

# Columbia City Newsletter



## February 2019



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### RIVERS WALK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, our citizens, elected officials, and city staff pride themselves in representing the City of Columbia City, Oregon in being a “City of Beauty and Livability”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that in order to achieve this mutual representative ideal, exemplary municipal leadership and tireless effort are required; and

**WHEREAS**, Leahnette Rivers, in her capacity as City Administrator for the City of Columbia City, continuously represented these traits in the pursuit of improving the quality of life for all citizens through her work in the Columbia City Parks system; and

**WHEREAS**, the successful grant application in securing \$41,460.00 in grant funding, and countless hours of coordination efforts specific to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department McBride Creek Trail System – Phase I RTP Grant are just one example of these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Leahnette Rivers continually displayed these traits during her nineteen year tenure as City Administrator for the City of Columbia City, Oregon.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Casey Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Columbia City, do hereby proclaim that the McBride Creek Trail System located within the City of Columbia City, Oregon be named, upon its dedication, as “**Rivers Walk**”.



### AFTER HOURS WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

When City Hall and Public Works offices are closed and an urgent water or sewer situation arises, call **(503) 397-1521**. The dispatcher will contact the appropriate person to respond to the situation.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Trash, recycle and yard debris containers:** Store trash, recycle and yard debris containers on private property. Move them into the street right-of-way for servicing, and remove them from the street right-of-way after servicing.



Trash containers, recycle bins, and yard debris bins should not be stored on the street or on the sidewalk where they obstruct views, impede traffic, and/or block on-street parking spaces.

**Tree permits:** If you plan to trim or remove a tree on your property that may fall into the public right-of-way, you must first obtain a Tree Falling Permit from City Hall. These permits are free of charge.

**Pick up after your pets:** All pet owners must pick up after their pets!



### Kennels are prohibited!

Kennels are defined as any location where four or more dogs, cats or other small animals are kept for the business of boarding, training, propagation or sale.

### Burning garbage or trash is prohibited!

Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

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.



## SPRING CLEAN UP COMING SOON!

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, unwanted items, etc. The date of the annual Spring Cleanup Day will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter!



## TEA WITH TEDDY

The Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, will host a high tea with sweet and savory snacks, tea and a program featuring a Teddy Roosevelt Recreator. The event is on Sunday, February 10, 2019, from 2 to 4 pm. The cost is \$25.00 for adults, children under 12 are \$12.50. Premium Seats at the Head Table with Teddy are \$35.00, limited number of seats available. For reservations and tickets call (503) 397-5390.



## VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARKS

A number of hard working volunteers in our community make huge contributions towards the quality of life our City residents enjoy! We want to express our sincere appreciation for their efforts.

The City is also looking for citizens willing to volunteer a couple of hours every few weeks to help pull weeds and/or prune in any of our City's Parks.

If you are interested please contact Sally Ann Marson at her email: [marson3193@comcast.net](mailto:marson3193@comcast.net) or attend a Parks Committee Meeting which are typically held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

***Only a life lived for others is worth living.  
-Albert Einstein***

## BIRD FEEDER RAFFLE

Columbia City resident John Weinman generously donated a hand crafted bird feeder to the City. It was decided to raffle the bird feeder to benefit the continuing needs of the Columbia City Community Hall. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the City's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Benefit Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Tickets are available at City Hall.



## BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER

Now is the time of year to renew business licenses for 2019. Be advised that late fees or penalties may apply if the license is not purchased prior to starting work. Business license applications are available on our website at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org). If you have any questions about business licenses please contact City Hall.



## EASTER BREAKFAST-BEFORE THE EGG HUNT

Save the date... Saturday, April 20, 2019 for our strawberry pancake breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Columbia City Community Hall.

Adults \$10.00 and children age 10 and under \$8.00. Funds raised benefit the Columbia City Community Hall.

Rumor has reached City Hall the Grinch has turned his sights on another holiday! Will he try to steal Easter? Is the Easter Bunny his next target? Stay tuned!

## HOW TO SHELTER IN PLACE DURING A CHEMICAL OR RADIATION EMERGENCY

**What Shelter-in-Place Means:** One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe at times when an evacuation would be more risky. (This is not the same thing as going to a shelter in case of a storm.) Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building.

**Why You Might Need to Shelter-in-Place:** Chemical, biological or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally, by a truck, a train, or a facility, or intentionally by a terrorist. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities by television and radio stations, by a telephone call through the Columbia Alert Network (CAN), and by social media technologies on how to protect you and your family. The important thing is for you to follow the instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-in-place, also keep a television or radio on to receive further information and instructions.

### How to Shelter-in-Place:

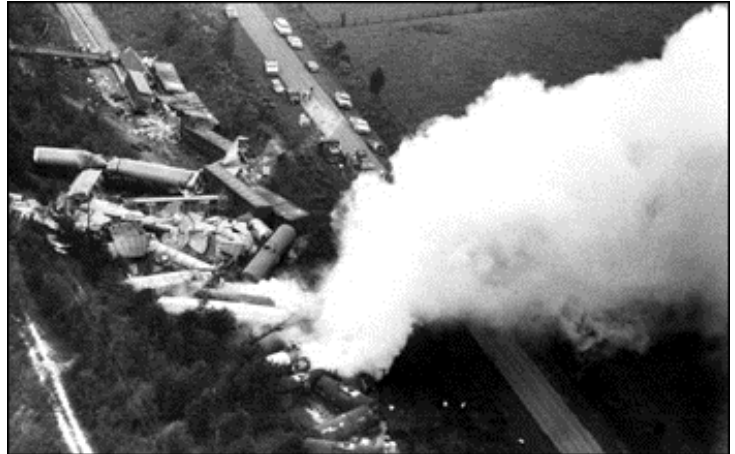
Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.

- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds or curtains.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Get your family disaster supplies kit and make sure the radio is working.
- Go to an interior room without windows that's above ground level. In the case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air, and may seep into basements even if the windows are closed.
- Bring your pets with you, and be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them.
- It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Call your emergency contact and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition.
- If possible, you may want to use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal any large cracks around the door and any

vents into the room. This is only an extra precaution.

- Keep listening to your radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation in specific areas at greatest risk in your community.

Local officials on the scene are the best source of information for your particular situation. Following their instructions during and after emergencies regarding shelter, food, water and clean up methods is your safest choice.



*Anhydrous ammonia escapes from a derailed train in Florida.*

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Winter Warning.** Every winter local law enforcement respond to stolen vehicle reports that have occurred while a person has left their car running to thaw out and let the windows defrost. Auto theft is a crime of opportunity. Please don't provide that opportunity. Adding a remote start will help prevent someone from stealing your car, and it is less expensive than most insurance deductibles. Think safety and security first!



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

## LIBRARY NEWS

Donate books! We're always happy to take them for the library or for our book sale. Then check our sale shelves and take a different one home.

**Columbia City After School Program:** Again this year, during the month of February, your library volunteers are providing an after school enrichment program for elementary students. The three sessions will feature, art, nature and science in fun and interactive ways. All Kindergarten through Third grade children at Columbia City School are invited to participate, but the class size is limited, so sign up soon. To register, email: [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com) before February 8.

**City Celebration Kickoff:** We will hold our Columbia City Celebration kickoff meeting on Monday, February 11 at 6:00 pm. If you've been helping us, or are interested in joining our group, please be there!

**New Books at the Library:** We added 164 new items to the library this month, including 35 videos! Check out the new books shelf at the library, it changes every week.

*Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through his Son's Addiction* by David Sheff (Best seller)  
*Anything You Can Imagine: Peter Jackson and the making of Middle-Earth* by Ian Nathan  
*The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo* by Amy Schumer (past best seller)  
*The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham (best seller)  
*Winter Storms* by Elin Hilderbrand  
*The Forbidden Door* by Dean Koontz  
*Sulfur Springs* by William Kent Krueger

### Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3 - 6 pm  
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

### City Celebration Planning:

Monday, February 11 at 6 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, February 18 at 6 pm

### Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm

### Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, February 27 at 7 pm

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## WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

Columbia City residents can take an active role in protecting the City's drinking water from contamination.

**Participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Event:** The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a **free** Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 8 am to noon**. For more information regarding the event or any other solid waste issues, see the full article on page 5 or contact the Columbia County Transfer Station by calling (503) 366-2613.

### **Substitute less hazardous substances for products used in the home:**

- Read the label before you buy, and buy the least-hazardous product available to do the job.
- Buy fragrance-free when possible. Perfumes and fragrances can contain hazardous chemicals and trigger an asthma attack or affect those with sensitive skin.
- Buy the least harmful garden products. Consult the Grow Smart Grow Safe: A Gardener's Guide website at [www.growsmartgrowsafe.org](http://www.growsmartgrowsafe.org) or download the Grow Smart iPhone App.
- Choose products that carry the "Safer Choice" label which identifies products that meet the U.S. EPA Safer Product Standards.
- Choose safer art supplies, toys, and plastics and avoid products that contain mercury.



