

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2019

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*Holiday Concert*  
featuring  
*Michael Allen Harrison*

**FEED THE NEED**

## Food Drive

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 6 PM**



**Tickets: \$20.00 per person**

Purchase tickets at City Hall now or at the door

### **Event location:**

**Columbia City Community Hall,  
1850 Second Street**

**Food and beverages, including  
beer and wine,  
sold separately during the event**

All event proceeds will benefit  
The Community Hall

**TO REPORT  
WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES  
OUTSIDE OF NORMAL WORK HOURS,  
CALL (503) 397-1521.**

The dispatcher will contact the appropriate on-call person to respond to the situation.

Please help us **Feed the Need** by bringing your donations of boxed and canned foods to City Hall during the month of November. The biggest needs are canned soup, vegetables and fruit. Other useful items include: canned meats, peanut butter, almond butter, jams and jellies, canned beans, dried beans, canned stews, chili, broth, boxed macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal, cooking oil, olive oil, canned tomato products, bread, rolls, buns and personal care products (soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, child and adult diapers).

All of the collected goods will be given to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in St. Helens. Other ways in which you can help may be found on the Columbia Pacific Food Bank website - [www.cpfoodbank.org](http://www.cpfoodbank.org).

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3**



## CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HOLIDAY TEA

Enjoy high tea with sweet and savory bites, tea and a program provided by the Intel Singers. All proceeds benefit the Caples House Museum. December 8th, 2-4 pm. Adults \$25, children 12 and under \$12.

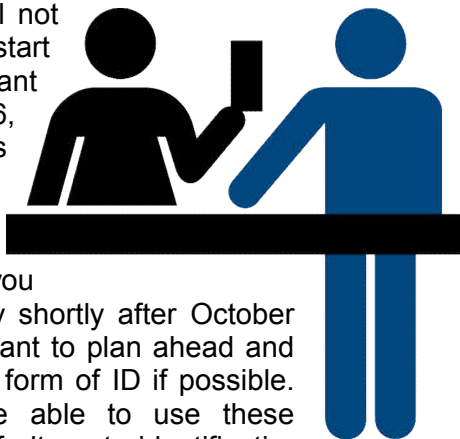


Please pre-register with the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, Columbia City. (503) 397-5390.

## OREGON DMV TALKS ABOUT REAL ID

Starting next year on October 1, 2020 the Transportation Security Administration will require all air travelers to have a form of ID that complies with the Federal Real ID Act. Your current Oregon Driver License or ID card is not compliant, and Oregonians are encouraged to use an alternate form of ID like a passport or passport card. Your driver license and ID card will continue to be valid for all other purposes like driving or proof of identity.

Oregon DMV will not be able to start issuing compliant cards until July 6, 2020, and does not expect to be able to meet the demand from the public. If you have plans to fly shortly after October 2020, it is important to plan ahead and use an alternate form of ID if possible. You will still be able to use these common types of alternate identification to fly after October 1:



- U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- Foreign Government-Issued Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- Permanent Resident Card
- Federally Recognized Tribal Photo ID

You can learn more about Real ID in Oregon, and determine if you already have what you need, by visiting [www.Oregon.gov/RealID](http://www.Oregon.gov/RealID).

## CC RIDER PROVIDES PORTLAND MEDICAL RIDES

Effective October 2, 2019, Columbia County Rider now travels to Portland for medical ride purposes once per week. In addition to the first and third Wednesday each month, they have added rides on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. The weekly schedule for the remainder of 2019 and the schedule for 2020 Portland medical rides can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nworegontransit.org/portland-medical-rides-2/>

Please call their offices for details at 503-366-0159. You may schedule a ride to many Portland hospitals including: OHSU, Providence, VA Hospital, and Kaiser Interstate.

## CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS EXTRA NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-1534.

## COLUMBIA CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PASTA DINNER AND AUCTION

Columbia City Elementary presents its 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pasta Dinner and Auction – Friday, November 15, 2019 at the Columbia City Community Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The silent auction will start at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at a discounted price until November 8<sup>th</sup>. \$8/adult & \$5/child, ages 2 and under are free! Please email [ccpto2017@gmail.com](mailto:ccpto2017@gmail.com) to purchase tickets. Each dinner ticket includes; spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread sticks, beverage and a dessert. Only a limited amount of tickets can be sold. Ticket price will be \$10/adult & \$7/child day of the event. Please purchase your tickets today and support Columbia City Elementary!





## LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing a cross earring? If so, contact City Hall – we might have what you're looking for!



**DONATIONS WELCOMED!  
NOMINATIONS NEEDED!**

The Columbia City Police Department is getting ready to host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Shop with a Cop program. The goal of the program is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities and Christmas wish list items for selected participants that are in need of some additional help. Participants are paired up with a Police Officer who assists them with their shopping spree!

We are accepting nominations for families in need until November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact City Hall to obtain a nomination form if you have a family in mind.

We are also accepting donations to help support this year's program. If you would like to help, please send your donation to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City. Please be sure to identify the donation as Shop with a Cop. Thank you for your support to this rewarding program.



*To make a difference  
in someone's life,  
you don't have to be  
brilliant, rich,  
beautiful or perfect.  
You just have to care.*



## OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and ending Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Burning is restricted to yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited. Yard debris is lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings/prunings, sawdust and wood scraps. It is **not** dirt/gravel, paper/plastic, metal, rocks/bricks, sod, or food waste.



**Burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits are free and can be obtained at City Hall, any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on their website: [www.CRFR.com](http://www.CRFR.com). Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

### PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

At your request, the Columbia City Police Department will periodically check your home while you are away. To request this service, please register with the Columbia City Police Department before you leave. Forms are available at City Hall and on our website.



### ONLINE BILL ACCESS – AVAILABLE

You can access your water and sewer bills online. This allows you to see your billing and usage history. Also save paper by signing up for e-bills to receive the current bill and newsletter electronically. Contact City Hall if you have any questions or need assistance.

Available at –  
<https://columbiacity.merchantransact.com>

## RESOURCES FOR WINTER TRAVEL

ODOT offers travel information via the Internet, by phone and on cable TV. Visit ODOT'S travel information website at [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com). In addition to text-based reports, the site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes, and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and trouble spots and include information about weather, road construction and maintenance work, and traffic incidents.

In the Portland area, a speed map provides average travel times for local commuters and other highway users. You can also develop a custom camera page to check specific routes at a glance. The QuickCheck page brings camera and incident information together in a text-based format for easy access.



TripCheck.com has links to bus, airport, train, bicycle and trucking information. A mileage calculator allows you to estimate distance and choose the most direct route. Other features include detailed information on scenic byways, safety rest areas and SnoParks.

Motorists can access ODOT's *Oregon Winter Driving Guide* at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf).

Travelers in Oregon can dial 511 to access TripCheck road and weather information by phone. You can select updated reports about driving conditions by highway, mountain pass, or major city from easy-to-use menus. The 511 system responds to voice as well as touch-tone commands. Calls to 511 are local calls, but wireless phone users are responsible for airtime and roaming charges according to their service contracts. If you cannot use 511, call toll-free 1 (800) 977-6368 for road and weather information. Outside Oregon, call (503) 588-2941.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

**Sidewalks:** The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of yard debris, snow, ice, and other obstructions. Please be aware of leaves this time of the year.



### ATTENTION DOG PARK USERS!!

Please **do not allow your dogs to dig!!** The holes they leave can be hazardous to other dogs and pet owners.

Please **pick up after your pets!!** Use the doggie bags that are provided in the park or bring your own from home. Not picking up after your dog can not only be messy for other users of the park, but creates issues for our Public Works Department when trying to keep the grass mowed.



Please **use the trash cans!!** Place used dog bags and other trash in the trash containers that are provided in the park.

Please **do not hang trash on the fencing!!**

A little bit of common courtesy can go a long way towards keeping the Columbia City Dog Park open and available for pet owners and their dogs to enjoy.

### THE GGGGRINCH VISITS COLUMBIA CITY

The GGGGrinch has scheduled a special appearance at Columbia City Community Hall on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring your cameras or phones and get a picture with The GGGGrinch and possibly some of his friends. All donations for photos go directly to the Community Hall. Also available for purchase will be personally autographed photos of the GGGGrinch.





## LIBRARY NEWS

This year's Columbia City Celebration was our most successful ever. Thanks for joining us and supporting the library!

With our new earlier hours on Monday and Tuesday we are doing Storytime again. Join us at 11 am on Mondays to listen to a story or two and check out books! Just a reminder that our open hours are now Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 am to 2 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays will stay 3 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday remains 10 am to 2 pm.

We will be having an open house at the library on Saturday, December 7, so put that on your calendar!



**Volunteers Rock:** Thank you to all our volunteers who keep the library running! We wouldn't have our library without them. Some of our volunteers work once a week, some once a month. If you are interested in helping staff the library, pick up a volunteer application at the library.

**Novel Quilters New Book:** Our next book is *The Glassblower* by Petra Durst-Benning. Originally published in German, this is a story set in the late 1890s. Three sisters have to survive after their father, a glassblower, dies.

**New Books at the Library:** We've added 150 books to the library since the last published list of new books. Some noteworthy books include:

*American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race* by Douglas Brinkley

*Letters from the Hive: An Intimate History of Bees, Honey and Humankind* by Stephen Buchmann  
*Christmas Crafts Scandinavian Style* by Tone Merete Stenklov

*The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough

*Aunt Dimity and the Heart of Gold* by Nancy Atherton  
*One Good Deed* by David Baldacci

*The Bitterroots* by C.J. Box

*The Oracle* by Clive Cussler

*This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

*The Girl Who Lived Twice* by David Lagercrantz

*A Better Man* by Louise Penny

*The Overstory* by Richard Powers (current NYT best seller)

*Leverage in Death* by J.D. Robb

### Library Hours:

Monday and Tuesday 10 am to 2 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 6 pm

Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

### Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

### Open House:

Saturday, December 7, 10 am to 2 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, November 18, 6 pm

### Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, November 20, 7 pm

### Novel Quilters:

No Meeting until January

### Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street/PO Box 189

503-366-8020 ccclibrary@live.com

### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

Honor a special veteran by purchasing an engraved brick for \$75. You may also purchase a brick as a sponsor. Sponsor bricks are located on the ground portion of each wall and also cost \$75. All of the proceeds from engraved brick sales are used to maintain the Veterans Park.

A limited number of Veteran bricks remain on the 5<sup>th</sup> and final wall in the Park. Brick order forms are available at City Hall or online at our website.



**PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION**

Oregon law requires you to obtain permits for a range of work on your home to ensure that the improvements meet minimum building standards and safe workmanship.

All new construction requires permits as well as specific alterations to existing homes, which include: structural, plumbing, mechanical and electrical changes. (Note: Columbia County Land Development Services handles all electrical permits for Columbia City.)

The person performing the work, whether it is a homeowner or contractor, is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits. Once the permit has been issued, you can begin work. The permit must be on site and available to the inspector and if your permit has accompanying approved plans, they must be available as well.



Penalty fees will be assessed for work done without first obtaining an approved permit.

Your permit expires if work is not started within 180 days from its issuance. Once you have begun work, your permit expires if work is suspended or abandoned for 180 days or more. If you cannot work within a 180 day period but do not wish to abandon the project, you need to submit a written request to extend your permit for an additional 180 days.

If you are not sure if you need a permit, go to: <http://www.permitsprotect.info/index.htm> or contact City Hall.

**COMMUNITY HALL**

*Rent it for your next event!*

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



1850 Second Street

***\$20/hour or \$200/full day***  
***\$30 food/beverage fee***  
***\$200 liquor fee***

[www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org)

Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

**MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2019**

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
<del>November 19<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>6:30 pm</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - CANCELED</del>
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving