

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Concert

featuring

Michael Allen Harrison

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 6 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**

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

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



CITY HIRES POLICE OPERATIONS SERGEANT

We are very pleased to welcome Gerald Bartolomucci (Jerry) as our new Police Operations Sergeant! Jerry brings with him 28 years of law enforcement experience. His career began in 1989 with the City of Vernonia. In 1995 he moved on to the City of Tigard where he spent over 22 years. During his career he held several positions including Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and Traffic Sergeant. Jerry came to Columbia City because he views it as a great opportunity to work with engaged citizens who care about their community.



Chief McGlothlin presents Operations Sergeant Bartolomucci with his department badge during a City Council Meeting swearing in ceremony.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 4



**CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS DRAFT
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ANALYSIS
DURING NOVEMBER 15TH MEETING**

The City of Columbia City engaged with FCS Group to conduct an Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA) to determine employment land needs and identify economic strengths present in the City. FCS Group is an economic and financial consulting firm based in Lake Oswego.

A City Council meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 6 pm to discuss the takeaways from the study.

City and Port staff collaborated with FCS Group to develop the EOA document.

A citizen survey was conducted in conjunction with the EOA effort. The public seems interested in the possibility of a small grocery store or a sit-down restaurant as well as additional family wage jobs in Columbia City. The lack of retail businesses in the City could be addressed with land already in City boundaries.

Target industries identified during the study include manufacturing, marine vessel repair and construction, and value-added wood product production. Adequate marine and rail-dependent industrial land is already within the City boundary.

The Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC) is an industrial incubator expected to generate spin off businesses. Some of these businesses may look to Columbia City for a new home. Robust manufacturing job growth could lead to employment land need if such land was annexed into the City.

Goals in the document include regional economic collaboration, adequate infrastructure to accommodate business growth, and periodic performance measurement.

This project was funded by a Technical Assistance Grant from the State of Oregon, Department of Land Conservation and Development.

**TO REPORT
WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES
OUTSIDE OF NORMAL WORK HOURS,
CALL (503) 397-1521.**

The dispatcher will contact the appropriate on-call person to respond to the situation.

**CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM
GINGERBREAD TEA
DECEMBER 2ND – 2-4 PM**

Enjoy high tea with sweet and savory snacks, tea and a program. All proceeds benefit the Caples House Museum. December 2nd, 2-4 pm. Adults \$25, children 12 and under \$12.50.



Please pre-register with the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, Columbia City. (503) 397-5390.

**CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS SHIP VIEWING
DECEMBER 8TH – 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.

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.

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

LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing a phone, bracelet, or teddy bear? If so, contact City Hall – we might have what you're looking for!



**DONATIONS WELCOMED!
NOMINATIONS NEEDED!**

The Columbia City Police Department is getting ready to host its 10th annual Shop with a Cop program. The goal of the program is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities, and Christmas wish list items for selected participants that are in need of some additional help. Participants are paired up with a Police Officer who assists them with their shopping spree!

We are accepting nominations for families in need until November 30th. Please contact City Hall to obtain a nomination form if you have a family in mind.

We are also accepting donations to help support this year's program. If you would like to help, please send your donation to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City.

**OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 3RD – 18TH
BURN PERMIT REQUIRED**

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 3rd, and ending Sunday, November 18th**. 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.



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

~ Dr. Loretta Scott ~

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.

Food Drive



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.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 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. Stay safe ~ Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

ACTIVITY REPORT: Your police officers answered 507 calls for service - both self-initiated and dispatched calls - during the reporting period. We have summarized below significant community policing and criminal investigations that we have conducted. Additionally, within the reporting period we conducted investigations and/or arrests in the following types of cases: Assault, Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Domestic and Disturbance Calls, Drug Activity, DUII, Fraud, Harassment, Juvenile Investigations, Mental Health Crisis, Prowler/Suspicious Persons, Sexual Assault, Suicide Threats, Theft, Traffic Crashes, Violation of Restraining Order, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 111

Area Patrols: 23
Foot Patrols: 14
Assist the Public: 23
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 7
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 13
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 6
Radio Calls: 31
Animal Complaints: 9
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 11
Welfare Checks: 8
Alarm Calls: 3
Found Open Doors: 1
Suicide Threats: 3
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 183.5

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 23
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 18
Traffic Stops: 98
Harassment: 7
Criminal Trespass: 3
Theft: 2
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 7
Juvenile Investigations: 2
Warrant Service: 4
Drug Investigations: 2
Sexual Assault: 1

CASES OF INTEREST:

1. Warrant arrest in the 1500 block of Sixth Street on August 9, 2018. Schyler Breshears, 23, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
2. Warrant arrest in the 2400 block of Fifth Street on August 10, 2018. James Cook Jr., 22, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
3. Theft investigation and arrest in the 3300 block of Fifth Street on August 11, 2018. Mindy Bolieu, 38, of St. Helens was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
4. Warrant arrest in the area of Highway 30 and A Street on August 29, 2018. Larry Seals, 37, of Portland, Oregon was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
5. Warrant Service, Obstruction of Justice, and Escape arrest in the area of Highway 30 near L Street on August 31, 2018. Jessie Moran, 31, of St. Helens was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
6. Criminal Trespass investigation in the 1700 block of 1st Street on September 8, 2018. Suspect identified and case referred to the Columbia County District Attorney's Office for review and prosecution.

LIBRARY NEWS

Open House December 1: The Library will be having an open house on Saturday, December 1st from 10 am – 2 pm. We'll be serving coffee and cookies. The Ukulele Players will perform around 12:30 pm. Please join us! We don't want any leftover cookies!

Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help staff our Library. To volunteer, you will need minimal computer skills. Our new system is easy to use. Volunteers work three or four hour shifts, once or twice a month. Volunteers check books in and out, and shelve those that are returned. It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and read more books!

Columbia City Celebration signs: A few of our signs are missing. If you have one of our City Celebration signs, please return it to City Hall.

Three Easy Ways to Help Your Library!

1. Fred Meyer Community Reward Program: This is our biggest no-work way of raising money. Help us by signing up for Fred Meyer's Community Reward Program. Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Columbia City Community Library by visiting www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by name or by our non-profit number 81652. Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you will be helping the Library earn a donation! You will still earn your own Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and rebates. **Please note – you need to re-link your Rewards to the Library annually!**

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 go to this website, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-0210620> and follow the easy directions. It costs you nothing extra! After registering, all you have to do with future orders is sign into the Smile Amazon website. Or, if you are an Amazon Prime member, use the Smile Prime website. Your registration will give you directions.

3. Magazine subscriptions: Send the Library that free second subscription! What a low-cost way to benefit everyone in the community!

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Novel Quilters New Book: We will be reading *First Light*, by Carol O'Biso. *First Light* is the true story of a museum coordinator who went to New Zealand to put together an exhibit of Maori artifacts, and how it affected her. Our next meeting will be in January.

New Books at the Library: We added 171 new books to the Library this month! Check out the "New Books" shelf at the Library - it changes every week! Some recent additions to the Library include:

Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson

Fire on the Horizon: The Untold Story of the Gulf Oil Disaster by John Konrad

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Winter Gardening in the Maritime Northwest by Binda Colebrook

Rogue Heroes: History of the SAS by Ben Macintyre
Do Not Lick This Book: *It's Full of Germs* by Idan Ben-Barak (read to your kids!)

Greasy Grass: a Story of the Little Big Horn by Johnny D. Boggs (Spur award winner)

Line of Sight - a Tom Clancy book by Mike Maden
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman (New York Times Best Seller)

Runaway by Peter May

The Escape Artist by Brad Meltzer

The Fall of Gondolin by J.R.R. Tolkien (published by his son)

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate (New York Times Best Seller)

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3 pm - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

Closed on Thanksgiving, November 22

Open House:

Saturday, December 1, 10 am – 2 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, November 19, 7 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, November 28, 7 pm



**ST. HELENS LIONS CLUB
INSTALLS MEMORIAL BENCH
IN HARVARD PARK**

We'd like to extend a very special "Thank You" to the St. Helens Lions Club for the beautiful new bench they've temporarily placed in Harvard Park.



The City will be installing a shade sail in the park next season, and after the new shade sail is in place the Lions Club members will return to pour a concrete slab for the final placement of the new bench.

**STORM WATER
PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

What is storm water pollution? Rainwater or even runoff from sprinklers or hoses carries contaminants - such as litter, animal waste, automobile fluids, fertilizers and pesticides - into the storm drains and pollutes the City's neighborhoods, creating health risks for children and polluting our waterways.

What can I do to prevent storm water pollution? Here are a few tips that can help improve our storm water quality and protect our environment:

- **Remove litter from the street.** Trash-laden gutters increase neighborhood pollution and clog drains, which may lead to street flooding.
- **Pick up after your pet.** Animal waste, when left on the ground, washes down storm drains and contaminates waterways and beaches.

- **Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste.** Soggy yard waste is a major contributor to clogged storm drains.
- **Wash cars in an unpaved area or at a commercial car wash.** Washing cars on the street sends soap, dirt and oil into storm drains. Car washes typically recycle or pre-treat their water before discharging it into the sewer system.
- **Immediately repair oil and fluid leaks.** From time to time, vehicles may leak oil, grease, antifreeze, or other fluids on roads and parking lots. These leaks could be very minor in the case of a leaking hose or major if the seals in the motor or transmission are leaking. Evidence of these leaks can often be seen during a rain even as a rainbow on the pavement or a grease spot in a parking space. Make sure to repair all leaks to prevent storm water contamination.
- **Don't put anything in the storm drains but rainwater.** Storm drains can carry surface runoff directly to streams and rivers without treatment. Make sure runoff carries only rainwater.
- **Recycle your motor oil.** The Columbia County Transfer Station, along with many gas stations, auto parts stores and repair shops will collect and recycle used motor oil.
- **Be smart when you apply pesticides or fertilizers.** Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before it rains. Not only will you lose most of the chemicals through runoff, but you will also be harming the environment. Do not over-water after application. Read the label and do not apply more than recommended. Homeowners use up to 10 times more pesticides per acre on their lawns than farmers apply to their crops per acre. Excess application of pesticides and fertilizers washes into the storm water system and degrades water quality.
- **Don't wash dirty paintbrushes under an outdoor faucet.** This dirty rinse water flows into the street and down the storm drain.

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2018

November 1 st	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 3 rd	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 8 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 12 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 15 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 18 th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 20 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
November 22 nd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 23 rd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving
November 26 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall
November 27 th	CANCELED	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall