

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017



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## PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN WITH 30% DEBT FORGIVENESS

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm to accept testimony about the City Council's intent to enter into a Safe Drinking Water Loan for water improvements.

The 20-year loan includes 30% debt forgiveness (essentially a grant) and a 2.26% interest rate. In addition, the City is anticipating a Hazard Mitigation Grant award from FEMA to help pay for the project.

### Proposed Project Funding:

Safe Drinking Water Loan	\$503,400
Safe Drinking Water Forgivable Loan	258,600
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant	<u>135,000</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$897,000</b>

The project includes the following improvements:

- **Waterline improvements:** Along First Street and The Strand, replacing and upsizing 3,500 feet of old cast iron waterline with PVC pipe, replacing old fire hydrants, and adding some new fire hydrants.
- **Reservoir upgrades:** Adding seismic retrofits to the steel water storage reservoir located at Ninth and K Streets, and adding seismic retrofits and fully refurbishing the upper steel water storage reservoir located on Miloris Way.

## REPORT STREETLIGHT ISSUES TO CITY HALL



Report malfunctioning street lights to City Hall and we will have them repaired. We will need the address closest to the light or the names of the cross streets. Simply call us at (503) 397-4010 or send an email to [colcity@columbia-city.org](mailto:colcity@columbia-city.org).

## COLUMBIA CITY SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

It is important that we all work together to protect our drinking water supply - not only for the present, but for the future as well. The costs associated with contaminated drinking water are high! Safe drinking water is essential to the long term sustainability of the City, its population and its economy.



Here are some ways that you can help protect our drinking water:

### Household Hazardous Waste:

- Participate in the Columbia County Transfer Station's Household Hazardous Waste Events for the disposal of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fluorescent tubes and light ballasts, solvents, thinners, gasoline, diesel, fuels, cleaners, detergents, propane cylinders, etc.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., at the Columbia County Transfer Station.
- Substitute less hazardous substances for products you use in your home.

### Car Care:

- Check your car regularly for oil and antifreeze leaks, and repair any leaks quickly.

### Lawn Care and Landscaping:

- Use environmentally sound products on your lawn, garden and landscaped areas.
- If you must use pesticides and/or fertilizers, apply them minimally and properly.

### Pet Waste:

- Promptly pick up pet waste.
- Dispose of pet waste by flushing it or placing it in the garbage.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Accepting Applications for Library Volunteers:

People come and go in Columbia City. Right now we could use some additional volunteers to work the Library desk. If you enjoy books and meeting your neighbors, this could be the job for you! Stop by the Library for a volunteer application.

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:** Supporters (20 households) who shopped at Fred Meyer between April 1st and June 30th earned \$65.27 in rewards benefitting the Library! If you haven't already linked your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library, visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number 18652. Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you will be helping the Library earn a donation, and you will still earn your own Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates!

**Summer Reading Program: The Bug Nuts are Back!** Monday, August 14 at 10:30 am, the Bug Nuts will be visiting us! Come see bugs beautiful and baleful!

**GRASP: Graphic Reading and Art Summer Program:** GRASP is continuing, with lots of budding artists. We meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am to draw graphic novels. You don't need to sign up to come and see what we're doing. Please join us!

**New Books:** We added 67 books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

*All Joy and No Fun: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood* by Jennifer Senior

*My Story* by Elizabeth Smart

*Monkeys Don't Wear Diapers* by Polly Schultz

*Wood: Craft, Culture, History* by Harvey Green

*Uganda be Kidding Me* by Chelsea Handler

*As Time Goes By* by Mary Higgins Clark

*Home* by Harlan Coben

*Patient Zero* by Jonathan Maberry

*Designated Daughters* by Margaret Maron

*16th Seduction* by James Patterson

*Murder on Sisters' Row* by Victoria Thompson

*The Lion Who Stole My Arm* by Nicola Davies

*Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies* by Erin Dionne

*Neighborhood Sharks* by Katherine Roy

*Please Ignore Vera Dietz* by A. S. King

**Second Hand Prose!** This month's sale selection is Mysteries. It's a mystery how we got so many mysteries on our sale shelves! Half price for the month of August!

**Columbia City Celebration:** Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, August 8 at 7 pm. Please attend if you are involved with the planning.

There will be a lot of events going on this year during the Columbia City Celebration. All the event chairpeople will be looking for volunteers to work during the Celebration or before. Please let us know at the Library what you'd like to do to help.

We're still looking for vendors of handmade goods. If you are interested, applications are available at City Hall or at the Library. Applications will be accepted on a space available basis, first come first served.

**Library Hours:** Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-6, Wednesday 4-8, Thursday 2-6, Saturday 10-2

### Storytime/Summer Reading Program:

Mondays at 10:30 am

**GRASP: Graphic Novel:** Tuesdays at 10:30 am

### City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, August 8 at 7 pm

**Novel Quilters:** Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, August 21 at 7 pm

### Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, August 30 at 7 pm

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## PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

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 our website.





**OREGON DAR QUILT SHOW AT THE  
CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM**

*Featuring  
Historic and Award Winning Quilts!*

**Sunday, August 6, 2017 from noon to 5 pm  
1925 First Street, Columbia City  
Adults \$8; Children 10 and under free**

- Quilt Display in Knapp Social Center
- Refreshments available in The Cottage
- Vendor Display in The Children's Museum
- Quilting Bee on site
- Quilt Raffle

For more information, call (503) 397-5390 or email [CaplesHouse@comcast.net](mailto:CaplesHouse@comcast.net). Proceeds from this event will benefit the Caples House Restoration Project.



**CC RIDER CONSIDERS  
ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS**

The CC Rider is considering adjusting service on several of its fixed routes, and they are hosting four open houses to hear from transit users and service providers.

Routes under consideration for changes include:

- Line 1 - Downtown Portland
- Line 2 - PCC Rock Creek
- Line 3 - South County Flex
- Line 4 - Clatskanie
- Line 5 - Kelso

To learn more about what is under consideration or to share your thoughts and recommendations, attend one of the following open houses:

**Open Houses - 6 to 8 pm:**

- August 7: Rainier Senior Center**  
48 W 7th Street, Rainier
- August 8: Columbia Center Auditorium**  
375 S 18th Street, St. Helens
- August 9: Clatskanie Cultural Center**  
75 Nehalem Street, Clatskanie
- August 10: Scappoose City Hall Chambers**  
33568 E Columbia Ave., Scappoose

Refreshments will be provided

**SHOW &**  
**SHINE**  
**CAR SHOW**

**Saturday 8 am - 2 pm**  
**September 16th**

**UNITED WAY – STUFF THE BUS**



When we see the red lights on a school bus flashing, we all know it means STOP!

For the United Way of Columbia County, this means go...to your nearest school supply store and help us **Stuff the Bus!**

Summer is here and the fall school bells seem like a long way off, but families prepare all summer to stock their children’s backpacks with all the necessary items for starting school. Because this adds up in a hurry, the United Way of Columbia County is proud to host the “**Stuff the Bus**” promotion to benefit students in need throughout the St. Helens School District. Through a united effort, last year the United Way of Columbia County and their community partners helped provide school supplies to all schools in the St. Helens School District.



With the donated school supplies from community members and businesses, United Way and its volunteers are able to help students throughout Columbia County return to school ready to learn and lead successful lives.

We are asking you to “**Get on Board & Stuff the Bus**” beginning now through August 18th. The Columbia City Hall is an official drop site. We have a box available for donated school supplies. School supplies stay in the community where they are donated. Local volunteers help pick up the supplies and deliver them to distribution sites.



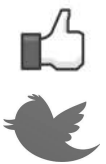
**School Supply Wish List:**

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| #2 Pencils        | Facial Tissue              |
| Colored Pencils   | Spiral Note Books 70 Pages |
| Crayons 24 Pack   | Blunt Scissors             |
| Erasers           | Pointed Scissors           |
| Pocket Folders    | Pens - Blue, Red and Black |
| Glue Sticks       | Washable Markers 10 Pack   |
| Notebook Dividers | Wide Rule Notebook Paper   |
| Hand Sanitizer    | College Notebook Paper     |
| Pencil Boxes      | 3 Ring Notebooks 1" & 1.5" |
| End Cap Erasers   | Pencil Pouches             |
| Rulers            | Dual Power Calculators     |
| Composition Books | Water Color Paints         |
| Backpacks         |                            |

**FIVE EASY WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED**

1. **Register your cell phone number with Columbia Alert Network (C.A.N.)** This automated emergency phoning system alerts you by sending you voice, text or e-mail messages containing important information in rare instances, such as a search for a small child that is lost in your community, or a chemical spill near your neighborhood. To receive C.A.N. notifications on your cell phone, you must first register your number with your address with the C.A.N. Registry at [www.columbia911.com](http://www.columbia911.com).

2. **Like our Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter.** The City periodically posts timely information and reminders about upcoming events or current issues that may be important to you, such as information about a cougar that has been frequenting the City, or an invitation to a community work party or a Town Hall meeting. In the event of a local emergency, we will post and tweet important event updates. Stay updated - be our friend and follow us.



3. **Provide the City with your current contact information.** We frequently find that the phone numbers we have listed on our utility accounts are no longer valid. It is very important that we have current contact information on file for you. We may need to call you to:

- Let you know about a water leak we discovered while reading your meter, or
- Notify you of a temporary street closure that will impact your access, or
- Let you know your water will be shut off due to a waterline break or other repair work. (Cont.)



## FIVE EASY WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

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For whatever the reason, we hope we have your current contact information in our records when we attempt to call you. If your work phone number has changed, or you have a new cell phone or home telephone number, please keep us informed so we can update our records.

4. **Receive City meeting agendas and minutes via e-mail.** We have two e-mail distribution lists available - one for meeting minutes, and the other for meeting agendas. To sign up, e-mail a request to [colcity@columbia-city.org](mailto:colcity@columbia-city.org).

5. **Visit the Columbia City Website.** Need more information about a City Council agenda item? Visit our website to view a copy of the entire City Council packet. Heading out of town for the holidays and need to complete a Police Premise Check form? Download a copy of the form from our website. Want to pay your water and sewer bill with a debit or credit card? Visit our website and pay on-line.

## CHIEF'S CORNER June - July, 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 403 calls for service; both self-initiated and dispatched calls, during the reporting period. 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 and Disturbance Calls, DUII, Online Sexual Corruption of a Child, Suspicious Circumstances and Persons, Traffic Crashes, and Trespassing.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:**

Residential Security Checks: 44  
Area Patrols: 8  
Foot Patrols: 30  
Assist the Public: 16  
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 6  
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 31  
Civil Complaints: 3  
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 2  
Animal Complaints: 6  
Welfare Checks: 2  
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 101.75

## **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:**

Investigative Follow Up's: 5  
Suspicious Circumstances, People, & Vehicles: 13  
Traffic Stops: 111  
DUII: 3  
Criminal Mischief: 1  
Traffic Crashes: 3  
Theft: 1  
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 1  
Online Sexual Corruption of a Child: 1  
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle: 1  
Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle: 1  
Trespassing: 1

## **CALLS OF INTEREST:**

1. Criminal Mischief Investigation in the 2000 block of Second Street on June 30, 2017. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
2. Theft Investigation in the 1900 block of Second Street on July 18, 2017. Investigation remains open.
3. Online Sexual Corruption of a Child Investigation; originating out of New York State on July 2, 2017. Investigation remains open.
4. Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Driving While Suspended (Misdemeanor) Investigation and Arrest in the area of Highway 30 near L Street on July 19, 2017. Jon E. Wagner, 52, of Deer Island, Oregon was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

### **WATER CONSERVATION TIP**

Water dry spots by hand instead of running the whole irrigation system longer.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Accessory structures, sheds, detached garages:** All detached garages, garden sheds, workshops, etc. must obtain a planning review approval before placement. The approved application ensures all ordinance standards are followed. Setback requirements, height and size restrictions, and lot coverage guidelines vary from zone to zone. Membrane or fabric covered storage buildings or structures are not permitted.

**Keep grass and weeds cut!** Between April 15 and September 30 of any year, weeds and grass cannot exceed 10-inches in height and blackberry bushes cannot extend across property lines or into the City's right-of-way, including streets, alleys and sidewalks.

**Recreational vehicle (RV) storage must be owned by the occupant of the property.** In residential zones, the storage of an RV that is owned by a legal resident of the property is permitted provided it is stored in a location allowed by City Ordinance. However, when an RV is not owned by a legal resident of the property, the RV storage is not permitted.

**RV storage limitations:** Only one vehicle that is designed for human occupancy (RV, boat, travel trailer, camper, or motor home) may be parked or stored at any single property at any time.

**RV parking limitations:** RVs, boats, and trailers may be parked temporarily on an improved or unimproved public street for no more than five consecutive days if currently licensed and registered and not blocking or obscuring the visibility of an intersection, crosswalk or a traffic control sign or device.

**Attention pet owners!** You must pick up after your pets! It's the law!

For more information or to report violations, please contact City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010.

# CELEBRATION

*Saturday,  
September 16th,  
7 am - 3 pm*

- **Strawberry Pancake Breakfast**
- **Prepare Fair**
- **Craft Fair**
- **Vendors**
- **Kids Activities**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Book Sale**
- **Quilt Raffle**
- **Beach House Stay Raffle**
- **Columbia Arts Guild Art Show**
- **Live Music by "The Decades"**
- **Hamburgers & Hot Dogs**
- **Bake Sale**

*Save the date!*

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2017

August 3	6:00 pm	<del>Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - cancelled</del>
August 15	6:30 pm	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled</del>
August 17	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 22	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hal