

# Columbia City Newsletter

## December

### 2019

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#### PAVING UPDATE FOR THE STRAND

Due to delays associated with the City's recent waterline project in the area of The Strand, we are not going to be able to complete the paving restoration project along The Strand from "I" to "E" Streets as was originally projected. While we are disappointed that the project's delays impacted this paving project it will remain a goal to complete this effort during the upcoming paving season. As this project moves forward we will continue to keep all impacted up to date to the best of our ability.

#### CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HOSTS CHRISTMAS SHIP EVENT

See the Christmas Ship Fleet on the Columbia River from the Caples House Museum on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Holiday cookies and cocoa will be served, and there will be a Christmas Sing-A-Long. Admission is free and donations are appreciated!

The Christmas Ships assemble at the St. Helens City Docks at 6 p.m. and head downriver to Columbia City. If weather conditions permit, they will cross to the Washington side of the river and pass by the Columbia Riverfront RV Park in Woodland, Washington; and then pass by Columbia City again on their return trip to St. Helens. The fleet will be out for approximately two hours.



#### CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Solicitation permit:** The City requires a solicitation permit for businesses that go door-to-door selling products or soliciting business. **Before** doing business with anyone selling door-to-door, please ask them to provide you with a copy of their Columbia City solicitation permit, and report violators to the City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010 or after hours to the non-emergency dispatch at (503) 397-1521.

#### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mary Goodwin came to Columbia City Police Department in the spring of 2017. She is currently in a part-time position with goals of returning to fulltime in the future. She enjoys the small community atmosphere because the citizens are friendly and you get to know people by first names. This makes you part of the community you serve. It gives you a vested interest, something that is hard to find anywhere else. When she is not patrolling the streets of Columbia City she enjoys her off time with her dogs, family and friends.



Columbia City Community Library

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2 pm

Please join us for hot cider, cookies, music and more



### HOLIDAY MUSIC & SING ALONG

1 pm – 2 pm

By the St. Helens Public Library Ukulele Orchestra

2000 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Columbia City (in the portable on the Columbia City Elementary School grounds)



 **WATER CONSERVATION TIP** 

Know where your shutoff valve is in your home. If a pipe bursts this valve turns water off to the entire house.

## CHOOSING YOUR POINSETTIA

When shopping for a poinsettia, look for:



- Dark green, dense and plentiful foliage.
- Tightly clustered buds to last throughout the holiday season.
- The smallest leaves surrounding the yellow buds to be fully colored. If they're still partially green, your plant will quickly lose its color.
- If the yellow buds in the center of the flower have started to drop off or have already shed pollen (look for tiny yellow grains), the plant isn't fresh.
- Avoid plants with yellow, greenish-white or sagging leaves. Plants with faded, torn or discolored bracts (leaves beneath the flower) aren't the best choice either.
- As with any plant, make sure your poinsettia is free from insects and diseases.

When you have chosen the perfect poinsettia, don't leave it in your car while you continue shopping. An indoor plant that's exposed to cold winds and temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit can be damaged or killed. Get the store to bag the plant, but be sure to remove any wrapping as soon as you get home.

## CARING FOR YOUR POINSETTIA

Poinsettias are easy to care for throughout the holidays. Just follow these simple rules:

- Light: Poinsettias need a minimum of six hours of bright (but not direct) sunlight each day.
- Temperature: These plants prefer temperatures from 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day with a drop from 60 to 65 degrees at night. The lower night temperatures help the poinsettias keep their brilliant color. Protect the plants from both cold and hot drafts from outside doors, heat registers or appliances. Never let the plant be exposed to temperatures less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Water: Poinsettias like moist, but not wet, soil. When the top of the soil becomes dry, add room temperature water to the plant. Allow the water to drain through the pot when watering, and then discard any excess water in the saucer. If the plant's container was wrapped with decorative foil, be sure to remove the foil from the bottom of the container to allow water to drain through the plant.

Overwatering the poinsettia and letting it sit in excess water are common mistakes that will kill the plant. If your poinsettia begins to wilt, too much or too little water could be the culprit. If the plant feels dry, add water immediately. If the container feels heavy and the soil is wet, allow the poinsettia to dry out before watering it again.

## PHOTOGRAPH SEARCH RUTH ROSE RICHARDSON PARK



City staff is assisting the Multnomah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) with searching for historical photographs of Ruth Rose Richardson Park, located on I Street between The Stand and First Street. The Multnomah Chapter of the DAR, owner of both the Ruth Rose Richardson and Pixie Parks here in Columbia City, are looking to compile photographs in order to capture the past looks of the park with the eventual goal of returning the park to its previous state. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone with copies of photographs that they are willing to share could drop them off at City Hall; located at 1840 Second Street.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 106 OFFERS HOT MEALS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 2019

The Boy Scouts of Troop 106, sponsored by American Legion Post #42, will be providing Christmas Eve Hot Meals for the 33<sup>rd</sup> year. The Hot Meal program has grown from serving one family of four in 1986 to a projected 800 individuals in 2019. The meals are delivered to the homes by Boy Scouts, Cub



Scouts, and Girl Scouts along with boys and girls that are associated with the Troop family. The first delivery is sent at 1 p.m. and the entire program is completed by 5 p.m.

The Troop is looking for help from the community in the form of donations of money, toys, vegetables, hams, or turkeys. They are also looking for individuals that might want to spend an hour or two helping on that afternoon. If you can help please send your contribution to Boy Scout Troop 106, PO Box 216, Columbia City, Oregon 97018, or call Bill Reese at (971) 328-2344, or email him at [foresttoday@outlook.com](mailto:foresttoday@outlook.com) for a pick-up of your item.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Storytime is back! Join us at 11:00 am on Mondays to listen to a story or two and check out books.

**Found Items.** Did your twin toddlers lose their boots? We have two pairs of boots in the library that someone is missing.

**Open House at the Library.** Come to our open house at the library on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm. We'll have hot apple cider and cookies, a raffle and the St. Helens Public Library Ukulele

Orchestra at 1:00. Browse our Second Hand Prose shelves for your holiday reading material



or Christmas gifts! We hope to see a lot of you!

**Volunteer Opportunities.** We can always use volunteers at the library. We have identified some things that can be done from your home – please visit with us to see if you can help!

**New Books at the Library:** We added 86 books to the Library in the last month, including 6 large print books. Noteworthy books include:



*The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis* by Elizabeth Letts (past best seller)  
*Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land (recent best seller)  
*Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* by Caroline Fraser  
*Transcription* by Kate Atkinson (recent best seller)  
*The Deserter* by Nelson DeMille (best seller)  
*All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin (best seller)  
*The Guardians* by John Grisham (best seller)  
*Cemetery Road* by Greg Iles (recent best seller)  
*Field of Bones* by J.A. Jance (best seller)  
*The 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas* by James Patterson (best seller)  
*Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny (best seller, in regular and large print)  
*The Reckoning* by John Grisham (in large print)

### Library Hours:

Monday and Tuesday 10 am to 2 pm  
Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 6 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm  
Closed Christmas Eve, December 24  
Closed Christmas Day, December 25  
Closed New Year's Eve – December 31

### Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

### Open House:

Saturday, December 7, 10 am to 2 pm

**NO - Friends of the Library Meeting**

**NO - Mystery Book Club**

**NO - Novel Quilters**

### Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street / PO Box 189

503-366-8020 / [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com)

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>



**SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS  
A THING OF THE PAST**

Sustainable Shopping Initiative (HB 2509) impact:

Beginning January 1, 2020, retail establishments, including grocery stores and restaurants, will be prohibited from providing single-use plastic bags to customers and it places restrictions on other checkout bags they may provide. Recycled paper bags (contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled fiber), or thicker reusable plastic bags may be offered instead, but Retailers will be required to charge at least a five cent pass-through charge (with some exceptions). The thin plastic bags used for produce, meat and bulk bins will still be available.



This initiative hopes to reduce plastic pollution and encourage Oregonians to put those reusable bags to work!

**SERGEANT'S CORNER**

**Vehicle Ready.** With the arrival of fall our days become shorter and the temperatures are lower. This is a good time to check your vehicle over. Make sure all the lights are working and it is in good mechanical

condition. You should also carry a few extra items with you in the event of a break down or if weather conditions change and you become stranded. Extra clothing, a heavy jacket, blanket, snacks and water and medications are a few items that could help you survive or make you more comfortable during a roadside event. Planning ahead makes for safer travels.



New this month we will start providing call information from around the city. During the month of October we made two warrant arrest on Hwy 30 near A Street. One theft report in the 3200 block of Sixth Street. One criminal trespass arrest in the 300 block of A Street. Found property in the 1700 block of First Street. 5 welfare checks, 4 suspicious vehicles, 2 suspicious persons, 3 assist person calls, and 40 traffic stops.

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



**MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2019**



December 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am to 2:00 pm	The GGGGrinch & Cookies in the Community Hall
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Michael Allen Harrison concert in the Community Hall
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - cancelled
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day before Christmas Eve
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Christmas



# The GGGGrinch & Cookies



# Help Support Our Community Hall

**Saturday  
December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**11 am to 2 pm**

- 🍪 **Bring your cameras or phones and get your picture with The GGGGrinch and his friends**
- 🍪 **A variety of homemade cookies available for purchase**
- 🍪 **Purchase personally autographed photos of the GGGGrinch**

**All donations and  
proceeds go directly to  
the Community Hall**



For more information contact City Hall  
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# *Holiday Concert*

featuring

## *Michael Allen Harrison*

Monday, December 9th – 6 pm



*In addition to being a sought after producer, composer and arranger, Michael Allen Harrison is a well-known concert pianist who has been in the music scene for over two decades.*

**Tickets: \$20.00 per person**

Food and drinks sold separately during the event  
*Seating is limited! Purchase your tickets now!!!*

### **Event Location:**

*Columbia City Community Hall 1850 Second St, Columbia City, Oregon*

All event proceeds will benefit  
Our Community Hall

**Purchase tickets at City Hall in Columbia City**  
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# Holiday Bake Sale

**Place your order now!**

A group of skilled bakers has offered to make homemade goodies for the Christmas holiday. Prices are \$18 for each delicious treat. Order now to add them to your holiday tradition! All proceeds benefit the Community Hall. Limited quantities of each item.

→ **Orders will be accepted at City Hall until 5 pm on Monday, December 16.**

→ **Pick up baked goods at City Hall on Monday, December 23 between 9 am and 4 pm.**

**Note:** Special pick-up dates may be available upon request - please inquire at City Hall.

→ **To order, complete the form on the back side of this page and return it to City Hall, 1840 Second Street, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018 with your payment.**



**How many?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate fudge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peanut Butter Clouds  
(clusters of peanuts, marshmallows & rice crispies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cranberry bread  nuts  no nuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pumpkin cream cheese bread
- \_\_\_\_\_ Banana bread  nuts  no nuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Apple crisp
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peach rhubarb crumble
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate cream pie
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pumpkin pie
- \_\_\_\_\_ Apple pie  regular  Dutch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Sugar Pound Cake
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cherry Cheese Cake

**\$18.00 each – place your orders now!  
Orders due by 5 pm on 12/16  
Pick up items 12/23 from 9 am - 4 pm**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your phone number

**Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*Payment must accompany your order*