

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

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UNITED WAY – STUFF THE BUS

SCHOOL

When we see the red lights on a school bus flashing, we all know it means STOP!



SUPPLIES

For the United Way of Columbia County, this means go....to your nearest school supply store and help us **Stuff the Bus!**

Summer is here and the fall school bells seem like a long way off, but families prepare all summer to stock their children's backpacks with all the necessary items for starting school. Because this adds up in a hurry, the United Way of Columbia County is proud to host the "**Stuff the Bus**" promotion to benefit students in need throughout the St. Helens School District. Through a united effort, last year the United Way of Columbia County and their community partners helped provide school supplies to all schools in the St. Helens School District.

With the donated school supplies from community members and businesses, United Way and its volunteers are able to help students throughout Columbia County return to school ready to learn and lead successful lives.

We are asking you to "**Get on Board & Stuff the Bus**" running now through August 21st. Columbia City Hall is an official drop site. We have a box available for donated school supplies. School supplies stay in the community where they are donated. Local volunteers help pick up the supplies and deliver them to distribution sites. Saturday, August 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will be distribution day at McBride Elementary.

School Supply Wish List:

#2 Pencils	Hi-liters
Colored Pencils	Colored Markers
Crayons-24 ct.	Blunt Scissors
Erasers, Pink	Pointed Scissors
Glue Sticks	Pens - Blue and Black
Bottles of Glue	Subject Dividers 5 & 8 page
2 Pocket Folders	Rulers
Pencil pouches	3 Ring Binders
Erasers pencil caps	Supply Box
Paper College Ruled	Paper Wide Ruled
Spiral Notebooks (wide & college)	
Composition Books (wide & college)	

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.



LOST AND FOUND

Two pairs of sunglasses left behind in the Community Hall. Call City Hall if you think they could be yours, 503-397-4010.



STREET VACATION – J STREET

The City Council of Columbia City will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input concerning a proposal to vacate a portion of "J" Street between 2nd Place Alley and Third Street and Third Street and 3rd Place Alley. That portion of J Street is more specifically described as 100 feet x 80 feet directly adjacent to Lot 7 of Block 26 and Lot 12 of Block 25, Columbia City and 100 feet x 80 feet directly adjacent to Lot 6 of Block 45 and Lot 1 of Block 46, Columbia City.

A petition to vacate those portions of "J" Street was filed with the City Recorder on April 29, 2019 by Robert & Betsy Hoy, Ivan & Ryannen De Jesus and Janet Barrett. The petition was determined to be sufficient and meets the requirements of ORS 271.080. Written objections may be filed with the City Recorder by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2019, or may be submitted in writing during the public hearing on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at which time objections will be heard and considered.

SERGEANTS CORNER

Bicycle Safety. Now that summer is in full swing the Police Department has received more complaints about bicycle traffic not following the rules of the road. Just as a reminder to parents and bicyclist the traffic laws apply to a bicyclist just the same as a motor vehicle. Please be sure and stop at the stop signs and use hand signals so other traffic knows where you're turning. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.



The Police Department would like to request your 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 you feel 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).

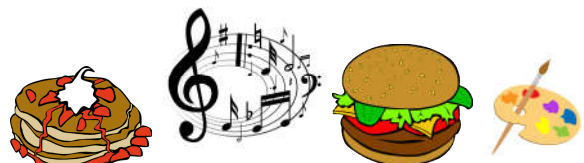
Best regards ~ Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

CELEBRATION

*Saturday,
September 14th,
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**

Save the date!





SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW

Saturday 8 am - 2 pm

September 14th

Registration \$20

Dash Plaques & Awards

Contact Gordon for
more information

(503) 396-5658



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Accessory structures, sheds, detached garages. All detached garages, garden sheds, workshops, etc. must obtain a planning review approval before placement. The approved application ensures all ordinance standards are followed. Setback requirements, height and size restrictions, and lot coverage guidelines vary from zone to zone. Membrane or fabric covered storage buildings or structures are not permitted.

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.

A stored recreational vehicle (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.

RV storage limitations. Only one vehicle that is designed for human occupancy (RV, boat, travel trailer, camper, or motor home) may be parked or stored at any single property at any time.

RV parking limitations. RVs, boats, and trailers may be parked temporarily on an improved or unimproved public street for no more than five consecutive days if currently licensed and registered and not blocking or obscuring the visibility of an intersection, crosswalk or a traffic control sign or device. In some cases, extended storage may be allowed under a storage permit.

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

Report violations by calling (503) 397-4010.

REPORT STREETLIGHT ISSUES TO CITY HALL

Report malfunctioning street lights to City Hall and we will have them repaired. We will need the address closest to the light or the names of the cross streets. Simply call us at (503) 397-4010 or send an email to colcity@columbia-city.org.

**COLUMBIA ARTS GUILD
CALL TO ARTISTS**

Columbia Arts Guild (CAG) is hosting an art exhibit at the 2019 Columbia City Celebration! – **Saturday, September 14, 2019.**

All residents of Columbia County may enter to display their artwork. There is no entry fee.

Each piece must be framed with a wire in back so that it can be hung.

Please contact Dana Belisle at: dananjim11@gmail.com by September 5, 2019 with the number of pieces and size of artwork you would like to display.

Bring your artwork to the Columbia City Elementary School on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Your work must be picked up between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2019.



GRILL SAFETY TIPS

- Place the barbeque grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. It is also unsafe to use grills in a garage, porch or enclosed area that could trap carbon monoxide. Never grill on top of anything that can catch fire.
- When grilling, have a fire extinguisher, a garden hose or at least 4 gallons of water close by in case of fire.
- Keep children away from fires and grills.



Establish a safety zone around the grill and instruct children to remain outside of the zone. A chalk line works great for this purpose. Never leave grill unattended.

**COLUMBIA CITY
SOURCE WATER PROTECTION**

It is important that we all work together to protect our drinking water supply - not only for the present, but for the future as well.

The costs associated with contaminated drinking water are high! Safe drinking water is essential to the long term sustainability of the City, its population and its economy.



Here are some ways that you can help protect our drinking water:

Household Hazardous Waste:

- Participate in the Columbia County Transfer Station's Household Hazardous Waste Events for the disposal of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fluorescent tubes and light ballasts, solvents, thinners, gasoline, diesel, fuels, cleaners, detergents, propane cylinders, etc.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., at the Columbia County Transfer Station.
- Substitute less hazardous substances for products you use in your home.

Car Care:

- Check your car regularly for oil and antifreeze leaks, and repair any leaks quickly.

Lawn Care and Landscaping:

- Use environmentally sound products on your lawn, garden and landscaped areas.
- If you must use pesticides and/or fertilizers, apply them minimally and properly.

Pet Waste:

- Promptly pick up pet waste.
- Dispose of pet waste by flushing it or placing it in the garbage.



FIVE EASY WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

1. **Register your cell phone number with Columbia Alert Network (C.A.N.)** This automated emergency phoning system alerts you by sending you voice, text or e-mail messages containing important information in rare instances, such as a search for a small child that is lost in your community, or a chemical spill near your neighborhood. To receive C.A.N. notifications on your cell phone, you must first register your number and your address with the C.A.N. at www.columbia911.com.

2. **Like our Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter.** The City periodically posts timely information and reminders about upcoming events or current issues that may be important to you, such as information about a cougar that has been frequenting the City, or an invitation to a community work party or a Town Hall meeting. In the event of a local emergency, we will post and tweet important event updates. Stay updated - be our friend and follow us.



3. **Provide the City with your current contact information.** We frequently find that the phone numbers we have listed on our utility accounts are no longer valid. It is very important that we have current contact information on file for you. We may need to call you to:

- Let you know about a water leak we discovered while reading your meter, or
- Notify you of a temporary street closure that will impact your access, or
- Let you know your water will be shut off due to a waterline break or other repair work.

For whatever the reason, we hope we have your current contact information in our records when we attempt to call you. If your work phone number has changed, or you have a new cell phone or home telephone number, please keep us informed so we can update our records.

4. **Receive City meeting agendas and minutes via e-mail.** We have two e-mail distribution lists available - one for meeting minutes, and the other for meeting agendas. To sign up, e-mail a request to colcity@columbia-city.org.

5. **Visit the Columbia City Website.** Need more information about a City Council agenda item? Visit our website to view a copy of the entire City Council packet. Heading out of town for the holidays and need to complete a Police Premise Check form? Download a copy of the form from our website. Want to pay your water and sewer bill with a debit or credit card? Visit our website and pay on-line.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

→ Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.

→ Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, they do not need to be watered as frequently and they usually will survive a dry period without any watering. Group plants together based on similar water needs.

→ Do not hose down your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean leaves and other debris from these areas. Using a hose to clean a driveway can waste hundreds of gallons of water.



→ Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hoses can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours, so don't leave the sprinkler running all day. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn it off.

COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY RAFFLE QUILT 2019

The quilt is currently on display at City Hall, come take a look and buy some tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. It was designed by Cathy Lundberg. Cathy also, along with the help of the Columbia River Piecemakers Quilt Guild made the quilt. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Columbia City Celebration. Proceeds benefit the Columbia City Community Library.



LIBRARY NEWS

I'm sure you've seen the construction near the library. A new walkway and fencing improvements are part of the project. A sidewalk from the street to the library ramp will be added and fencing to separate the library from the playground will also be done. This will allow us to be open during school hours. We could use your input on what kind of



hours you would like the library to be open. We will also need more staff if we are to be open more hours, so come be a

volunteer, we need you!

A Literary Walk in the Park: Enclosed in this newsletter you'll find our fun summer activity; "Take a Literary Walk in the Park", starting August 10th. We hope you have fun exploring our great city and finding all of the quotations. Turn in your Game Sheets at the Library or City Hall for a chance to win prizes at the City Celebration on September 14th.

Columbia City Celebration: Remember to clean out your bookcases this summer! We've promised 8000 books for this sale, and we can use more!

We still need someone to let us use a 4-wheeler, gator, or golf cart for the City Celebration, to run pancake breakfasts from Community Hall to the Car Show! Let us know if you can help.

We are looking for Silent Auction donations. If you have a new or gently used item you'd like to donate, please bring it to the library. Thanks for all your support of the library!

New Books at the Library: We added 96 items to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

Storm Watchers: The Turbulent History of Weather Prediction from Franklin's Kite to El Nino, by John Cox

The Emperor of all Maladies: A Biography of Cancer, by Siddhartha Mukherjee (past best seller)
Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades, by Steve Solomon

How to be a Domestic Goddess, by Nigella Lawson
Celtic Empire, by Clive Cussler (best seller)
Raspberry Danish Murder, by Joanna Fluke
The Wedding Guest, by Jonathan Kellerman
The Cornwalls are Gone, by James Patterson (best seller)

Neon Prey, by John Sandford (best seller)
Turning Point, by Danielle Steel (best seller)
The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary, by Jeff Kinney (for grade school readers)

Cadfael (PBS show, multiple episodes)

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3-6 pm
 Saturday 10-2

Friends of the Library
 Monday, August 19, 6 pm
 City Celebration Planning Meeting
 Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 pm
 Novel Quilters
 Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 pm
 Mystery Book Club
 Wednesday, August 28, 7 pm

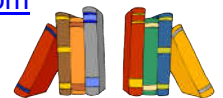
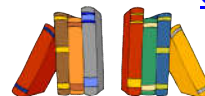
Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

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MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2019

August 8 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 15 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall – canceled
August 26 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
August 27 th	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall