

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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UNITED WAY THANKS "STUFF THE BUS" DONORS!!

The staff at United Way would like to thank all of the Stuff the Bus donors! This year's Stuff the Bus program was a great success! With your generous donations, they were able to help over 260 children with school supplies this year.



BONAMICI HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING IN COLUMBIA CITY

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will host a Town Hall Meeting in the Columbia City Community Hall on Thursday, September 21, 2017, from 6 pm to 7 pm.

ANNOUNCING NEW HOURS

for the
Columbia City

Community Library

Beginning September 1st,
the Library is OPEN

Monday - Thursday,

3 PM - 6 PM

Saturday,

10 AM - 2 PM

Come in! WE'RE
OPEN



The City Hall is the proud recipient of a beautiful handcrafted bird feeder that was auctioned off during the last Community Hall Birthday Benefit Dance! Thank you, John Weinman and Leonard Marson, for the very generous donation to our community!

STRAWBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE!

We are offering breakfast to go during the City Celebration! Just stop by the Community Hall on Saturday, September 16 between 7 and 10 am to order your take out! Breakfast includes pancakes served with strawberries and whipped cream, ham, eggs, coffee, and orange juice.



Breakfast prices:

Adults \$8.50

Children \$7.00 (10 and under)

Pre-purchase your tickets at City Hall now!

CITY LAUNCHES NEW CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT TOOL

Citizen Engagement is a public portal our citizens can use to submit requests, information or complaints to the City. The goal of the new Citizen Engagement tool is to help citizens and City staff communicate with one another in a quick and efficient way. Citizens can include photos or other attachments with their request or complaint as needed. The Citizen Engagement tool can be accessed on-line, during all hours of any given day.

For example, you want to report tall weeds that need to be cut in your neighborhood. Snap a photo of the problem and include it with your complaint through the Citizen Engagement tool. Including the photo could help to speed up the City's ability to respond to your concern.

Try out the new Citizen Engagement tool!

Web: <https://talktomycity.com/search/Col01>

Phone app: iWorQ Service Request

Agency code: Col01

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The City currently has an opening on the Columbia City Planning Commission. Applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The term will expire December 31, 2020. The Planning Commission meets at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month when there are topics to discuss. Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, or may be found on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org.



DO NOT FEED THE RACCOONS!

Do not feed raccoons: Deliberate feeding of raccoons makes them more comfortable around humans and more likely to get into situations where they are unwanted or in danger. It also encourages unnaturally high population levels within a small geographic area. This creates a higher risk of disease transmission among the raccoons and increases the likelihood they will become pests. It is much better and more humane to allow population levels to adjust to the food and habitat that are naturally available.



Feed pets indoors: This will eliminate a raccoon attractant and will diminish the likelihood of an unwanted encounter between your pet and a wild animal.

Tightly cover all garbage cans.

Seal up all potential denning locations within your home: Placing caps on chimneys and blocking outside entryways to basements, attics, and under porches will reduce the likelihood that you will wind up sharing your home with a raccoon.

Raccoons are not pets! Raccoons do not make good pets. Like all wild animals, raccoons can carry diseases and parasites. When they reach sexual maturity, they can become territorial and aggressive. It is illegal in the State of Oregon to take a raccoon out of the wild to be kept as a pet.

Be a good neighbor - do not feed the raccoons!

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

The Caples House Museum will host a Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from noon to 5 pm. Indoor and outdoor festival activities will include an apple cider press, kids games, quilt vendors, quilting bee, raffle baskets, silent auction, and food and beverages for all ages! Admission is free! Email capleshouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390 for more information.



LIBRARY NEWS

Back to school and NEW hours! The Columbia City School is opening for Kindergarten through 6th grade this year, and they are graciously allowing us to stay in the portable where we have been for the past five years. You will notice some changes. Our hours are changing during the week to accommodate the school. We will now be open Monday through Thursday, 3 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. Our evening meetings will continue as before, but the Library won't be open to the public after 6 pm. We also had the porta-potty moved, and placed a garbage can next to it for dog waste. Mark Ebert and Chip Gardes moved our big sign - thanks so much guys! It was a big job.

Columbia City Celebration: We're looking forward to this year's Columbia City Celebration, Saturday, September 16. The strawberry pancake breakfast will be in the Community Hall and start at 7 am. The silent auction, the raffles, and some vendors will be in the Columbia City School gym.

We will have local vendors bringing items hand-made in Columbia County. The Columbia County Art Guild will be showing their art as well. Local artists are still welcome to join us. We will be displaying the Novel Quilters creations based on *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert and *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch. The St. Helens Lions Club and St. Helens Elks Club will sponsor an eye clinic. Bring your 3 to 7 year-old in to the Library for screening. It takes longer to fill out your name than it does to do the test!

Keep in mind that we are still looking for great silent auction items. You can also donate cakes, cookies, and candy to our bake sale. We're looking for people to sign up to do bake sale items. Help us support the Library and make our Celebration lots of fun!

The Show and Shine car show and the book sale will be in the school field. We are expecting lots of cars this year!

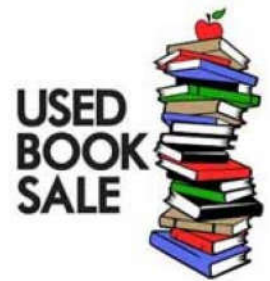


We will need many volunteers for the day of the City Celebration, as well as the evening before as we get set up. Start thinking about how you would like to help. A sign-

up sheet is available at the Library, so come in and pick your job!

Second Hand Prose:

Many books are being donated as the Columbia City Celebration and its big book sale approaches, so make sure to get in here and look at what is already on our shelves. Help us make room for more! Our sale books are wonderfully organized, so be sure you shop in the Library at the county's largest used book store.



New Books: We added 208 items, including 41 DVDs, to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

Option B by Sheryl Sandberg (NYT Best Seller)
On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder (NYT Best Seller)
Char-Broil's Grill Yourself Skinny by Heidi Skolnik
The Late Show by Michael Connelly (NYT Best Seller)
Solitude Creek by Jeffery Deaver
The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand (NYT Best Seller)
Mississippi Blood by Greg Iles (third in series)
Angels Walking by Karen Kingsbury
Hush Hush by Laura Lippman
The Horse Dancer by Jojo Moyes
Murder Games by James Patterson (NYT Best Seller)
The Lying Game by Ruth Ware (NYT Best Seller)
In This Grave Hour by Jacqueline Winspear
Hollow City by Ransome Riggs (grade school 2nd in series)
Star Atlas by Jacqueline Mitton (Juvenile non-fiction)
Dukes of Hazzard (DVD)
I Am Legend (DVD)
Snow White and the Huntsman (DVD)
Happy Feet Two (DVD)

NEW Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 3 pm - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

City Celebration Planning Meeting:

Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm

Columbia City Celebration:

Saturday, September 16 from 8 am to 3 pm

Friends of the Library:

Monday, September 18 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm

LOST AND FOUND

In early August, a bracelet and ring were found in Pixie Park. If you think these may belong to you, please contact City Hall.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT JULY - AUGUST, 2017

ACTIVITY REPORT: Your police officers answered 361 calls for service; both self-initiated as well as dispatched, 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, Death Investigation, Domestic and Disturbance Calls, Driving While Suspended – Felony Level, Harassment, Juvenile Investigations, Missing Persons, Ordinance Violations, Suicide Threats, Theft, Traffic Crashes, Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 67
Area Patrols: 8
Foot Patrols: 22
Assist the Public: 12
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 7
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 33
Fireworks Complaints: 2
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 1
Animal Complaints: 3
Welfare Checks: 2
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 93

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 6
Suspicious Circumstances, People, & Vehicles: 13

Traffic Stops: 126
Harassment: 1
Criminal Mischief: 1
Traffic Crashes: 1
Theft: 2
Burglary: 1
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 3
Warrant Service: 1
Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle: 1
Driving While Suspended (Felony): 1
Death Investigation: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

1. Ordinance Violation Complaint in the 1900 block of Fifth Street on July 25. Investigation closed with the responsible party cited.
2. Death Investigation in the 2300 block of Sixth Street on August 4. Investigation closed as a death by natural causes.
3. Warrant Arrest in the area of Highway 30 near Pacific Street on August 9. Robert L. Wilbanks, 22, of Kelso, Washington arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
4. Criminal Mischief Investigation in the 3300 block of Sixth Street on August 12. Investigation remains open.
5. Driving While Suspended (Felony) Investigation and Arrest in the area of Highway 30 near Trestle Beach on August 17. Jillian Foreman, 27, of Deer Island, Oregon arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
6. Burglary, Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle, and Theft Investigation in the 1700 block of Seventh Street on August 18. Investigation remains open.
7. Theft Investigation in the 300 block of A Street on August 25. Investigation remains open.

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

September 4 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Labor Day
September 7 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 11 th	1:00 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
September 14 th	6:00 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
September 16 th	7:00 AM - 10 AM	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
	8:00 AM - 2 PM	Show & Shine Car Show in the School field
	8:00 AM - 3 PM	Prepare Fair on front lawn area of School
	9:00 AM - 3 PM	Craft Fair, Vendors, Art Show, Kids Activities.....
September 19 th	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled
September 21 st	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 26 th	5:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall