

Columbia City Newsletter

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COLUMBIA COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION GRANT AWARD FOR VETERANS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

We are pleased to announce the City's receipt of a \$2,000 grant from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) for additional improvements to the Veterans Park!



The funds will help pay for a fourth veteran wall panel and concrete aprons at the base of each of the seven main monuments. The wall and the aprons will be covered with quarry paver tile bricks for engraving.

Veteran brick engraving space on the three existing veteran walls sold out in 2015. We have already pre-sold some of the engraving space on the fourth wall. Purchase your engraved veteran bricks now using the form on page 6 while space lasts! Engraved brick sale proceeds are used for maintaining the Veterans Park.

The quarry paver aprons will protect the monuments from calcium carbonate deposit damage caused by the irrigation system water.



They will also enrich and enhance the existing park and provide additional engraving space.

The new veteran wall and quarry paver aprons will be constructed this spring, and finished in time for the next annual Memorial Day ceremony, which will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Scrape dishes, but don't pre-rinse. Soak pots and pans before washing. Instead of running water continuously, fill wash and rinse basins with water. Use a minimum amount of detergent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Trash, recycle and yard debris containers:

Store trash, recycle and yard debris containers on private property. Move them into the street right-of-way for servicing, and remove them from the street right-of-way after servicing. Trash containers, recycle bins, and yard debris should not be stored on the street or on the sidewalk where they obstruct views, impede traffic, and block on-street parking spaces.



Tree permits: If you plan to trim or remove a tree on your property that may fall into the public right-of-way, you must first obtain a Tree Falling Permit from City Hall. These permits are free of charge.

Pick up after your pets: Pet owners must pick up after their pets.

Kennels are prohibited! Kennels are defined as any location where four or more dogs, cats or other small animals are kept for the business of boarding, training, propagation or sale.

Sidewalk maintenance: The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of ice, snow, yard debris and other obstructions.

Burning garbage or trash is prohibited! Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc.





OUR COMMUNITY HALL
A Legacy to Treasure

The Capital Campaign for the Community Hall improvements continues to progress!! We would like to thank our project sponsors for their support!

Diamond:

The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
 The Snowman Foundation
 Bake Sale Volunteers
 James and Thelma Hays
 Columbia River PUD
 The Gardes Family Trust
 Parnell and Elsie Hovland
 Leonard and Sally Ann Marson



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 Northwest Plumbing Services



Information about how to join our sponsor list is available at City Hall and on our website - www.columbia-city.org.

Columbia City Community Hall
A Legacy to Treasure
benefit with
Michael Allen Harrison
 5 pm, Saturday, March 5th
Event Location: School Gymnasium, 2000 2nd St.,
 Columbia City, Oregon
 Food and drinks, including locally crafted beer
 and wine, will be available for purchase
Adults only (sorry, *no minors!*)
TICKETS: \$20.00 each
Event proceeds benefit the Community Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016
8 AM TO NOON

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that unwanted junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, newspaper, solidified latex paint cans, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 23rd from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. More information will be in next month's newsletter.



CHIEF'S CORNER

STAY CONNECTED IN EMERGENCIES! We would like to encourage all of our citizens to connect with us in order to receive emergency information and notifications in times of emergency. In order to achieve this goal several communication forums are used. In addition to the educational efforts of the City Newsletter we also incorporate participation in the Columbia Alert Network (CAN) system, as well as continued involvement with Facebook and Twitter accounts. Registration for participation in the CAN network can be completed at the front desk of City Hall. Please feel free to follow us on both Facebook and Twitter as well!

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2015 - JANUARY 2016: Your police officers answered 585 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: Assault, Civil Situations, Criminal Mischief, Domestic Disturbance, Harassment, Juvenile Investigations, Nuisance/Code Violations, Prowler Complaints, Suspicious Persons and Circumstances, Theft, Traffic Crashes and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 295
Area Patrols: 8
Foot Patrols: 19
Assist the Public: 18
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 2
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 19
Animal Complaints: 5
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 6
Nuisance Complaints: 2
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 36

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 20
Suspicious Circumstances, People, and Vehicles: 14
Traffic Stops: 41
Assault: 2
Theft: 1
Warrant Service: 1
Traffic Crashes: 2
Domestic Disturbances: 3
Criminal Mischief: 2

CALLS OF INTEREST:

Theft investigation in the 3000 block of Sixth Street on 01/14/2016. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.

Assault investigation in the 1600 block of Second Street on 01/18/2016. Investigation remains open.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT: 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).



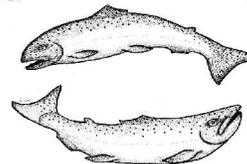
Stay Safe! Chief Michael S. McGlothlin

COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE AT CITY HALL

Select from three styles - including one new design - a grey T-shirt with a sternwheeler on the front pocket area and on the back of the shirt. Stop by City Hall to make a purchase!



COLUMBIA CITY



OREGON

NEW!

Grey Sternwheeler Shirts:

Small-XL - \$15
2XL - \$16
3XL - \$17
4XL - \$18

Navy Blue Fish Shirts:

Small-XL - \$10
2XL - \$11
3XL - \$12
4XL - \$13



Nautical Flag Shirts:

Small-XL - \$15
2XL - \$16
3XL - \$17
4XL - \$18

LIBRARY NEWS

We are starting Saturday crafts for kids. Once a month we will have a drop-in craft workshop. This month, guess what, it is make a valentine! Visit us Saturday, February 13 between 11 am and 1 pm and make a valentine for your mom or grandma – or your sweetheart!

The Library now has faster internet, 7 Mbytes. It's a lot faster than it was, but not as fast as some of you have. But we don't spend our time here at the Library gaming! We have two public access computers, a PC and a Mac. We also have wireless access.

We have added a copier, available for the public to use. Copies are 10 cents.

Second Hand Prose: In February, romance is in the Library. Secondhand Prose will feature romance novels for our half price sale.

New Books: We added 98 books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
Who Discovered America? The Untold History of the People of the Americas by Gavin Menzies
The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair by Joel Dicker
The Survivor by Vince Flynn, written by Kyle Mills
Career of Evil by Rogert Galbraith (really J.K. Rowling)
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
The Murderer's Daughter by Jonathan Kellerman
The Viper by Hakan Ostlundh
Cross Justice by James Patterson
Alert by James Patterson
The Heist by Daniel Silva
Pretty Girls by Karin Slaughter
The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine by Alexander McCall Smith
The Care and Management of Lies by Jacqueline Winspear
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling (a beautifully illustrated copy!)

Library Hours:

Monday 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesday 4 pm - 8 pm
Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Story Time

Every Monday at 11 am

Volunteer Training

February 1 at 7 pm

Columbia City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 9 at 7 pm

Saturday Craft - Valentine

Saturday, February 13 from 11 am to 1 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, February 15 at 7 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, February 24 at 7 pm

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KEEPING CATS INDOORS

According to the National Audubon Society and the Seattle Audubon Society, predation by cats is a leading threat to birds and wildlife in urban and suburban areas. By keeping your cats indoors, you help protect local wildlife, and you help your cat lead a longer, healthier life. Cat facts:

- ✔ Outdoor cats (both companion animals and strays) kill millions of songbirds and small mammals per year.
- ✔ Cats are not a natural part of ecosystems: they compete with native predators.
- ✔ Cats transmit diseases to wildlife.
- ✔ Even well fed cats hunt and kill wildlife.
- ✔ Bells do not prevent cats from killing wildlife.
- ✔ Interrupting an attack by a cat usually does not allow the prey to escape and live.
- ✔ Indoor cats live three times longer, on average, than outdoor cats.

HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information regarding the event or any other solid waste issues, please contact Columbia County Solid Waste at (503) 397-7207.

AFTER HOUR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

When City Hall and Public Works offices are closed and an urgent water or sewer situation arises, call **(503) 397-1521**. The dispatcher will contact the appropriate person to respond to the situation.

HOW TO SHELTER IN PLACE DURING A CHEMICAL OR RADIATION EMERGENCY

What Shelter-in-Place Means: One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe at times when an evacuation would be more risky. (This is not the same thing as going to a shelter in case of a storm.) Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building.

Why You Might Need to Shelter-in-Place: Chemical, biological or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally, by a truck or facility, or intentionally by a terrorist. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities by television and radio stations, by telephone call through the Columbia Alert Network (CAN), and by social media technologies on how to protect you and your family. The important thing is for you to follow the instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-in-place and keep a television and radio on to receive further information and instructions.

How to Shelter-in-Place:

Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.

- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds or curtains.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Get your family disaster supplies kit and make sure the radio is working.
- Go to an interior room without windows that's above ground level. In the case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air, and may seep into basements even if the windows are closed.
- Bring your pets with you, and be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them.
- It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Call your emergency contact and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition.
- If possible, you may want to use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal any large cracks around the door and any vents into the room. This is only an extra precaution.

- Keep listening to your radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation in specific areas at greatest risk in your community.

Local officials on the scene are the best source of information for your particular situation. Following their instructions during and after emergencies regarding sheltering, food, water and clean up methods is your safest choice.

RENT THE COMMUNITY HALL

For all types of events!

**Wedding Reception
Baby Shower
Family or Class Reunion
Rummage Sale
Holiday Bazaar
Birthday Party
Retirement Party
Basketball/Volleyball Fun
Memorial Service
Banquet
Crafting Group**



1850 Second Street

**\$17.50/hour or \$175/full day
\$30 food/beverage fee
\$200 liquor fee**

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Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

