

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY RECEIVES FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT OF UP TO \$225,000

We are pleased to announce that FEMA has awarded Columbia City with a Hazard Mitigation Grant of up to \$225,000. The funds are for seismic upgrades for two of the City's water storage reservoirs. The project involves the construction of concrete ringwall foundations and new anchorage for two 200,000 gallon steel reservoirs. Piping to both reservoirs will also be fitted with flexible connections to help mitigate the impacts of seismic movement. The seismic upgrades will be constructed in conjunction with other water improvements including the refurbishment of one of the steel reservoirs and waterline improvements along First Street and The Strand.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ACCOUNT CLERK - part-time (30 hours per week).

The City is seeking to fill the position of Account Clerk. Performs a variety of routine, semi-skilled and skilled bookkeeping and accounting tasks involved with water and sewer utility accounts, including billing, receipts, reports and other account activities; completes employee payroll and payroll reports; performs other duties in support of accounts payable and accounts receivable; performs secretarial and clerical services; does related work as required. Minimum high school graduate or equivalent education; preference given to Associates or Bachelor's Degree in related field. Requires minimum of two years experience with computer applications for finance activities; preference given to experience in governmental accounting work and experience with Springbrook Software. Combination of equivalent experience and education may substitute. Salary range \$15.73 to \$21.08/DOQ, PERS membership, and pro-rated leave benefits. For a complete job announcement and employment application, visit www.columbia-city.org, send an email to colcity@columbia-city.org, or visit Columbia City City Hall. Call 503-397-4010 for information. Position closes 5 pm on November 15, 2017. EOE.

Holiday Concert featuring *Michael Allen Harrison*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2 PM



Tickets: \$20.00 per person
Purchase tickets at City Hall now or at the door

Event location:
Columbia City Community Hall,
1850 Second Street

**Appetizers and beverages,
including beer and wine,
sold separately during the event**

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

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM EVENTS

WORLD WAR I VETERANS DAY PROGRAM -

Saturday, November 11 at 2 pm: Mount St. Helens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution would like to invite the public to a program on World War I. The program will be presented by Les Watters, Curator of the Columbia County Historical Society. The focus will be on the effect of World War I on Columbia County. Admission - FREE!



HOLIDAY TEA -

Sunday, November 19 from 2 to 4 pm: An old-fashioned Afternoon High Tea to benefit the Caples House Museum. Special entertaining program included! Adults \$25, Children 12 & under \$10.



CHRISTMAS SHIPS - Saturday, December 9, 6 pm:

View the Christmas Ship fleet as it sails along the Columbia, then retire to the Knapp Center for cocoa, cookies and song!

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

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

Curfew: For persons under the age of 18, curfew is in effect between the hours of 10:30 pm and 4 am, Sunday through Thursday, and between midnight and 4 am on Friday and Saturday.

RV Waste Disposal is Prohibited: It is unlawful to dump RV waste into the City's sewer system.

OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 4TH - 19TH BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 4th, and ending Sunday, November 19th.** Burning is restricted to 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 are free, and may be obtained at City Hall, at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on their website: www.CRFR.com. Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.



FEED THE NEED

Please help us **Feed the Need** by bringing your donations of boxed and canned foods to City Hall during the month of November. All of the collected goods will be given to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in St. Helens. Other ways in which you can help may be found on the Columbia Pacific Food Bank website - www.cpfoodbank.org.

Food Drive



**We can't help everyone,
but everyone can help someone.**

~ Dr. Loretta Scott ~

CORRECTIONS TO 2017 CELEBRATION THANK YOU LIST

The City Celebration "thank you" list in last month's article contained a few errors and omissions. We'd like to properly thank:

- Cameron Page, Show & Shine Volunteer
- Dennis Myers, Show & Shine Volunteer
- Dealers Market, LLC, Show & Shine Sponsor

RESOURCES FOR WINTER TRAVEL

ODOT offers travel information via the Internet, by phone, and on cable TV. Visit ODOT'S travel information website at www.TripCheck.com. In addition to text-based reports, the site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes, and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and trouble spots and include information about weather, road construction, and maintenance work and traffic incidents.



In the Portland area, a speed map provides average travel times for local commuters and other highway users. You can also develop a custom camera page to check specific routes at a glance. The QuickCheck page brings camera and incident information together in a text-based format for easy access.

TripCheck.com has links to bus, airport, train, bicycle and trucking information. A mileage calculator allows you to estimate distance and choose the most direct route. Other features include detailed information on scenic byways, safety rest areas, and SnoParks.

Motorists can access ODOT's *Oregon Winter Driving Guide* at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf.

Travelers in Oregon can dial 511 to access TripCheck road and weather information by phone. You can select updated reports about driving conditions by highway, mountain pass, or major city from easy-to-use menus. The 511 system responds to voice as well as touch-tone commands. Calls to 511 are local calls when dialed from a pay or wire line phone. Wireless phone users are responsible for airtime and roaming charges according to their service contracts. If you cannot use 511, call toll-free 1 (800) 977-6368 for road and weather information. Outside Oregon, call (503) 588-2941.

LIBRARY NEWS

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 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.

Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 18th: The Columbia City Community Library Holiday Bazaar will feature Cathy Lundberg and Dianne Ebert, award winning quilters, plus homemade items from our other talented volunteers. Look for toys, hats, ornaments, cookies, and more! The bazaar will be Saturday November 18, between 10 am and 3 pm.



Also the day of the Bazaar in Second Hand Prose we will be featuring a special sale on Western novels - more than 500 to choose from!

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New Books at the Library:

We added 79 new books and 40 new movies to the Library this month! Check out the new book shelf at the Library!

Hidden Evidence: The Story of Forensic Science by David Owen

The Undoing Project by Michael Lewis (previous best seller)

The Edible Balcony by Alex Mitchell

A Man, a Can, a Plan by David Joachim (easy recipes!)

Capital Dames: the Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868 by Cokie Roberts (previous best seller)

Home School Family Fitness by Bruce Whitney

Is Everyone Hanging Out without Me? Mindy Kaling (previous best seller)

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! by Mo Willems (great read-aloud book)

Paradise Valley by C.J. Box (recent best seller)
Tom Clancy Point of Contact by Mike Maden (find it with Clancy books!)

The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly (new Harry Bosch novel)

Dragon Teeth by Michael Crichton (published posthumously)

Indecent Exposure by Stuart Woods (recent best seller)

Ghost Busters 2 (movie)

Romancing the Stone (movie)

Library Hours:

Mon-Thurs 3 pm - 6 pm

Sat 10 am - 2 pm

Holiday Bazaar:

Sat, November 18, 10 am - 3 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Mon, November 20, 7 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wed, November 29, 7 pm

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2017

November 2nd	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 4th	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 9th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 10th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 16th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 19th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 21st	CANCELED	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
November 23rd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 24th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving
November 25th	2:00 pm	Michael Allen Harrison Holiday Concert at the Community Hall
November 27th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall

2017 "Shop with a Cop" Nomination Form

It is time once again for the Columbia City Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Program. This is our ninth year hosting this worthwhile endeavor within our city and we need your help! We need assistance selecting a needy family within the Columbia City community. Our goal is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities, and Christmas wish list items for the nominated family. Please fill out the information below to nominate someone who you know could use some assistance this holiday season. Thank you ~ Michael S. McGlothlin, Chief of Police

Name of Family: _____ Family Address: _____

Family Bio (please answer all that apply): ___ Father ___ Mother ___ Number of children

Reason for your nomination: _____

Return completed nomination forms to Columbia City Hall, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, by 5 pm on November 27, 2017