### **When using products at home:**

- Follow product label instructions.
- Never mix household cleaning products - some mixtures make a poisonous gas.
- Use safer methods for common household jobs such as hand washing, laundry, painting, etc.

### **Car care:**

- Check your car for oil or other fluid leaks, and repair leaks quickly.
- Dispose of waste oil properly - never in drains or on the ground. Recycle oil at a car care center or hazardous waste center.

## LOST AND FOUND

A pair of gray gloves were found on the 3100 block of Sixth Street. If you think they might be yours, please contact City Hall.

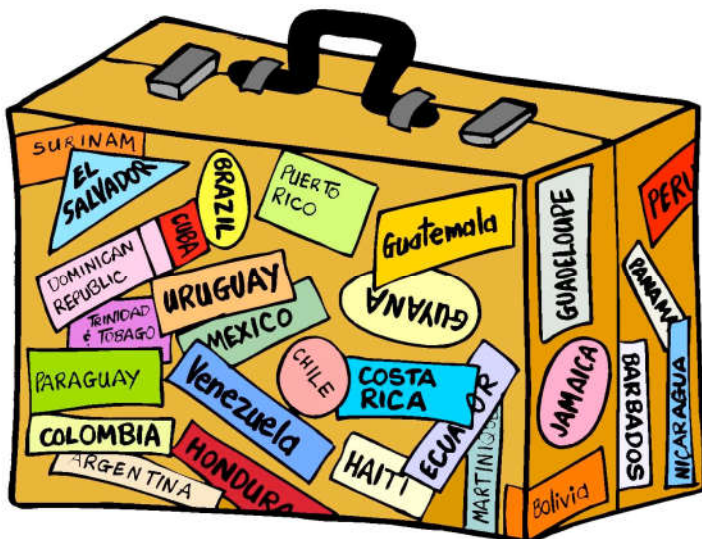
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT  
CHAPTER ADDED TO DEVELOPMENT CODE**

In January the Planning Commission approved and recommended to the City Council proposed amendments to the Columbia City Comprehensive Plan Goal 9, relating to the City of Columbia City Economic Opportunities Analysis Report and the addition of a Short Term Rental Units Chapter 7.95 to the Columbia City Development Code.

The City Council will be holding public hearings on these matters on Thursday, February 7, 2019 and a second reading will occur on Thursday, February 21, 2019. Both meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to submit written testimony prior to the hearings or at the hearings. Public testimony, recommendations, decisions on the above public meeting items must be based on findings that a specific set of criteria have been or have not been met. Comments submitted in regard to these matters should be directed toward applicable sections of Title 7 of the Columbia City Development Code. 7.160.060 (Procedures for Decision Making: Legislative). Any person that submits written or oral comments shall receive notice of the decision. Failure to raise an issue at the hearings or by letter or failure to be specific enough to give City Council the opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue.

The proposed amendments and all related documents will be available for review at City Hall located at 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon. Copies can also be purchased at cost.



**HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 8 am to noon**. The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Lawn/garden chemicals-fertilizers
- ✓ Pesticides/herbicides
- ✓ Light ballasts
- ✓ Fluorescent lights
- ✓ Art/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries - car, rechargeable & button
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel
- ✓ Cleaners/disinfectants
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Fireworks/flares
- ✓ Small Arms Ammunition
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane tanks
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders
- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Aerosol Products

***Bring product in original container and  
secure your load***

Items **NOT** accepted during the event:

- ⊗ Garbage or trash
- ⊗ Asbestos
- ⊗ Unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals or medicine - *St. Helens Police Department accepts unused prescriptions*

The following are not household hazardous waste and are accepted at the Transfer Station anytime, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm:

- Latex and acrylic paint, oil-based paint, enamel, stains, lacquers, shellacs, varnishes, primers
- Used motor oil
- Medical sharps - *must be in sealed, puncture-proof containers (available at local pharmacies, at the Transfer Station scale house, or Walmart)*

**WATER CONSERVATION TIP**

Turn off the water to brush teeth, shave and soap up in the shower. Fill sink to shave

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

February 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Streets Committee Meeting at City Hall
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on President's Day
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Committee Meeting at City Hall
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall



**The Columbia City Veterans Park  
BRICK ORDER FORM  
(4" x 8" Quarry Paver Tiles)**

Purchaser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_


Please spell out in the above space exactly how you would like your brick to appear.  
Maximum 17 character spaces per line (including commas and spaces)  
Maximum of 3 lines of lettering

**I have double-checked the spelling on the form above and would like the brick engraved as I have it.**

**PRICE: \$75.00 per brick  
(4" x 8" Quarry Paver Tiles)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

Make checks payable to Columbia City