

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Fireworks - many types are prohibited! Cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels are permitted. All other exploding fireworks are prohibited by City Ordinance and Oregon State Law. Refer to ORS 480.110 through 480.165 for additional information.



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's right-of-way, including streets, alleys and sidewalks.

A stored 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.

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

Please report violations to City Hall - 503-397-4010.



Ice Cream Social, Sing-Along, Yard Sale

Caples House Museum
1925 First Street

Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 2-4 pm
Sundaes \$3, Family Group Rate \$10



There will be a patriotic and folk song sing-along!

Michael Allen Harrison Outdoor Concert

Sunday, July 15 - 2 pm
Caples House Museum
1925 First Street

Tickets \$20.00

Advance paid tickets may be

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SURVEY

Columbia City is in the process of updating its Economic Policy Goals and Objectives. This includes an evaluation of the City's long-term land needs for commercial and industrial developments. Please provide input on these topics by completing a short survey! Complete the survey on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8BTT5T> or fill out the survey form below and return it to City Hall.

1. What are the top three types of local businesses most needed in Columbia City?

- None, Columbia City is fine the way it is
- Help existing home businesses grow locally
- Attract new "family wage" employers on "port-owned" industrial sites
- Attract new medium or large industrial businesses to other industrial sites
- Small grocery store (e.g., Dollar General, Trader Joes)
- Sit-down restaurant
- Carry out restaurant
- Small shopping center (grocery, restaurant, retail)
- Recreational attractions (e.g., trails, river access, parks)
- Shared office space (multiple tenants with shared meeting and production areas)
- Light industrial buildings for local artisans or "makers space"
- Bed and Breakfast
- Small hotel
- Event/meeting space
- Assisted living/retirement housing
- Other (please describe) _____

2. Please elaborate on your choices.

Priority #1 _____
Priority #2 _____

Priority #3 _____

3. What are the top three roles that the City should take in attracting economic development?

- None, Columbia City is fine the way it is
- Focus on partnerships with Port of St. Helens to attract businesses to port-owned industrial sites
- Add additional industrial-zoned site(s) to City boundary
- Allow limited commercial uses to occur along downtown riverfront (e.g., B&B, restaurant)
- Focus on providing road access, water, sewer service, storm drainage, etc.
- Market Columbia City as a place to locate businesses in state and international publications
- City should buy strategic properties and partner with developers to attract desired businesses
- Partner with schools and PCC to train under-employed workforce
- Allow limited commercial uses along Second Street and/or I & E Streets between Second Street and Hwy. 30
- Other (please describe)

4. Please elaborate on your top three Economic Development Activity choices.

#1 _____
#2 _____
#3 _____

5. Please tell us about yourself (check all that apply)

- I am a resident
- I own property in Columbia City
- I rent property in Columbia City
- I am retired
- I own a small business
- I work outside Columbia City
- I work inside Columbia City

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.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT April – June, 2018

ACTIVITY REPORT: Your police officers answered 1,237 calls for service, both self-initiated and dispatched calls, during the reporting period. We have summarized significant community policing and criminal investigations that we have conducted below. Within the reporting period we conducted investigations and/or arrests in the following types of cases: Assault, Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Death Investigation, Domestic and Disturbance Calls, Drug Activity, Harassment, Juvenile Investigations, Prowler/Suspicious Persons, Sexual Assault, Suicide Threats, Theft, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, and Warrant Service.

COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY:

Residential Security Checks: 263
Area Patrols: 63
Foot Patrols: 35
Assist the Public: 38
Disabled Vehicles/Hazards: 27
Assistance to Outside Agencies: 46
Ordinance Violation Complaints: 33
Radio Calls: 91
Animal Complaints: 18
Parking/Traffic Complaints: 21
Welfare Checks: 11
Alarm Calls: 13
Found Open Doors: 7
Suicide Threats: 3
Reserve Police Officer Hours Worked: 509

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY/INVESTIGATIONS:

Investigative Follow Up's: 117
Suspicious Circumstances, People, Vehicles: 62
Traffic Stops: 173
Harassment: 7
Criminal Mischief: 8
Criminal Trespass: 9
Theft: 7
Disturbance and Domestic Violence Calls: 24
Juvenile Investigations: 7

Warrant Service: 5
Drug Investigations: 6
Hit and Run Investigations: 2
Sexual Assault: 4
Burglary: 6
Death Investigation: 2
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 2
Assault: 5

LOST AND FOUND

- A three-tiered silvery earring was recently found in front of City Hall.
- Some walkie-talkies were recently found in Harvard Park.

If any of these might be yours, please stop by City Hall!

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

→ Don't over water your lawn. As a general rule, lawns only need watering every few days in the summer. If the blades don't spring back up after being stepped on, it is time to water. A hearty rain can eliminate the need for watering for as long as two weeks.

→ Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speeds are the lowest. This reduces losses from evaporation.

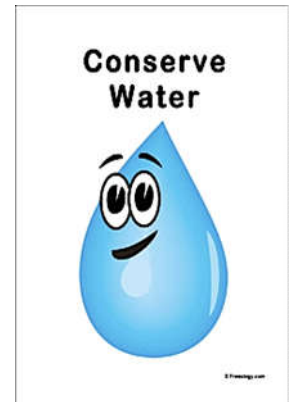
→ Don't water your street, driveway or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs ... not the paved areas.

→ Install sprinklers that are the most water-efficient for each use. Micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses are examples of water-efficient methods of irrigation.

→ Regularly check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly.

→ Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely-clipped lawn.

→ Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers which contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.



LIBRARY NEWS

Help us prepare for the City Celebration! The Friends of the Library are gearing up to make this year's City Celebration on September 15th a lot of fun for you and your family, friends and neighbors! The next City Celebration Planning Meeting will be held at 7 pm on August 7 in the Library. We need you!

- **Reserve a booth during the Celebration!** If you are a crafter with handmade items made in Columbia County, we'd love to have you join our Craft Fair. If you're affiliated with a non-profit organization that would like to reach out to the community during the Celebration, get a booth space! Contact Wendy Wells by calling 503-804-6486, or pick up a booth space application at City Hall.
- **Donate books for the Celebration Book Sale!** Please bring in your excess books for our upcoming book sale! We always want more great books for the library and for the sale.
- **Donate items for the Celebration Auction!** If you have something you'd like to donate for the silent auction, please contact us at the Library. Auction items may be dropped off at the Library or City Hall.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: The Community Library is partnering with United Way and other community partners to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Columbia County. Every child who resides in Columbia County between the ages of birth to five qualifies to receive a free book. The age appropriate books are delivered directly to the child monthly and by their fifth birthday they will have 60 books of their very own. We know that children with books in their home read more often and develop a lifelong love for reading. The cost of the program is \$25.00 per year per child. The program is free to qualifying children. If you would like to enrich young lives you can make a one-time or ongoing donation to: United Way of Columbia County: Dolly Parton

Imagination Library, PO Box 538, Rainier, OR 97048. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact wendywells.sales@gmail.com or kathybeck@unitedwayofcolumbiacounty.com.

Summer Reading Program: Our summer reading program is underway! Our theme is bugs this year. Get a bug reading log, and find out what our take-it project is. Drop in anytime the Library is open!

New Books: We added 122 items to the Library during the past month. Recent additions include:
My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem
The Nordic Theory of Everything by Anu Partanen
How to Make Your Money Last by Jane Bryant Quinn
American Wolf by Nate Blakeslee
Knock Wood by Candice Bergen (Novel Quilt selection)
Chasing the Last Laugh: Mark Twain by Richard Zacks
Valiant Ambition by Nathaniel Philbrick (past New York Times bestseller)
All by Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark (past New York Times bestseller)
The Rising Sea by Clive Cussler (past New York Times bestseller)
Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton (her last book)
The Silent Corner by Dean Koontz
Truly, Madly, Guilty by Liane Moriarty (past New York Times bestseller)
The Mistress by Danielle Steel (past New York Times bestseller)

Library Hours:

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

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, July 25 - 7 pm
 Summer Reading Program - drop in any time!

Reach our book catalog:
columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2018

July 4	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in honor of Independence Day
July 5	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED
July 15	2:00 pm	Michael Allen Harrison Outdoor Concert - Caples House Museum
July 19	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
July 23	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
July 24	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
July 24	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
July 26	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall