

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

OPERATIONS SERGEANT - part time (20 hours per week). The City of Columbia City is seeking an Operations Sergeant to provide overall leadership and management of the Columbia City Police Department. This is a part-time position, 20 hours per week, and part of the leadership team focusing on daily operations at the City. Examples of daily operations include: engaging in traffic enforcement duties, conducting basic and complex criminal investigations, handling routine calls for service, addressing complaints, conducting internal investigations and making disciplinary recommendations, code enforcement, providing administrative, evidence and records services for the department and public, providing mutual aid to surrounding police agencies, and providing uniformed patrol as a deterrent to criminal activity. Requires high school diploma or equivalent; preference given to an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice or related field, Oregon DPSST certification as a police officer, and five (5) years of progressively responsible leadership/ management experience in the law enforcement field; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Candidates must also have the ability to obtain a DPSST Supervisory Certificate within twenty four (24) months of appointment, and must possess a valid Oregon driver license and acceptable driving record. Salary range \$21.67-\$33.06 per hour plus a pro rata benefits package. Visit www.columbia-city.org for a complete position description and application packet or send an email to colcity@columbia-city.org. A cover letter, resume, and application are mandatory and must



be submitted to the City of Columbia City, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon 97018 by 5:00 pm on August 20, 2018.

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 right-of-ways, streets, alleys and sidewalks.

A stored recreational vehicle (RV) 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. In some cases, extended storage may be allowed under a storage permit.

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

Report violations by calling (503) 397-4010.

**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.

**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.

PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

At your request, the Columbia City Police Department 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.

CELEBRATION

***Saturday,
September 15th,
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!

UNITED WAY – STUFF THE BUS

SCHOOL



SUPPLIES

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**" running now through August 17th. 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 | Hi-liters |
| Colored Pencils | Spiral Note Books |
| Crayons | Blunt Scissors |
| Erasers, Pink | Pointed Scissors |
| Pocket Folders | Pens - Blue and Black |
| Bottle of Glue | Sharpie Markers |
| Notebook Dividers | Wide Rule Notebook Paper |
| 2 Pocket Folders | Colored Markers |
| Pencil pouch | 3 Ring Binders |
| End Cap Erasers | Pencil Pouches |
| Rulers | Composition Books |
| Supply Box | |

PRESENTED BY
Caples House Museum

QUILT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 15, 12 - 4 PM

SEPTEMBER 16, 1 - 4 PM

Caples House Museum
1925 First Street, Columbia City, Oregon
Proceeds benefit the Caples restoration project
Quilt Display, Refreshments available for purchase in the Cottage,
quilt store vendor on site, quilting bee under the apple tree.

Adults \$10
Children 10 & Under
Free

💧 **WATER CONSERVATION TIP** 💧

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

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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 and your address with the C.A.N. at 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.

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.

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.

SHOW & SHINE

CAR SHOW

Saturday 8 am - 2 pm
September 15th

Registration \$15
Dash Plaques & Awards

Contact Gordon for
more information
(503) 396-5658

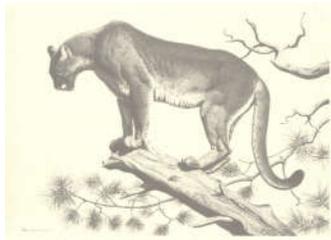
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The position of Mayor and two City Council positions will be filled by the voters during the November 6, 2018, General Election. Qualified electors who have resided within the City since November 6, 2017, may run for office. Nominating petitions are currently available at the City Hall. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and candidates must submit the signature sheets to the City Administrator/Recorder for verification allowing sufficient time for the verification process to be completed prior to the August 28, 2018 filing deadline. The positions are for a term of four years.



COUGAR REPORTS

We've received a couple of reports of cougar sightings/issues in the southwest areas of Columbia City. **If you spot a cougar in Columbia City, please IMMEDIATELY call 9-1-1 to report the incident.**



After the sighting, please leave paw prints and other signs undisturbed until authorities arrive.

Identifying characteristics: Adults of both sexes have light tan coats and long black-tipped tails, with black coloration on the backs of their ears. Adult males may exceed 8 feet in length, from nose to the end of their very long tail, and weigh between 130 and 170 pounds. Adult females can be 7 feet long and weigh between 75 and 105 pounds.

