

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

The Columbia City Celebration will offer lots of fun for you, your family, friends and neighbors! This year's Celebration will be held on September 15th!

The Celebration Planning Committee will meet on September 11th, 7 pm, at the Library to finalize the event details. They need your help! If you are a local crafter, reserve a booth space in the Vendor Fair to sell your wares! Booth spaces are also available for non-profits! Volunteer to help with one of the many activities! Contact Wendy Wells 503-804-6486 for more information.

STRAWBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE!

We are offering breakfast to go during the City Celebration! Stop by the Community Hall on Saturday, September 15th, between 7 and 10 am, to order your take out! Breakfast includes pancakes, strawberries, whipped cream, ham, eggs, coffee, and orange juice.



Breakfast prices:

Adults \$10.00, children \$8.00 (10 and under)

Pre-purchase your tickets at City Hall now!

CAPLES HOUSE QUILT SHOW & YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

The Caples House will host a quilt show and yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th, noon to 5 pm. Admission: \$8 adults, children under 10 free. includes live quilting exhibition, food and beverages available. Proceeds benefit the Caples House Restoration Project.



CELEBRATION

***Saturday,
September 15th,
7 am - 3 pm***

- Strawberry Pancake Breakfast
- Prepare Fair
- Craft Fair
- Vendors
- Kids Activities
- Silent Auction
- Book Sale
- Quilt Raffle
- Beach House Stay Raffle
- Columbia Arts Guild Art Show
- Live Music by "The Decades"
- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Bake Sale

Lots of fun for the family!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parks Committee Members needed: The City is seeking candidates to serve on the Parks Committee. The Parks Committee is an advisory board that is involved in all aspects of the City parks system - including planning activities, park development, on-going maintenance, and event coordination. If you are interested in serving on the Parks Committee, submit a completed Public Service Application to City Hall.

Budget Committee Member needed: The City currently has an opening 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 submit a completed Public Service Application to City Hall.

Park maintenance volunteers: The City is seeking volunteers to help maintain the City parks. If you like being outside and gardening or working in the yard, this might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Submit your completed volunteer application to City Hall.

F.A.S.T. (Fold And Stuff Team) volunteers needed: The City is seeking volunteers to help fold newsletters and stuff envelopes. This lively team meets monthly at City Hall. Submit your completed application to become a F.A.S.T. volunteer!

COLUMBIA COUNTY TOWN HALL MEETING ECONOMIC AND JOB GROWTH POTENTIAL

A Columbia County Town Hall Meeting about economic and job growth potential within the county will be held in the Columbia Center Auditorium, 375 S 18th Street, St. Helens, on September 12, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Distinguished panelists include:

Bill Gerry, Program Manager, Boeing Global Technology/OMIC
Doug Hayes, Executive Director, Port of St. Helens
Shawna Sykes, Workforce Analyst/Economist,
WorkSource Northwest Oregon, Employment Division
Chuck Daughtry, Executive Director,
Columbia County Economic Team
Simon Date, Executive Director,
South County Chamber of Commerce
Alex Tardif, Columbia County Commissioner

Attend the September 12th Town Hall Meeting and connect with county officials and civic leaders!

**Nobody made a greater mistake than
he who did nothing
because he could only do a little.**

~ Edmund Burke ~

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

The Caples House Museum will host a Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 6, 2018, from noon to 5 pm. This historic fair will include food, activities, vendor booths, cider press, silent auction, raffles, and music. Admission is free! Email capleshouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390 for more information.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

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 right-of-ways, streets, alleys and sidewalks.

Animals at Large: It is unlawful to allow animals to run at large upon public streets or private property other than your own. This includes cats, dogs, goats, chickens, and all other animals. Animals running at large may be impounded, and the owners may be subject to a fine.



COMING SOON! SIXTH STREET PAVING PROJECT J TO K STREETS

The City Council recently awarded a contract to TFT Construction, Inc., for paving the portion of Sixth Street between J and K Streets. The work is expected to commence in mid-September. The work will involve repairing and resurfacing the existing roadway, including pothole repairs, and changing the grade to improve drainage. An additional two feet of road surface will be added to each side of the roadway. Funding for this project includes a \$50,000.00 Small City Allotment Grant.



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Increasing numbers of people are making their homes in the woodland settings, rural areas, or remote mountain sites. These residents face the danger of wildfires. Wildfires often begin unnoticed, however, they spread very quickly. Reduce your risk by preparing now - before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area.



Causes of wildfire:

- Droughts and dry conditions throughout various times of the year increase the risk of wildfires.
- Careless use of fire in highly wooded or grassy areas dramatically increases the chance of a wildfire, which can then quickly spread across trees and dry brush and threaten homes and businesses in the vicinity.

Practice wildfire safety and plan ahead:

- Contact your local fire department, health department, or forestry office for information on fire laws.
- Make sure that fire vehicles can get to your home.
- Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your house number or address.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home - by car and by foot.
- Select a family meeting place outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together

after a wildfire. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.

- Local phone service may not be available - identify someone out of the area to contact.
- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Monitor <http://wildfireoregondeptofforestry.blogspot.com> for daily wildfire alerts.

BE PREPARED WITH AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have an emergency kit available and ready to go. Consider these items for your emergency kit:

- ✓ "Special needs" items for the family, such as formula and supplies for infants, items for older people, or special items for those with disabilities.
- ✓ First aid supplies.
- ✓ Prescription meds for members of the household.
- ✓ Flashlight and battery powered radio.
- ✓ Sleeping bag and extra shoes.
- ✓ Water and food. A gallon of water per person per day. Canned and dried foods are easy to store.
- ✓ Tools (duct tape, garbage bags, manual can opener, hammer, screwdrivers, scissors, etc.)
- ✓ Cash.
- ✓ Cell phone if available.
- ✓ Snacks.
- ✓ Reading materials and games.
- ✓ Pet supplies.
- ✓ Towels.



ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR FIR FIREWOOD

The City is accepting sealed bids for the stack of fir firewood located near 2130 The Strand, Columbia City. Please note that the sale is limited to the fir firewood only - the other wood located nearby is not for sale.

The minimum bid price is \$75.00. Submit sealed bids to City Hall, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, by September 14, 2018, 5 PM. Clearly mark "SEALED BID" on the outside of the envelope.

💧 WATER CONSERVATION TIP 💧

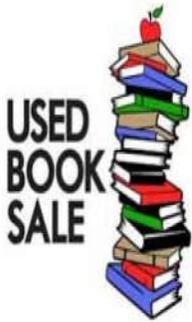
Turn your sprinklers off when rain is expected, and set up a system with rain/moisture sensors if you have automatic sprinklers.

LIBRARY NEWS

City Celebration September 15th: The Columbia City Celebration and Show & Shine car show are coming up Saturday, September 15th. The strawberry pancake breakfast will be in the Community Hall from 7-10 am. The silent auction, the raffles, and some vendors will be in the Columbia City School gym. Additional vendors and the Prepare Fair will be in front of the school.



We have local vendors bringing items handmade in Columbia County. The Columbia County Art Guild will be showing their art as well. We will be displaying the Novel Quilters creations based on *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch and *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. The Ukelele Orchestra will be performing as well. You might even get a short lesson! The St. Helens Elks Club will sponsor an eye clinic. Bring your 3 to 7 year-old into the Library for screening. It takes longer to fill out your name than it does to do the test!



Keep in mind that we are still looking for great silent auction items. You can also donate cakes, cookies and pies to our bake sale. Items must be wrapped. Sign up to do bake sale items at the Library. You can still bring books to the Library for our book sales. Help us support the Library and make this year's City Celebration lots of fun!

The Show and Shine car show will be in the school field. We are expecting lots of cars this year! The book sale and the kids craft area will be under the covered playground.

We will need many volunteers for the day of the City Celebration, as well as the evening before as we get set up. Start thinking about how you would like to help. A sign-up sheet is available at the Library, so come in and pick your job!

New Books: We added 100 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions to the Library include:

- Eat to Live* by Joel Fuhrman
- Trees and Shrubs for Pacific Northwest Gardens* by John and Carol Grant
- Fearful Symmetries: an Anthology of Horror* by Ellen Datlow
- Explorers of the Nile: the Triumph and Tragedy of a Great Victorian Adventure* by Tim Jeal
- The Fallen* by David Baldacci (best seller)
- All Summer Long* by Dorothea Benton Frank
- Bone Box* by Faye Kellerman
- Fifteen Minutes* by Karen Kingsbury
- Deep Freeze* by John Sandford
- The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells (Classic science fiction)
- Legends: the Best Players, Games, and Teams in Football* by Howard Bryant (for teen boys!)

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3-6 pm
Saturday 10-2

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm

Friends of the Library

Monday, September 17, 6 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, September 26, 7 pm

Reach our book catalog:

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Columbia City Community Library

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SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

September 3 rd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Labor Day
September 6 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 13 th	6:00 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
September 15 th	7:00 AM - 10 AM	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
	8:00 AM - 2 PM	Show & Shine Car Show in the School field
	8:00 AM - 3 PM	Prepare Fair on front lawn area of School
	9:00 AM - 3 PM	Craft Fair, Vendors, Art Show, Kids Activities.....
September 18 th	2:30 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
September 18 th	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
September 20 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 24 th	6:00 PM	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall