

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Columbia City provides a range of services to the community. We'd like to ask you to please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Your input is important to us, and we look forward to hearing how we might better serve you. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you need not answer all of the questions.

Your feedback is appreciated!

Please return completed surveys to City Hall during the month of May

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Question 1:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the City Hall Office?

Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 2)

B. If you answered yes to Question 1A, please indicate the nature of the contact(s) and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied

5=very satisfied

_____ Water or Sewer Utility Payment or Inquiry	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Municipal Court Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Building, Plumbing or Mechanical Permit	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Land Use Related	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Street Light Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 2:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Police Department?
Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 3)

B. If you answered yes to Question 2A, please indicate the nature of the contact(s) and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied

_____ Criminal Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Traffic Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Traffic Stop	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 3:

A. In the past year or so have you, or has anyone in your household, had a direct contact with a representative of the Public Works Department?
Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 4)

B. If you answered yes to Question 3A, please indicate the nature of the contact(s) and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied

_____ Water Service Need or Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Sewer Service Need or Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Park Facility Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Storm Drain Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Street Maintenance Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____

Question 4:

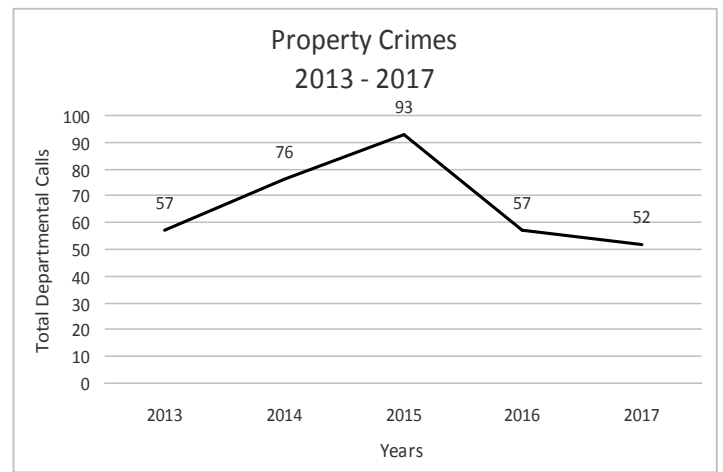
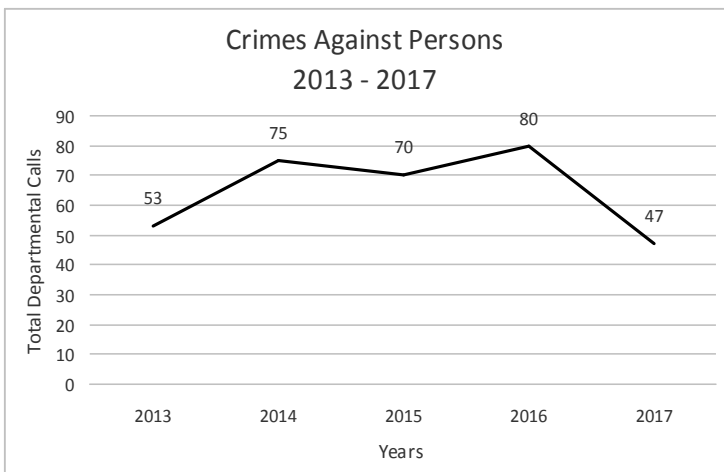
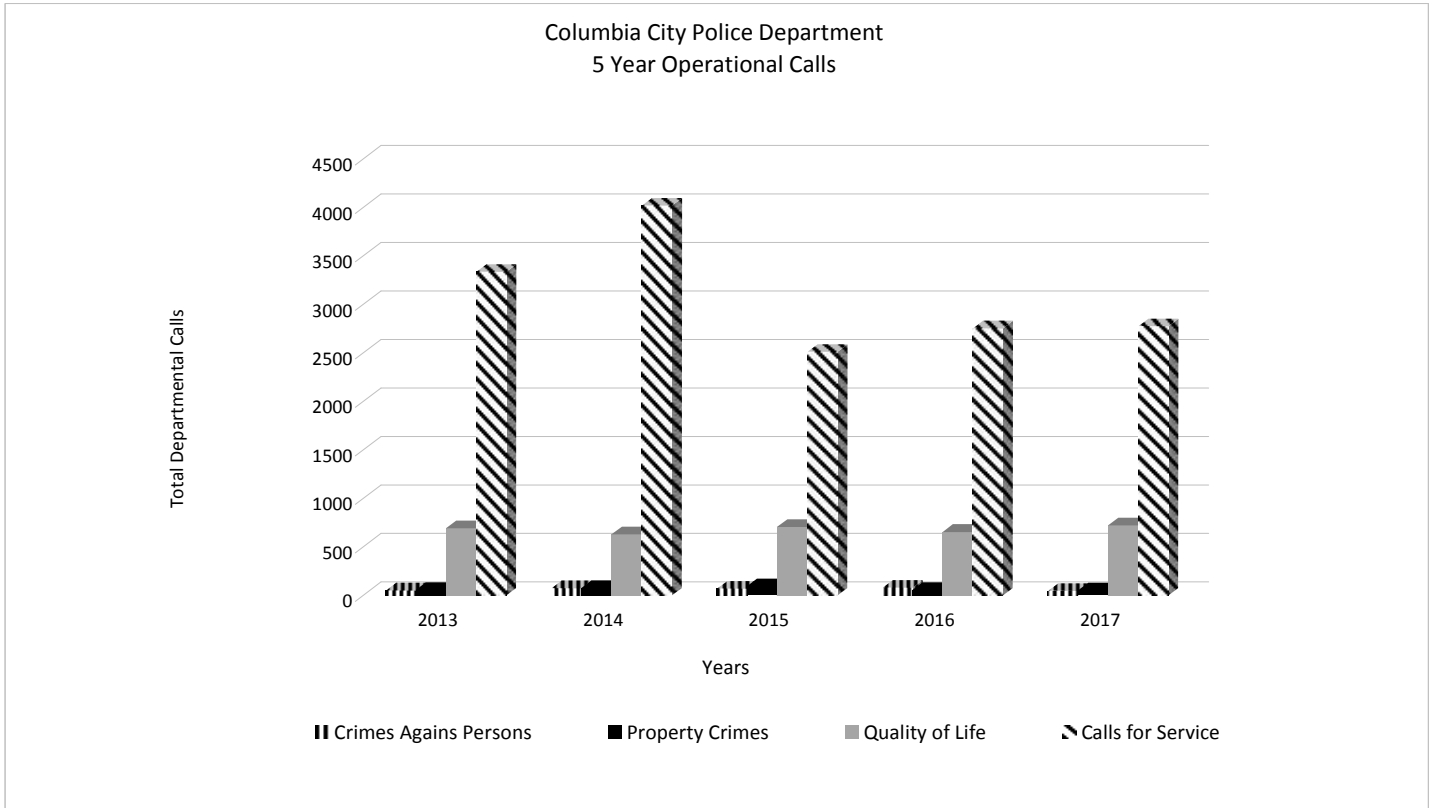
What is your perception of the overall quality of services provided by the City of Columbia City?
(circle one)

1 (Poor) 2 3 4 5 (Excellent)