Safety precautions: The potential for human/cougar interactions has increased in recent years. However, more people are injured or killed by deer, bees, dogs and spiders than by cougars. If you are concerned about safety, familiarize yourself with the signs of cougar and their habitat and follow these suggestions:

- **Keep an eye on your children.** Don't let your children play unattended in the backyard, especially when cougars are known to be in the area. You also want to keep your children away from dense brush, which the cougar may use for cover.
- **Be cautious at dusk and dawn.** Contrary to popular belief, most predators are most active at dusk and dawn. This is a time to be especially cautious.
- **Don't leave food or garbage outside.** The strong smell of food or garbage may attract a cougar into your yard.
- **Keep your pets indoors.** While you may have left your pet in the backyard in the past, you may want to start bringing it indoors with a cougar in the area. Cougars can easily kill the largest dog and leaving your pet out may prompt an attack. Don't feed pets outside as this can attract cougars and their prey.
- **Don't feed wildlife.** By feeding deer, raccoons or other wildlife in your yard, you may inadvertently attract cougars, which prey on them as a food source.
- **Do not hike alone.** Go in groups, with adults supervising children.

BEAR-PROOF YOUR YARD

Recently, a resident on Ninth Street reported finding bear scat in their yard under an apple tree.



Oregon is black bear country. It is home to about 25,000 to 30,000 black bears. Generally black in color, they can also be brown, cinnamon or blond. Fast and agile, they are good swimmers and climbers who prefer forests, trails and streams. At home throughout Oregon, black bears are omnivorous and have a diverse diet including berries, fruit, grasses and plants. Although they will consume small mammals, insects and amphibians, these bears are not usually active predators.

Bears should never be allowed access to human food or garbage; it habituates them to people and increases the chance of conflict. Once habituated to finding food near homes or campgrounds, bears can become a threat to human safety and must often be destroyed.

- Keep pet food indoors. Feed pets in the house, garage or enclosed kennel.
- Hang bird feeders from a wire at least 10 feet off the ground and 6 to 10 feet from the trunk of a tree.
- Keep the area under bird feeders clean.
- Remove fruit that has fallen from trees.
- Add lime to compost piles to reduce odors. Do not compost meat, bones, fruit, dairy products or grease.
- Secure garbage cans in a garage, shed or behind a chain link or electric fence.
- Put garbage cans out just before pick-up time, not the night before.
- Clean garbage containers regularly with bleach or moth balls to reduce odors.
- Don't leave scented candles, soap or suntan lotions outdoors or near open windows.
- Talk to neighbors to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to remove attractants.
- Stay indoors and allow a visiting bear to move on.
- Keep barbecues clean. Store them in a shed or garage.
- Never, ever feed a bear.
- Teach children about bear safety.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE RACCOONS!



Raccoons are opportunistic, intelligent creatures that have adapted well to our urban and suburban landscapes. A general lack of predators combined with easy access to food sources such as garbage cans, compost bins, gardens and outdoor pet food bowls have allowed raccoons to proliferate even in the most developed of areas.

Raccoons often occur in urban habitats at much higher densities than they do under more natural circumstances.

Raccoons are primarily nocturnal animals but can be seen at any time of day. Adult raccoons in the Pacific Northwest typically range in weight between 10 and 25 pounds but can get larger. They are omnivorous and consume a highly varied diet that includes fruit and vegetables, insects, small rodents, fish and human handouts, as well as pet food and garbage when available.

Raccoons typically den above ground in tree cavities and under downed logs, but will substitute chimneys, attics and crawlspaces where available. Breeding season in the Pacific Northwest extends from early March through early fall. Litters can range from 1-7 kits. Young are weaned at about 2 months of age but may remain with the mother through the first winter.

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.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

→ 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.

GRILL SAFETY TIPS

- Place the barbeque grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. It is also unsafe to use grills in a garage, porch or enclosed area that could trap carbon monoxide. Never grill on top of anything that can catch fire.
- When grilling, have a fire extinguisher, a garden hose or at least 4 gallons of water close by in case of fire.
- Keep children away from fires and grills. Establish a safety zone around the grill and instruct children to remain outside of the zone. A chalk line works great for this purpose. Never leave grill unattended.



LIBRARY NEWS

Buy your raffle tickets now! The Columbia City Celebration is coming up quickly! We have raffle tickets for the quilt and for the beach cabin stay available in the Library, and the quilt will be hanging there until September 15.

Donate books to our huge book sale! We are preparing for the September 15th book sale with lots of boxes of books. If you want to add to the stacks, bring in your books this month. If you have something exciting you want to donate for the silent auction, contact us at the Library.

Summer Reading is for Bugs! No, it's really for children. But it's about bugs! Visit the Library on Monday, August 6 at 3 pm to learn about insects with the Bug Nutz! Our program runs until August 9, with a raffle ticket drawing from the reading records on that day. Keep reading! (Even you adults!)

New Books: We added 73 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff: A Libertarian Manifesto by Matt Kibbe
Shoe Dog by Philip Knight (best seller)
Mr. President: How and Why the Founders Created a Chief Executive by Ray Raphael
The Best American Mystery Stories 2017 by Otto Penzler

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Harari (best seller)
Bugs for Lunch by Margery Facklam (for your kids' summer reading!)
The President is Missing by Bill Clinton and James Patterson (best seller)
Less by Andrew Sean Greer (best seller)
A Stranger in the House by Shari Lapena (best seller)
The 17th Suspect by James Patterson (best seller)
The Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ruth Ware (best seller)

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3-6 pm
Saturday 10-2

Summer Reading Program

Drop by any time!

Bug Nutz Visit

Monday, August 6, 3 pm

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 7 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library

Monday, August 20, 6 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, August 29, 7 pm

Reach our book catalog:

columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com

Columbia City Community Library

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CHIEF'S CORNER

SPEED LIMITS IN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREAS:

The past several weeks has seen an increase in citizen reports of speeding in the residential areas of our community. As a reminder, the speed limit on our city streets is set at 25 mph. With children being out for the summer, and many of our residents enjoying a daily walk, please be mindful of these speed limitations and drive accordingly.

HOT WEATHER, CARS, AND CHILDREN/PETS DO NOT MIX!

With our summer having arrived in full force, please remember to not leave children and/or pets in vehicles unattended and with windows rolled up. It takes only a few short minutes for these instances to turn deadly! Take a few extra seconds and make sure that our children and pets are kept safe.

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CHIEF'S CORNER
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The Police Department would like to request your continued support in being our eyes and ears in the community. Please feel free to contact us with your thoughts, questions, or any information that you feel would help us in keeping our community safe. We can be reached via 9-1-1 (emergency), (503) 397-4010 (office), or (503) 397-1521 (non-emergency dispatch).

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE-JULY, 2018:
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.

Activity Report: Your police officers answered 402 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: Criminal Trespass, Death Investigation, Domestic and Disturbance Calls, Drug Activity, Harassment, Juvenile Investigations, Prowler/Suspicious Persons, Sexual Assault, Suicide Threats, Theft, Recovery of an Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, and Warrant Service.

Community Policing Activity:
Residential Security Checks: 128
Area Patrols: 17
Foot Patrols: 23
Assist the Public: 14
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 7
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 21
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 3
Radio Calls: 37
Animal Complaints: 4
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 11

Welfare Checks: 2
Alarm Calls: 1
Found Open Doors: 1
Suicide Threats: 3
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 129

Criminal Activity/Investigations:
Investigative Follow Up's: 12
Suspicious Circumstances, People, & Vehicles: 26
Traffic Stops: 71
Harassment: 3
Criminal Trespass: 4
Theft: 2
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 5
Juvenile Investigations: 1
Warrant Service: 2
Drug Investigations: 3
Sexual Assault: 1 (Unfounded)
Death Investigation: 1
Recovery of Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 1

- Cases of Interest:**
1. Warrant arrest in the area of Second and E Streets on June 24, 2018. Julian Leong, 34, of Bonney Lake, WA was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
 2. Death Investigation in the 2300 block of Fifth Street on June 25, 2018. Death ruled due to natural causes.
 3. Warrant arrest in the area of Trestle Beach and Highway 30 on June 26, 2018. Jeremy Rice, 38, of Longview, WA was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
 4. Restraining Order Violation at G Street near Second Street on July 15, 2018. Suspect identified and investigation forwarded to the Columbia County District Attorney's Office for prosecutorial review.
 5. Reckless Driving/Driving While Suspended (Misdemeanor) Investigation in the area of Highway 30 on July 19, 2018. Antonio Ornelas, 32, of St. Helens, Oregon was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

Stay safe ~ Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2018

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| August 2 | 5:00 pm | Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall |
| August 2 | 6:00 pm | Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall |
| August 21 | 6:30 pm | Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall |
| August 23 | 6:00 pm | Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall |
| August 27 | 6:00 pm | Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall |
| August 28 | 5:00 pm | Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall |