

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU, GREYHOUNDS, FOR FILLING HOLES AND SPREADING BARK

Members of the Columbia County Greyhound Gang hauled in some dirt to fill the holes that were left by other dogs in the Columbia City Dog Park. The group also spread some "bark" while they were there. We appreciate their contributions to the Columbia City Dog Park.



**No act of kindness, however small,
 is ever wasted.**
 ~Aesop~

ATTENTION DOG PARK USERS!!

Please **do not allow your dogs to dig!!** The holes they leave can be hazardous to other dogs and pet owners.

Please **pick up after your pets!!** Use the doggie bags that are provided in the park, or bring your own from home.

Please **use the trash cans!!** Place used dog bags and other trash in the trash containers that are provided in the park.

Please **do not hang trash on the fencing!!**

A little bit of common courtesy can go a long way towards keeping the Columbia City Dog Park open and available for pet owners and their dogs to enjoy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10th - 6 PM

A Legacy to Treasure benefit concert 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.



Tickets: \$20.00

Dinner Menu:

Pulled pork sandwich with cole slaw	\$6
Croissant sandwich with potato salad	\$6
Veggie tray	\$3
Chocolate cake or cheesecake	\$3
Soda, coffee, tea, bottled water	\$1

Event location:

Columbia City School Gymnasium
 2000 Second Street, Columbia City

Purchase your tickets at City Hall now!!!

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



A LOCAL SHOWCASE FOR TRILLIUM

From March through June, large-flowered trilliums bloom gracefully on the forest floor throughout Jim Bundy Memorial Park. The trillium has a large, often white, three-petaled flower above three broad leaves. Along with its three sepals, it's easy to see where trillium got its name. The plants are 8 - 18 inches high with a stem bearing a 2 - 4 inch flower. The white flowers turn pink with age. They grow in rich wooded areas, and trillium is often the first wildflower noticed by casual walkers as other spring wildflowers are much less apparent.



Trillium flowers should never be picked. The three leaves below the flower are the plant's only food source and a picked trillium may die or take many years to recover. Trillium plants take 6 years to grow from seeds to flowers.

Trillium is one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants and mice. Trillium seeds have a fleshy organ called an elaiosome that attracts ants. The ants take the seeds to their nest, where they eat the elaiosomes and put the seeds in their garbage, where they are protected until they germinate. They also get the added bonus of growing in a medium made richer by the ant garbage.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS



Daylight-saving time begins on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12th

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Check all outside garden hoses and hose connections for leaks from the winter's ravages.



SPRING CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2017 8 AM TO NOON

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 22nd, 2017, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your first two loads of yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE! Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, etc., and extra loads of yard debris will be accepted for a fee. More information will be in the next issue of the newsletter.



SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WITH FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

You can support the Friends of the Columbia City Community Library with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card under the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. Just link the Friends of the Library to your Rewards Card, and when you shop at Fred Meyer you'll earn rewards for yourself and for the Friends of the Library! Visit the Fred Meyer website to link your Rewards Card with the Friends of the Library under the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program, or stop in and visit with a Fred Meyer customer service representative for assistance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- The outdoor storage of junk, rubbish, trash, and debris upon private property, alleys and streets is prohibited.
- Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited.
- Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of dental floss, diapers, wipes, shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.
- Pet owners must pick up after their pets.

OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 1st and end on Sunday, April 16th.** The burn period is for 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 or at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District or online at www.crrf.com. Permits are valid for one year and are free of charge. Please remember you must call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

You must follow these basic rules for proper open burning:

- ❑ You must have a garden hose, or a shovel and a five-gallon bucket of water at all times, and the fire must **NOT** be left unattended at any time until out.
- ❑ Yard and garden trimmings must be cut and piled no larger than six feet wide by four feet high.
- ❑ The ground must be cleared not less than ten feet around the burning area. There must be a separation of 50 feet between the burn pile and any structure, trees, vehicle or property line if the burn pile is greater than three feet in diameter; and a 25 foot separation if the burn pile is less than three feet in diameter.
- ❑ The fire must not adversely affect neighbors (smoke).
- ❑ It must be daylight hours during a designated burn day.

Have questions? Please call the Fire Marshall, at (503) 397-2990.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

Enjoy corned beef and cabbage, singing and fun at the Caples House Museum! Guinness and Irish Coffee included! **Friday, March 17, 2017 at 6 pm, 1925 First Street.** Adults \$25/Children 12 and under \$10. Registration is required by March 15. To register, please send an email to CaplesHouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390.



LIBRARY NEWS

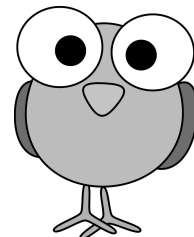
Don't miss the March 18th Book Signing Event!

Meet local authors at a book signing with tea and treats, appropriate for kids as well as adults. We will feature children's and travel books by Teresa Knight, an adult coloring book (kids too) of Timberline Lodge by Bonny Wagoner, and a whimsical garden tool book with text by Dan D'Amario and illustrated by Linda D'Amario. The event will be held at the Columbia City Community Library on Saturday, March 18 from 1-3 pm.

Columbia City Celebration: We are holding our first planning meeting this year for the City Celebration on Tuesday, March 14, at 7 pm. Please attend if you are a committee chair, or if you would like to help us with our largest fundraiser. The Columbia City Celebration benefits the Library, and provides more than half our funding.