Additional comments you would like to make: _____

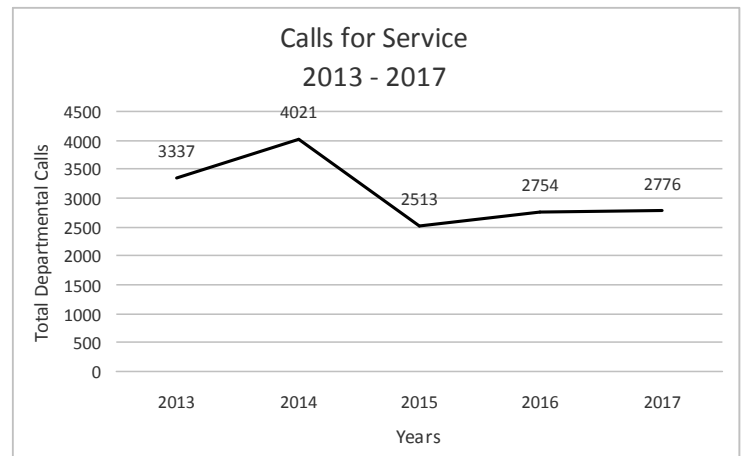
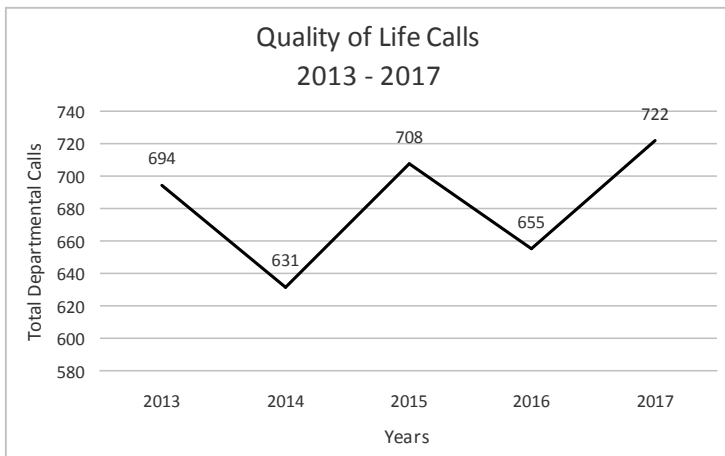
POLICE DEPARTMENT FIVE-YEAR ACTIVITY TRENDS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Crimes Against Persons	53	75	70	80	47
Property Crimes	57	76	93	57	52
Quality of Life Calls	694	631	708	655	722
Calls for Service	3337	4021	2513	2754	2776



While Columbia City enjoys a very low Crimes Against Persons rate, 2014 through 2016 saw an increase which was similar in scope to the national average.

Much like Persons Crimes, Columbia City possesses a low Property Crime rate. 2014 through 2015 saw increases due to single incidents with multiple victims.



Quality of Life Call Examples: Nuisance Calls; Animal Complaints; Public Assists; Hazard Calls; Disabled Vehicles; Traffic and Parking Complaints; Code Enforcement; and Noise Complaints.

Calls for Service include all other calls which do not fall into criminal or quality of life call types. Examples of these types of incidents include Suspicious Persons and/or Vehicle Calls, Assistance to Outside Agencies, Welfare Checks, and Referrals to Outside Support Agencies such as social services.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Recent China-induced market disruptions for recycled items have spurred garbage service rate increases and forced reductions in recycling contaminations. Please do your part to reduce contaminants in your recycling bin! The following contaminants are commonly found in recycling bins, and these items are **NOT** permitted! These items contaminate curbside recycling. Please keep all of these items out of your recycling can!

NO plastic bags or film! Plastic bags and film jam equipment at the sorting facility and create slow downs in processing. Removing the film from the processing equipment is difficult and dangerous! Plastic grocery bags are accepted for recycling at many local grocery stores, or should otherwise be disposed of in the trash.

NO plastic clamshells! There is no current recycling market for this material. Processors receiving a high level of these contaminants can potentially reject entire loads of recycling. Dispose of clam shells in the trash.

NO food residue! Food residue can cause the processor to reject materials. Food residue can also leak onto and contaminate other materials in the recycling.

NO styrofoam! Styrofoam breaks up into small pieces and contaminates other recycling. Dispose of styrofoam in the trash.

NO napkins and paper towels! Napkins and paper towels can contain food and liquid which contaminates other recyclables. Dispose of napkins and paper towels in the trash.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK

Please join us in honoring all American veterans on Monday, May 28 from 11 am to noon at the Columbia City Veterans Park.



Before attending the event, please review these **IMPORTANT** ***transportation and parking instructions:***

Free bus service will be offered to and from the event! To catch the bus, park near the Caples House Museum, Community Hall or City Hall, or park at the CC Rider Park 'n Ride in St. Helens, and be bussed directly to the park! Bus service will start at 10 am.

Parking near the Veterans Park is **NOT RECOMMENDED.**

Vehicular access to the park from Highway 30 will be **PROHIBITED** on event day.

Parking along Highway 30 on event day will be **PROHIBITED.**

Refreshments will be available, compliments of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mt. St. Helens Chapter.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The Columbia City Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, May 24th, 2018 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from the public about the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 18, 2018, at City Hall. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy on the Columbia City Budget Committee. The Budget Committee meets at least once annually to review the proposed budget, hear public testimony, and approve a budget for submission to the City Council. Budget Committee terms are for a period of three years. Applicants must reside within the City. If interested, please inquire at City Hall.



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Keep grass and weeds cut: Between April 15th and September 30th weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits.

RV, boat, trailer parking/storage:

- **Within the right-of-way:** Recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers may be parked temporarily on an improved public street for no more than five consecutive days if currently licensed and registered and not blocking traffic or obscuring the visibility of an intersection, crosswalk, or a traffic control sign or device. The same rules apply to the undeveloped right-of-way, unless authorized by an approved Exception Permit. Exception permits and guidelines are available at City Hall or online. Storage on an approved driveway within the right-of-way may occur, provided storage is parked no less than six feet from the edge of the paved street, does not obstruct views of traffic or create a dangerous or hazardous condition, and is maintained in accordance with the maintenance standards outlined in Ordinance 504.
- **Upon private property:** The legal owner of the storage must reside upon the property. Parking and storage within the front yard setback is limited to paved or graveled areas. Storage is limited to one unit that is designed for human occupancy.



For more specific information, contact City Hall.

CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Voters will fill the position of Mayor and two City Council positions 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 will be available at the City Hall beginning May 30, 2018. 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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteers needed! We need more volunteers to staff the Library during our open hours. We are down to 10 volunteers, with travel and illness thinning our ranks. Our new system is easy to use, and working at the Library is a great way to meet your neighbors! Most volunteers work once or twice a month. Pick up a volunteer application at the Library and help us staff our Library!

Novel Quilters New Book: The Novel Quilters will be reading *Knock Wood* by Candice Bergen, a bestselling 1984 memoir described as an “engaging, intelligent, and wittily self-deprecating autobiography” by *The New York Times*.

New Books: We added 175 items to the Library during the past month. Recent additions include:
The Swamp by Eric Bolling
My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
The Stepford Wives by Ira Levin
Extraordinary People by Peter May
The Midnight Line by Lee Child
Today will be Different by Maria Semple

June 2 Book Sale: Our next book sale is planned for Saturday, June 2, 10 am to 4 pm, under the covered playground. This is your signal to donate books as you do spring cleaning! If you can't make it the day of the sale, remember that Second Hand Prose is open any time the Library is open.

We can use help setting up and tearing down on the day of the book sale, so put it on your calendar now!

Library Hours:

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

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 - 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, May 21 - 7 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 30 - 7 pm

Reach our book catalog:

columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com

SUCCESSFUL SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our site sponsors, volunteers, and the City staff members that made the Columbia City Spring Clean Up Event a great success!!! This event would not be possible without their continued support and participation. Site sponsors include: Beaver Bark, City of Columbia City, Columbia County Transfer Station, Drake's Towing & Recovery, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Hudson Garbage Service, Hudson Portable Toilet Service, Les Schwab Tire Center - St. Helens, St. Helens School District, South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, and Stan's Refrigeration.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2018

May 3	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 10	6 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 12	6 PM - 10 PM	Live Music, Food and Drinks event at the Community Hall
May 15	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
May 17	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 21	2:30 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 22	5 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 24	6 PM	Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 28	11 AM - noon	Memorial Day Ceremony at Columbia City Veterans Park
May 28	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day
May 30	8 AM	First day to file nominating petitions for Mayor and Council

CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY MAY 12TH, NOON - 2 PM



Make Origami Butterflies! All materials provided! Just bring your kids down to the Columbia City Community Library on Saturday, May 12th between noon and 2 pm!