

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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TO CATCH A LEPRECHAUN

Has a trail of green or gold glitter appeared around your house? Are your Lucky Charms and your whiskey disappearing? Do you hear a fiddle or an Irish harp playing softly at night? Has your cat began to look suspiciously around before entering a room? If so, you may have a Leprechaun living with you! It would be to your benefit to evict this trickster as soon as possible as they can become quite unruly when they drink too much!

The best plan is a trap! Cut a hole in the top of a shoebox and cover it with a small piece of felt. Place Leprechaun bait on top of the felt. When he goes to snatch it, he will fall down the hole into the box! Since Leprechauns are tied to gold, something shiny makes the best bait, such as an earring, or one of those gold foil-covered chocolate coins. To make the trap more appealing, paint it gold, or green in honor of their Irish heritage.



Once you catch a Leprechaun, he will owe you three wishes, but be careful! There are many Irish fables about people choosing wishes that backfire! Take a lesson from Seamus from County Mayo who wanted to be the richest man on a tropical island. But he found himself alone on the island and ended up using his third wish to return to Ireland!

After you have received your wishes, promptly transport your Leprechaun to Mill Ends Park in Portland. It is home to "the only Leprechaun colony west of Ireland." This is probably where he migrated from to begin with!

Be part of something bigger than yourself.

~ VOLUNTEER ~

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

The youngest and newest member of our Public Works Crew is Jeremy Schaff. He became a member of the "Orange Shirt Gang" in December of 2016. His artistic abilities have been an asset to the City since his love of painting has led to the revitalization of our Park signs. Jeremy has also single handedly decreased the yellow jacket population in Columbia City. His many other talents make him a vital part of the staff, plus he has a great attitude about life in general!

When not working, Jeremy enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, and his three year old daughter! His Pitbull, Bugsy, gets in on the action too. He belongs to a car club and has a pretty fancy ride to display at car shows. He also enjoys working around his property.

Jeremy's favorite part about working in Columbia City is the people! So, if you see a tall, slender young man in an orange shirt with a big smile on his face here in the City, it is probably Jeremy. Feel free to stop and say hi!

ONLINE BILL ACCESS – AVAILABLE NOW

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.merchanttransact.com>

LOST AND FOUND

A blanket and softball were left in the Community Hall. There was also a cordless drill and case that were found in front of the Columbia City Grade School. If you think any of these items might be yours, please contact City Hall.



DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight-savings time begins at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 8, 2020.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

Enjoy corned beef and cabbage, colcannon potatoes, dinner rolls and bread pudding. Singing and fun! Guinness Stout, Jameson's or Irish Coffee included for the adults. **Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 6 pm, at the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street.** Adults \$20/Children 12 and under \$10. Registration is required by March 10. To register, please send an email to CaplesHouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390.

VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

The final wall of bricks has only 29 spaces available. Honor a special veteran or become a sponsor by purchasing a brick for \$75. All proceeds are used to maintain the Veterans Park. Order forms are available at City Hall or at our website.



SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, bulky waste, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 4th, 2020, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your first two loads of yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE! Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, etc., and extra loads of yard debris will be accepted for a fee. More information will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

RADON RISKS ARE PREVENTABLE

The Oregon Public Health Division recommends that **all homes test for radon.** Columbia City's geographic location has been identified as a high risk area for radon.

Tests should be done every two to five years. The test kits can be purchased at local hardware and home improvements stores or online from radon test kit supply companies. Testing homes for radon is simple and inexpensive.



For more information visit the Oregon Health Authority website: www.healthoregon.org/radon.

**Michael Allen
Harrison
Concert** 
**Monday, May 4 at 6 pm
Community Hall**
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION IS HERE

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participation products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. If you have any questions, visit www.boxtops4education.com. You can bring any remaining paper box tops to City Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

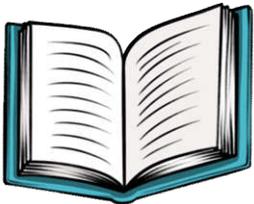


We are starting to plan this year's Columbia City Celebration, celebrating the library's 20 years in operation! Our kickoff planning meeting is Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm. Please join us if you'd like to help!

In April, Columbia County Reads will be featuring Warren C. Easley, who writes mysteries based in Portland and the surrounding wine country. Get started reading his books now, in preparation for his visit in mid-April.

Secondhand Prose: We are resuming our sales in Secondhand Prose. In March, all cookbooks will be half price.

Art in the Library: In March, our featured artist will be Linda Sprau. On April 4 and 5 we will be holding an Altered Books workshop with instructor Marnita Bahmer. We are limited to 10 people, so please sign up and prepay soon in the library! \$15.00 per person.



New Books at the Library: We've added 116 new items to the library in the last month. We also added five Large Print books and there are more on the cart. Noteworthy books include:

- The Library Book* by Susan Orlean (recent best seller)
- Good Economics for Hard Times* by Abhijit Banerjee
- A Deadly Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm* by John Dodge
- Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers* by Brian Kilmeade (recent best seller)
- The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood (recent best seller)
- A Minute to Midnight* by David Baldacci (recent best seller)
- The Confession Club* by Elizabeth Berg
- The Andromeda Evolution* by Michael Crichton
- No Way to Die* by Warren C. Easley (selection for Columbia County Reads)
- City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert (recent best seller)
- The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes (recent best seller)
- Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano (recent best seller)

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 11:00 am

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, March 16th at 6 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 25 - 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library

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503-366-8020 / ccclibrary@live.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>



RENEW YOUR COMMUNITY LINK TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WITH FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Don't forget! You need to re-link your Fred Meyer Rewards Account every year in order to continue to support the Columbia City Community Library with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Just go to the Fred Meyer website and link your Rewards account with the Columbia City Community Library!

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Use the shortest cycle possible for washing clothes, and use the "suds-saver" feature if your machine has one.



**COLUMBIA CITY GRADE SCHOOL
RECYCLED BENCH**

You can help earn a new bench for the Columbia City Grade School by bringing the following recyclable plastics and placing them in the box in the entryway of the school.



All plastic must be clean, dry and not smelly!

Acceptable Plastic Includes:

- *Grocery bags
- *Produce bags
- *Dry cleaning bags
- *Ziploc type bags
- *Salt/ice bags
- *Wrap from packages like water bottles cases, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.
- *Bread bags
- *Newspaper sleeves
- *Bubble wrap
- *Cereal bags
- *#2 & #4 plastics

Not Acceptable:

- *Rigid plastic
- *Candy wrappers
- *Bags from cheese, salad, etc.
- *Pet food bags
- *Dirty or wet plastic

SERGEANT'S CORNER

Secure yard debris. With the warmer temperatures and the sun making a return to the area, people will begin to clean up their yard. With this activity we will see more vehicles transporting yard debris. Please secure your load prior to hitting the streets and highway. If you find yourself following behind a vehicle with a load on the back give a little more space between you and that loaded vehicle so you can react safely should anything fly out.

Last month we had a theft and a few suspicious person calls in the area of A Street. On Hwy 30 near A Street we had a traffic crash that resulted in one person being arrested for reckless driving, hit and run, and operating a vehicle without a driver's license. Two juveniles were caught using spray paint on a building located on the Port of Columbia County property. There was report of a stolen car on Sixth Street.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2020

March 8 th	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 12 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
March 17 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
March 19 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 23 rd	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of January: 2 Audible alarms, 1 animal complaint, 1 agency assist, 3 assist persons, 1 cold fraud, 5 follow up investigations, 11 radio calls, 1 suspicious circumstances, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 welfare check, 3 warrant services, 3 unwanted persons and 50 traffic stops.

The Police Department would like to request 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 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).

Best regards ~Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

CALL TO ARTISTS

The Columbia Arts Guild will be holding a show on Saturday, May 16, from 5 to 8 pm at the St Helens Recreation Center. The charge to display artwork is \$3 per piece for Art Guild members and \$5 per piece for nonmembers. Email questions or entries to Dana Belisle at dananjim11@gmail.com.

OPEN BURNING IN APRIL

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 4th and end on Sunday, April 19th.** The burn period is for yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited.

Permits may be obtained at City Hall, at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or online at www.crrf.com. Please remember you must call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

Please call the Columbia River Fire & Rescue office at 503-397-2990 if you have any questions.