OF NEW PARK PROPERTY

The Columbia City Parks Committee is currently considering park development options for some recently acquired property. The property is located in the northwest corner of Columbia City - to the west of the portion of Park Drive between Yakima Court and Mattie Street. The park will be accessible from a location at the corner of Park Drive and Mattie Streets. The property consists of an upper level area and a lower level area - each equal to about 3/4 of an acre in size.

The upper level is a green grassy area that is partially shaded and provides some views of the McBride Creek riparian area. The site could easily serve as an access point into the future McBride Creek Trail System. The upper level area also overlooks the lower level area of the park. The Committee believes the upper level area would make a nice place for some basic park amenities, such as picnic tables, horseshoe pits and/or some natural playground features.

For the lower level, the Committee is considering the development of a BMX pump track, similar to the one shown in the photo. BMX pump tracks are relatively simple and cheap to construct, and they cater to a wide variety of bicycle rider skill levels.

The Committee would like your input about their ideas for the development of the new park property. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions and return your completed survey to City Hall. Thank you for your input!



**1. Do you support the Parks Committee's development ideas for the upper level?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Do you feel a BMX pump track would be a good addition to the lower level area and our park system?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Would you be interested in participating in the development and/or maintenance of the upper level park area?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Would you be interested in participating in the development and/or maintenance of a BMX pump track?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Do you have other development suggestions you'd like the Committee to consider for this site? Please share them with us!**

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## CHIEF'S CORNER

**WATCH YOUR VEHICLES AND PROPERTY!** The past several weeks has seen an increase in citizen reports of thefts from motor vehicles within our community. Please ensure that all high value items are removed from view within your vehicles, that exterior lighting around your homes is sufficient to prevent a thief being able to easily conceal their activities, and that your vehicles are securely locked when you leave them for the evening. Thanks to neighbors looking out for one another, as well as neighborhood video security systems, we are actively developing and working investigative leads in each of these cases.



**WELCOME TO A NEW OFFICER:** Please join us in welcoming a new reserve officer to our community. Jeromy Hasenkamp, a law enforcement veteran since 1995, has joined our ranks after having completed his career with the Oregon State Police. Jeromy brings a wealth of experience to our department having served in patrol, investigations, SWAT, and law enforcement training during the span of his service in law enforcement. We believe he will become a tremendous asset to our agency and community! Please take a moment to welcome him when the opportunity arises!

**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 on line at [www.columbia911.com](http://www.columbia911.com). Please feel free to follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well!

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

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT September - October, 2017

**ACTIVITY REPORT:** Your police officers answered 532 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: Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Domestic and Disturbance Calls, DUII, Drug Activity, Fraud, Harassment, Hit and Run Traffic Crash, Juvenile Investigations, Prowler/Suspicious Persons, Theft, Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle, and Warrant Service.

### COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 109  
Area Patrols: 17  
Foot Patrols: 48  
Assist the Public: 23  
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 9  
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 30  
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 6  
Radio Calls: 53  
Animal Complaints: 4  
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 12  
Welfare Checks: 4  
Alarm Calls: 3  
Found Open Doors: 2  
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 254.5

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 18  
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 24  
Traffic Stops: 163  
Harassment: 1  
Criminal Mischief: 2  
Criminal Trespass: 2  
Theft: 4  
Burglary: 1  
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 6  
Fraud: 2  
Juvenile Investigations: 1  
Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle: 3

### CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Criminal Trespass and Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle Investigation in the 400 block of Pacific Street on September 24, 2017. Jacob R. Nelson, 23, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail. *(Continued)*

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

September - October, 2017

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2. Suspicious Person Investigation in the 300 block of Metlako Way on September 24, 2017. Investigation closed with the identification of Jacob R. Nelson as suspect in above entry.
3. Theft Investigation in the 1400 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Place on November 4, 2017. Investigation remains open.
4. Criminal Mischief and Attempted Theft Investigation in the 400 block of E Street on November 6, 2017. Investigation remains open.
5. Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle and Theft Investigation in the 3600 block of Tahoma Street on November 11, 2017. Investigation remains open.
6. Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle and Theft Investigation in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street on November 11, 2017. Investigation remains open.

### 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.

### CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM EVENTS

#### CHRISTMAS SHIPS:

**Saturday, December**

**9th at 6 pm:** View the Christmas Ship fleet as it sails along the Columbia, then retire to the Knapp Center for cocoa, cookies and song!



## RENT THE COMMUNITY HALL

For all types of events!

Wedding/Reception • Crafting Group  
Memorial Service • Banquet  
Baby Shower • Family or Class Reunion  
Rummage Sale • Holiday Bazaar  
Birthday Party • Retirement Party  
Basketball/Volleyball • Meeting/Training



### NEWLY REMODELED!!

1850 Second Street

**\$17.50/hour or \$175/full day**

**\$30 food/beverage fee**

**\$200 liquor fee**

[www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org)

Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

### PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

This time of year many residents escape to warmer locations or make plans to visit family and friends out of town. The Columbia City Police Department would like to remind you that, at your request, they will periodically check your home while you are away. To request this service, please register with the Columbia City Police Department before you leave. Forms are available at City Hall and on line at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org).



## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be opening early for school children and their families on Mondays at 2:20 pm. By 3:00 pm the buses are gone and no one from the school is around anymore! We hope this will make the Library more convenient for you to visit.

Thanks for visiting the Columbia City Community Library holiday bazaar! It was a fun day!

The Library will be closed for the holidays, Monday December 25, and Monday January 1.

Second Hand Prose is open any time the Library is open! Be sure and stop in.

**2018-2019 Library Officers:** President: Wendy Wells; Vice President: Karen Brooks; Treasurer: Leahnette Rivers; Secretary: Lee Phillips; Past President: Kit Gardes; Library Director: Cathy Lundberg.

**Saturday Crafts:** Please join us at the Columbia City Community Library for Christmas decorating Craft day, featuring a clothespin reindeer, candy cane mouse ornaments and more - Saturday, December 9 from 12 pm to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!

### **Three Easy Ways You Can Help Your Library!**

**1. Fred Meyer:** Our supporters who shopped at Fred Meyer in 2016 earned the Library \$221.84 in rewards! You can help us too 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. 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%, of the value of YOUR orders! If you do any ordering from Amazon, please use the Amazon Smile option to earn money for the Library! Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0210620> and follow the easy directions. If you're an Amazon Prime member, use the Smile Prime website for your ordering. It costs you nothing extra, and earns dollars for the Library!

**3. Magazine subscriptions:** Send the Library that free second subscription! What a low-cost way to

benefit everyone in the community! Just address the subscription to: Columbia City Community Library, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018.

### **New Books:**

We added 108 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include: *The Murder Room: Heirs of Sherlock Holmes gather to solve the world's most perplexing cold cases*, by Mike Capuzzo

*Scenic driving Oregon*, by Leonard Barr

*The Lost City of the Monkey God*, by Douglas Preston (current best seller)

*How do Dinosaurs Play With Their Friends?* by Jane Yolen (good read-aloud book)

*Chaos*, by Patricia Cornwell (Popular author)

*The Rules of Magic*, by Alice Hoffman (current best seller)

*The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye*, by David Lagercrantz (current best seller)

*The Couple Next Door*, by Shari Lapenia (current best seller)

*Behind Closed Doors*, by B.A. Paris (current best seller)

*Detective Cross*, by James Patterson (a short book by best-selling author)

*Young Frankenstein*, classic movie on DVD

*Jungle Book*, classic kid's movie on DVD

### **Library Hours:**

Mon-Thurs 3 pm - 6 pm

Sat 10 am - 2 pm

CLOSED Mon, December 25th

CLOSED Mon, January 1st

### **Novel Quilters:**

No December meeting

### **Friends of the Library Meeting:**

No December meeting

### **Mystery Book Club:**

No December meeting

## HOT MEALS OFFERED CHRISTMAS EVE 2017

The American Legion's Boy Scout Troop 106, in cooperation with many St. Helens Churches, Lions Club, other Scout Troops and local merchants, service organizations and individuals of the Local Southern Columbia County Community will be providing Christmas Hot Meals to about 150 families between 1 and 5 pm on Christmas eve, December 24th. The home delivered meals will come with toys and Christmas socks for each child under 12.

Boy Scout Troop 106 is in their 30th year of providing this Christmas Eve dinner and toys. (Continued)

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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'd like to send a contribution, please mail it to PO Box 216, Columbia City, Oregon 97018. If you'd like to donate items or you know of an individual or a family in need of a Christmas Eve dinner, please call the Columbia Pacific Food Bank at (503) 397-9708.

## LOST AND FOUND

Some keys were found in Pixie Park on October 10. If you think they might be yours, please inquire at City Hall.

## FIRE SAFETY



Each year, fires take lives and burn numerous structures resulting in mounting costs that have enormous impacts on families, communities and businesses. Fires also have devastating impacts on the environment and wildlife. Below is a list of zero and low cost safety precautions you can take to protect your home and workplace:

### Candles:

- Ensure candles are in sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down. Most importantly, keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

- Never leave the house with candles burning and never leave burning candles unattended.

### Electrical:

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- When buying electrical appliances look for products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.

### Gas:

- When lighting a gas fireplace or gas space heater, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.
- Never use a gas range as a substitute for a furnace or space heater.

### Additional Tips:

- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop for use only on small fires. If there is a large fire, leave immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2017

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
<del>December 19<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>6:30 p.m.</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled</del>
<del>December 21<sup>st</sup></del>	<del>6:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - cancelled</del>
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Christmas Day
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Christmas

## CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 12 PM - 2 PM



Please join us at the Columbia City Community Library for Christmas decorating on Craft Day, featuring a clothespin reindeer, candy cane mouse ornaments and more - Saturday, December 9 from 12 pm to 2 pm. As always, you supply the kids and we'll supply everything else!