Build a Bird House - Kid's Craft Day March 11th:

March is here, and the birds are coming back looking for a place to nest. Bring the kids down to the Columbia City Community Library from 11 am to 2 pm on March 11th and join in the fun of building a bird house. Since this is a free event and we want to have enough bird house kits for every child, we are asking that you **please pre-register before March 8th at ccclibrary@live.com** and tell us how many children you are bringing and how old they are. As always, you bring the kids and we supply everything else.



Second Hand Prose is open any time the Library is open! In March, look for gardening and landscaping books. They will be half price in Second Hand Prose, just when you need them!

New Books: We added 153 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

NEW BOOKS

Landscapes of Promise: The Oregon Story, 1800-1940 by William Robbins
A Field Guide to the Stars and Planets by Jay Pasachoff
Sealab: America's Forgotten (Continued on Page 4)

LIBRARY NEWS *(Continued)*

Quest to Live and Work on the Ocean Floor by Ben Hellwarth

A Field Guide to the Ecology of Western Forests by John C. Kricher

Northwest Weeds: The Ugly and the Beautiful Villains of Fields, Gardens and Roadsides by Ronald Taylor

Best Plants: 1000 Easy-to-Grow Garden Plants by Hamlin Publishing

The Foliage Garden: Creating Beauty Beyond Bloom by Angela Overy

Create Your Own Hand-Printed Cloth by Rayna Gillman

Authentic Indian Designs: 2500 Illustrations by Maria Naylor

Contemporary Wicker Baskets: Projects, Techniques, Inspirational Designs by Becky Goldsmith

Masters: Art Quilts by Martha Sielman

The Road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson

Civil War: A Complete Photographic History by William Davis

Listening is an Act of Love by David Isay

Death of Celilo Falls by Katrine Barber

Sea Turtle Journey: The Story of a Loggerhead Sea Turtle by Lorraine Jay

Baby Whale's Journey by Jonathan London

Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale by Gerald McDermott (Caldecott Honor)

Ride a Purple Pelican by Jack Prelutsky

The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night by Peter Spier (Caldecott Honor)

Night School: A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child

The Melody Lingers On by Mary Higgins Clark

Pirate by Clive Cussler

Never Never by James Patterson

The Revenant by Michael Punke

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

The Nest by Cynthia Sweeney

Ways Animals Sleep by Jane McCauley

Poop Detectives by Ginger Wadsworth

Storytime every Monday at 11 am

Saturday Kid's Craft: Bird Houses

3/11 from 11 am to 2 pm

City Celebration Planning Meeting 3/14 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters 3/15 at 6:30 pm

Authors Book Signing 3/18 from 1-3 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting 3/20 at 7 pm

Mystery Book Club 3/29 at 7 pm

HOURS: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-6,

Wednesday 4-8, Thursday 2-6, Saturday 10-2

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2017

See below for the department's activity during the most recent reporting period. 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 273 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, Disturbances of the Peace, Domestic Assault, Fraud, Intoxicated Subject(s), Menacing, Prowler/Suspicious Persons, Reckless Endangerment, Theft, Theft of Services, Traffic Crashes, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 98

Area Patrols: 6

Foot Patrols: 8

Assist the Public: 11

Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 3

Assistance to Outside Agencies: 8

Parking/Traffic Complaints: 2

Ordinance Violation Complaints: 3

Civil Situations: 2

Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 52

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 15

Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 6

Traffic Stops: 13

Assault: 2

Attempted Fraud: 3

Theft of Services: 1

Theft: 4

Disturbance Calls: 2

Traffic Crash Investigations: 1

Warrant Service: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Theft Investigation in the 700 block of H Street on 1/18/17. Investigation remains open.
2. Warrant Service and Arrest in the 1800 block of Second Street on 1/21/17. *(Continued on Page 5)*

BUILD A BIRDHOUSE CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY MARCH 11TH, 11 AM - 2 PM



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POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT *(Continued)*

- Christopher Bartlett, 46, of St. Helens was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
3. Theft Investigation in the 2300 block of Fifth Street on 1/23/17. Investigation remains open.
 4. Attempted Fraud Investigation in the 600 block of B Street on 1/23/17. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
 5. Attempted Fraud Investigation in the 1800 block of Sixth Street on 1/24/17. Investigation remains open.
 6. Theft of Services Investigation in the 300 block of A Street on 1/29/17. Investigation complete with suspect(s) identified. Civil compromise reached between the involved parties with no further investigatory assistance required.
 7. Domestic Assault and Reckless Endangerment Investigation in the 400 block of Weown Court on 2/1/17. Ronald Schwirse, 51, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
 8. Assault, Reckless Endangerment, and Menacing Investigation in the area of Highway 30 near Pacific Street on 2/10/17. Suspect identified and investigation closed with forwarding to the

Columbia County District Attorney's Office for prosecutorial review.

9. Hit and Run Traffic Crash in the 1700 block of Second Place on 2/16/17. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.

VETERANS PARK UPDATE



We are pleased to announce that a new monument has been added to the Columbia City Veterans Park. The monument recognizes US military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POWs) or listed as missing in action (MIA). The monument was funded by a 2016 Veterans and War

Memorials Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Other improvements to the park are currently underway.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2017

March 2 nd	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 7 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
March 10 th	6:00 pm	Michael Allen Harrison Benefit Concert in the School Gym
March 12 th	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 16 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 21 st	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
March 27 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall
March 22 nd	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall