

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY RECEIVES \$50,000 SCA GRANT AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the City has received a \$50,000 grant award from the 2018 Special City Allotment Program for paving improvements on Sixth Street between H and K Streets. The project will involve pavement restoration work, including the repair of failed pavement areas, grade adjustments, pre-leveling uneven pavement areas, the installation of geotextile engineered paving mat and associated tack coat, taper grinding, pavement widening, storm system improvements, and an asphaltic concrete overlay. The total project cost is estimated at \$110,000.

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.

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.



A LOCAL SHOWCASE FOR TRILLIUM

From March through June, large-flowered trilliums bloom gracefully on the forest floor throughout Jim Bundy Memorial Park. The trillium has a large, often white, three-petaled flower above three broad leaves. Along with its three sepals, it's easy to see where trillium got its name. The plants are 8 - 18 inches high with a stem bearing a 2 - 4 inch



flower. The white flowers turn pink with age. They grow in rich wooded areas, and trillium is often the first wildflower noticed by casual walkers as other spring wildflowers are much less apparent.

Trillium flowers should never be picked. The three leaves below the flower are the plant's only food source and a picked trillium may die or take many years to recover. Trillium plants take 6 years to grow from seeds to flowers.

Trillium is one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants and mice. Trillium seeds have a fleshy organ called an elaiosome that attracts ants. The ants take the seeds to their nest, where they eat the elaiosomes and put the seeds in their garbage, where they are protected until they germinate. They also get the added bonus of growing in a medium made richer by the ant garbage.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Check all outside garden hoses and hose connections for leaks from the winter's ravages.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS

Daylight-saving time begins at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 11, 2018.



**SPRING CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2018
8 AM TO NOON**



Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that unwanted junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, newspaper, solidified latex paint cans, unwanted items,

etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 7th, 2018, 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.

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!

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- The outdoor storage of junk, rubbish, trash, and debris upon private property, alleys and streets is prohibited.
- Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited.
- Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of dental floss, diapers, wipes, shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.
- Property owners must keep sidewalks clear.

OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 7th and end on Sunday, April 22nd.** The burn period is for 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 may be obtained at City Hall or at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District or online at www.crfr.com. Permits are valid for one year and are free of charge. Please remember you must call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

You must follow these basic rules for proper open burning:

- ❑ You must have a garden hose, or a shovel and a five-gallon bucket of water at all times, and the fire must **NOT** be left unattended at any time until out.
- ❑ Yard and garden trimmings must be cut and piled no larger than six feet wide by four feet high.
- ❑ The ground must be cleared not less than ten feet around the burning area. There must be a separation of 50 feet between the burn pile and any structure, trees, vehicle or property line if the burn pile is greater than three feet in diameter; and a 25 foot separation if the burn pile is less than three feet in diameter.
- ❑ The fire must not adversely affect neighbors (smoke).
- ❑ It must be daylight hours during a designated burn day.

Have questions? Please call the Fire Marshall, at (503) 543-5026.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, and perhaps a little Guinness or Irish coffee to loosen your vocal chords for the sing-along at the Caples House Museum! **Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 6 pm, 1925 First Street.** Adults \$25/Children 12 and under \$10. Registration is required by March 15. To register, please send an email to CaplesHouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390.



LIBRARY NEWS

What's new at the Library? We have upgraded our Library software and computer, and now you can see what the Library has from your home computer or phone! Access our collection information at <https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>! You will still need to go to the Library to check out materials.

Keep the donations coming! Thank you for your continuing donations of books to the Library. Thanks to you, we have a wonderful selection of books in every area, and a great book sale selection, too!

Our used book store is a great community resource! Second Hand Prose is open any time the Library is open! Wendy has been working through the boxes of books and we have lots of different sale books on the shelves. Be sure and stop in and shop!

Columbia County Reads: Willie Vlautin, a local writer, will be the focus for Columbia County Reads this April. From Wednesday, April 25 through Saturday, April 28, four libraries (Scappoose, St. Helens, Vernonia, and Clatskanie) will host Willie as he talks about his books. We have all five of his

books, so read a couple before he comes to our area! More information next month, but get started reading now!

New Books: We added 134 items to the Library during the past month. Some recent additions include:

Happy Wives Club: One Woman's Worldwide Search for the Secrets of a Great Marriage by Fawn Weaver

Living Large on Less: A Guide to Saving Without Sacrifice by Christina Spence

Mountain Biking Oregon by Mark Wigg

Dunkirk: The History Behind the Major Motion Picture by Joshua Levine

Missing: a Private Novel by James Patterson (on audiobook)

Midsomer Murders: Killings at Badger's Drift (DVD)

Thomas the Train and Friends (12 movies for your kids or grandkids!)

Bats at the Ballgame by Brian Lies (fun read-aloud!)

Into the Fire: Tom Clancy's Op-Center by Tom Clancy (best selling author)

Haunted by James Patterson (best selling author)

Don't Skip Out on Me by Willy Vlautin (local author, advanced reader copies)

1-2-3 Draw Knights, Castles and Dragons by Freddie Levin (every kid wants to draw better!)

Turtles All the Way Down by John Green (a question on Jeopardy last week!)

Turbo Twenty-Three by Janet Evanovich (recent best seller)

Midnight in Europe by Alan Furst

The Fall by John Lescroart

The Small Backs of Children by Lidia Yuknavitch

Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers (the original book!)

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday 3-6 pm

Saturday 10 am-2 pm

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 13 - 7 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, March 19 - 7 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 28 - 7 pm

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Newly remodeled COMMUNITY HALL

Rent it for your next event!

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



1850 Second Street

\$17.50/hour or \$175/full day
\$30 food/beverage fee
\$200 liquor fee

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 Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies 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 inquire at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS SMOKING BAN IN CITY PARKS

In January, Claire Catt, Prevention Coordinator for the Columbia County Public Health Foundation, urged the Parks Committee to consider pursuing a smoking ban in City parks. Claire said one of the Foundation's chronic health and disease prevention programs focuses on tobacco reduction and cessation, as well as protecting youth from second hand smoke. She said more and more public spaces locally, throughout the state, and at the national level are turning into smoke free spaces, which reduces the level of second-hand smoke exposure to park visitors.

The Parks Committee was supportive of the idea, and recommended City Council approval. The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that bans smoking in City owned park areas during their meetings in March.

LOST AND FOUND

A key was found in the 1900 block of Second Street.

A baby's hat was found in the Community Hall.

Some baby socks were found in front of City Hall.

A bracelet was found in the Dog Park.

To claim lost items, please contact City Hall.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2018

March 1 st	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 5 th	6:00 pm	Water and Sewer Committee Meeting at City Hall
March 8 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
March 11 th	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 15 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 20 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
March 26 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall
March 27 th	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
March 31 st	7:00 am - 10:00 am	Easter Breakfast at the Community Hall