

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Fireworks - many types are prohibited! Cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels are permitted. All other exploding fireworks are prohibited by City Ordinance and Oregon State Law. Refer to ORS 480.110 through 480.165 for additional information.



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.

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.

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

Please report violations to City Hall - 503-397-4010.



Ice Cream Social, Sing-Along, Yard Sale

Caples House Museum

1925 First Street

Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 2-4 pm

Sundaes \$3, Family Sundaes \$10



There will be a sing-along of patriotic and folk songs led by **The Yankton Grangers**

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

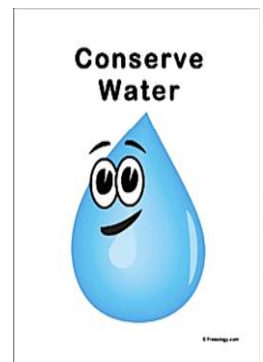
→ Don't over water your lawn. As a general rule, lawns only need watering every few days in the summer. If the blades don't spring back up after being stepped on, it is time to water. A hearty rain can eliminate the need for watering for as long as two weeks.

→ Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest. This reduces losses from evaporation.

→ Don't water your street, driveway or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs ... not the paved areas.

→ Install sprinklers that are the most water-efficient for each use. Micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses are examples of water-efficient methods of irrigation.

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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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→ Regularly check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly.

→ Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely-clipped lawn.

→ Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers which contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.

→ Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.

→ Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, they do not need to be watered as frequently and they usually will survive a dry period without any watering. Group plants together based on similar water needs.

→ Do not hose down your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean leaves and other debris from these areas. Using a hose to clean a driveway can waste hundreds of gallons of water.



→ Outfit your hose with a shut-off nozzle which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it "off" at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.

→ Use hose washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks.

→ Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hoses can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours, so don't leave the sprinkler running all day. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn it off.

→ Check all hoses, connectors and spigots regularly.

→ Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass to do so.

→ Avoid the installation of ornamental water features (such as fountains) unless the water is recycled. Locate them where there are minimal losses due to evaporation and wind drift.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Closures: The Library will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Enjoy the fireworks displays and be safe!

Summer Reading Program: GRASP! On Mondays at 10:30 am **GRASP!** Get Reading All Summer Program for preschool to 2nd grade. Expect books, crafts and games to keep you reading all summer! For information call Cathy at (503) 556-1958.

On Tuesdays at 10:30 am, for kids grades 3-6 (but we are flexible!) **GRASP!** Graphic Reading & Art Summer Program. Read graphic novels (comic books) and create your own. FREE! All materials provided. No experience necessary. Please sign up at the Library or City Hall. For information call Dana at (503) 307-4619.

Second Hand Prose Encourages Travel! Are you going on a trip this summer? Check out Second Hand Prose! Travel books will be half price in July.

Raffles are Ready to Go! The 2017 raffle quilt is a beautiful combination of reds and whites. It will be displayed at the Library and at City Hall, as well as at the County Fair in July. Paulson's Printing has also generously donated two nights at their beach cabin in Long Beach, Washington, to the Library to use as a raffle prize. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Library or City Hall. Your winning tickets will be drawn during the Columbia City Celebration on September 16.

New Books: We added 130 books, 15 graphic novels, and 17 videos to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup (Published in 1853, movie is out)

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse (NYT best seller)

Seven Skeletons: The Evolution of the World by Lydia V. Tyne

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann (NYT best seller)

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (1986 book, NYT best seller, current Hulu series)

Cometh the Hour by Jeffrey Archer (#6 of Clifton Chronicles)

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The 14th Colony by Steve Berry (NYT best seller 2016)

The Whistler by John Grisham (NYT best seller)

Into the Water by Paula Hawkins (NYT best seller)

Lilac Girls by Martha H. Kelly (NYT best seller)

NYPD Red 4 by James Patterson (NYT best seller)

Golden Prey by John Sandford (NYT best seller)

Draw Great Manga by Emmett Elvin (supporting Summer Reading Program!)

GRASP (preschool-2nd) Mondays at 10:30 am

GRASP (3rd-6th) Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Storytime every Monday at 11 am

Novel Quilters no July meeting due to County Fair

Friends of the Library Monday 7/17 at 7:00 pm

Mystery Book Club Wednesday 7/26 at 7:00 pm

Library closed 7/3 and 7/4

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

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

POLICY ACTIVITY REPORT

May - June, 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 392 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: DUII, Domestic Violence, Disturbances of the Peace, Fraud,

Harassment, Prowler and Suspicious Persons, Traffic Crashes, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 67

Area Patrols: 11

Foot Patrols: 23

Assist the Public: 16

Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 7

Assistance to Outside Agencies: 37

Parking/Traffic Complaints: 10

Ordinance Violation Complaints: 3

Animal Complaints: 7

Welfare Checks: 3

Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 80

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 12

Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles: 10

Traffic Stops: 107

DUII: 1

Burglary: 1

Attempted Fraud: 2

Missing Juvenile: 1

Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 2

Harassment: 1

Trespassing: 2

Warrant Service: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. DUII Investigation and Arrest in the area of Hwy 30 and L Street on June 4, 2017. Brandon Albright, 30, of Hammond, Oregon was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
2. Traffic Crash Investigation in the area of Highway 30 at L Street on June 13, 2017. Responsible driver identified.
3. Warrant Service Investigation and Arrest in the 2100 block of 3rd Street on June 16, 2017. Lacie Taylor, 26, of Scappoose, Oregon was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2017

July 3	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day before Independence Day
July 4	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in honor of Independence Day
July 6	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 13	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
July 18	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 20	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
July 25	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall