

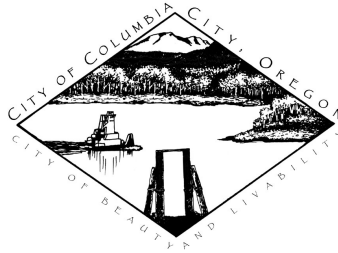
COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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The City of Columbia City
In Columbia County on the Columbia River



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: _____

**COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY HALL'S
91ST BIRTHDAY BENEFIT DANCE**

Don't miss the 91st Birthday Benefit Dance for the Columbia City Community Hall - A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign, Saturday, May 20th from 6 to 10 pm.

Live dance music by Ruby Falls - Country Western music with a kick! The music that memories are made of! If you can walk, you can dance to this wonderful music! Take a free dance lesson and enjoy some birthday cake! The event will include an old-fashioned cake auction, a centerpiece "surprise" package auction, a 50-50 drawing, and loads of fun!



Ruby Falls will perform live May 20th - Josh Gibson (pedal steel), Bob Stoutenberg (drums), Shannon Dresselhaus (bass guitar), Storm Johnston (rhythm guitar), and Shawn O'Connor (lead guitar).

Adult tickets \$10 (sorry, no minors!)

Dinner Menu:

Croissant sandwich and potato salad	\$6. ⁰⁰
Chicken/Swiss roller and cole slaw	\$6. ⁰⁰
Meat and cheese tray	\$5. ⁰⁰
Fresh veggie platter	\$3. ⁰⁰
Soft drinks	\$1. ⁰⁰
Bottled water	\$1. ⁰⁰
Freshly brewed coffee	\$1. ⁰⁰
Domestic beer	\$3. ²⁵
Wine	\$3. ²⁵

Pre-purchase your tickets at City Hall or purchase tickets at the door the night of the event.

All of the proceeds from this event will benefit our Community Hall - A Legacy to Treasure - Capital Campaign.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK**

Please join us in honoring all American veterans on Monday, May 29 from 11 am to noon at the Columbia City Veterans Park. Here's the tentative program for this year's ceremony:



Memorial Day Program 2017

"Dawning of the Day"

Welcome

Color Guard

"To the Colors"/Flag Raising

Pledge of Allegiance

"Star Spangled Banner"

United States Service Branch Flag Raising

"Taps"/Placement of Wreath

POW/MIA Monument Unveiling

Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony

Tribute to Families Monument Unveiling

Tribute to Families

Prayer

"God Bless America"

Closing Remarks

"Scotland the Brave"

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.

Order your engraved bricks now to have the engraving done prior to Memorial Day 2017! Engraved bricks are \$75.00 each.

FREE SMOKE ALARM & INSTALLATION

You may have as little as 2 MINUTES to escape a burning home before it's too late. The American Red Cross responds to an average of two home fires every day in our region.

Three easy ways to get a smoke alarm installed free by trained American Red Cross volunteers:

1. **Call** (503) 528-5783
2. **Online** at www.redcross.org/CascadesHomeFire
3. **E-mail** preparedness@redcross.org

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The Columbia City Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 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 19, 2017, at City Hall. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee.

LIBRARY NEWS

Graphic Reading & Art Summer Program: We're planning our summer reading program now for the Library, called GRASP: Graphic Reading & Art Summer Program. Our focus will be on reading graphic novels and creating your own. Guided by artists from the Columbia County Art Guild as well as published authors, read from our new collection of graphic novels, then write and draw your own. All materials provided at no cost. GRASP will run June 26 through August 28, on Mondays.

Spring Book Sale: We will be holding our spring book sale on Saturday, June 3. So clean out your bookshelves and let someone else read your treasures!

Columbia City Celebration Meeting: Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9, at 7 pm. The Columbia City Celebration is the major fundraiser for our Library. If you want to help, we encourage you to come.

Kid's Craft Day May 13: Mother's Day and Father's Day are just around the corner. Hand drawn cards are nice, but how about a gift hand-crafted in wood for Mom or Dad? Bring your kids to

the Columbia City Community Library on Saturday, May 13th between 11 am and 2 pm to build a most wonderful surprise present. And to make sure that it is a surprise, there will be juice and cookies for the adults in the Library's adult reading room. Grandparents are always welcome to come and help. As always, you bring the kids, and we supply everything else.

Second Hand Prose is Columbia County's largest used book store! We have 5000 books on our sale shelves at any one time. In May, science fiction and fantasy books will be half price in Second Hand Prose.

Lost and Found: A black children's coat was left at the Library during the March Kid's Craft Day. Please reclaim it!

New Books: We added 95 books, 41 DVDs, and 8 audio books to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to our Library include:

The Roads that Built America: The Incredible Story of the U.S. Interstate System by Dan McNichol
Geology of the Pacific Northwest by William N. Orr
Against the Grain: 150 Good Carb Mediterranean Recipes by Diane Kochilas (the Librarian recommends this one - good recipes!)
Things that Matter by Charles Krauthammer (best seller)
The Emperor's Revenge by Clive Cussler (best seller)
Saint Odd by Dean Koontz (the last one in the Odd Thomas series)
Bullseye by James Patterson (one of six we cataloged this month!)
All the Names by Jose Saramago (Nobel Prize for literature)
Below the Belt by Stuart Woods (latest by popular author)
The Search for Olinguito: Discovering a New Species by Sandra Markle (children's nonfiction)
Pirates of the Caribbean (DVD - we have lots!)
Who Framed Roger Rabbit (another DVD - check them out!)

Storytime every Monday at 11 am
City Celebration Planning Meeting 5/9 at 7 pm
Saturday Kid's Craft 5/13, 11 am-2 pm
Friends of the Library Meeting 5/15 at 7 pm
Novel Quilters 5/17 at 6:30 pm
Mystery Book Club 5/31 at 7 pm
HOURS: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-6, Wednesday 4-8, Thursday 2-6, Saturday 10-2

CHIEF'S CORNER

ACTIVITY REPORT: Your police officers answered 661 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, Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Elder Abuse, Fraud, Hit and Run Traffic Crash, Missing Juvenile, Suspicious Persons, Reckless Endangerment, Theft, Threats, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 256
Area Patrols: 15
Foot Patrols: 12
Assist the Public: 9
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 3
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 33
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 10
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 2
Civil Situations: 1
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 107.5

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 21
Suspicious Circumstances, People, & Vehicles: 20
Traffic Stops: 192
Assault: 1
Attempted Fraud: 2
Reckless Endangerment/Eluding Police: 2
Theft: 2
Threats: 2
Disturbance Calls: 3
Traffic Crash Investigations: 1
Restraining Order Violations: 1
PCS Narcotics: 1
Warrant Service: 1

CALLS OF INTEREST:

- Theft Investigation in the 300 block of A Street on 2/28/17. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
- Burglary Investigation in the 1800 block of Ninth Street on 3/3/17. Investigation closed with leads exhausted.
- Attempted Elude of Police and Reckless Endangerment Investigation in the area of Metlako Way near Pacific Street on 3/7/17.

Shawn Tallman, 46, of Kelso, WA was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.

- Restraining Order Violation Investigation in the 1700 block of First Street on 3/28/17. Kenneth Griggs, 61, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
- PCS – Methamphetamine Investigation in the area of Pixie Park near The Strand on 3/29/17. A juvenile male suspect, 17 years of age, was arrested and transported to the Longview/Kelso Juvenile Detention Facility.
- Warrant Service Investigation in the 2400 block of Fifth Street on 04/11/17. James C. Cook, 21, of Columbia City was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail.
- Criminal Trespass and Criminal Mischief Investigation in the 6200 block of Highway 30 on 4/14/17. Investigation remains open.
- Eluding Police and Reckless Endangerment Investigation in the area of Sixth Street near H Street on 4/15/17. Investigation remains open.

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. Only one unit that is designed for human occupancy
- For more specific information, contact City Hall.



SUCCESSFUL SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT

We would like to thank the many volunteers, sponsors, and City staff members that made the Columbia City Spring Clean Up Event a great success!!! Special thanks to our site volunteers and a big thank you to our site sponsors! This event would not be possible without their continued support and participation:

Beaver Bark
 City of Columbia City
 Columbia County Community Corrections Dept.
 Columbia County Transfer Station
 Columbia County Land Development
 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
 Stan's Refrigeration
 Waste Management

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Between the City and the Community Library, there are many volunteer opportunities available! Whether it's participating in one of many community events, doing some cement work, completing landscape maintenance in your favorite park, helping to develop new hiking trails, serving as a library aide, or repairing an irrigation system.....we may just have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Contact the City and/or the Library to inquire about current volunteer opportunities!



MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2017

May 4	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 8	1 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 11	6 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 16	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled
May 18	6 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 20	6 PM - 10 PM	91st Birthday Benefit Dance at the Community Hall
May 23	5 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 25	6 PM	Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 29	11 AM - noon	Memorial Day Ceremony at Columbia City Veterans Park
May 29	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day

CRAFTS DAY AT THE LIBRARY MAY 13TH, 11 AM - 2 PM



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