



# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## January 2019

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New City Administrator, Michael McGlothlin, in sworn in by retiring City Administrator, Leahnette Rivers, during a December City Council Meeting.



The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event was a huge success!! Thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who participated in granting not only Christmas wish list items, but much needed winter necessities. Many thanks to our local Walmart staff for being amazing community partners.

### **Special thanks to our 2018 Shop with a Cop Sponsors!**

Walmart  
Sally Ann and Leonard Marson  
L. Lee Phillips  
Silas Hough  
Joann and Thomas Hugh  
Gordon and Gail Thistle

**Thank you!!!**

### **COLUMBIA CITY STUDENTS WIN VFW ESSAY CONTESTS**

Columbia City resident Alexis Jenkins recently won the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1440's Patriot Pen Contest with her essay, "Why I honor the American Flag." She then went on to win at the District level. Alexis, who is in the 7th grade, will now move on to compete against 13 other District winners for the State Title. The State Title winner will be announced in January.



Alexis Jenkins (left) and Maria Burns (right) winners of recent VFW Essay Contests.

Another Columbia City resident Maria Burns, currently in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, also recently won the local VFW Post 1440's Voice of Democracy Contest for her essay, "Why My Vote Matters." Maria was last year's Voice of Democracy District winner.

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

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.



## HOLIDAY TIME RECYCLING

Christmas trees, greeting cards and wrapped presents brighten homes and warm our hearts. After the holidays, however, sometimes these holiday items end up in our garbage. That means they will go to the landfill, even though they could have been recycled. When you consider the trees, cards, wrapping paper, envelopes and the stamps, that's a lot of trees cut down for our holiday enjoyment.

### **Why should I recycle my tree?**

Recycling your tree "gives back" to the environment as trees are composted for garden mulch. Mulch provides a protective barrier for the roots of other plants while suppressing weeds and holding in moisture. As the mulch decomposes, it provides nutrients that plants need.



### **Tree Recycling Tips:**

- Recycle your tree and support Boy Scout Troop 106 in Columbia County. The Scouts offer two recycling options:
  - ✓ Drop your tree off in the drop box at Lawrence Oil in St. Helens for \$7.50.
  - ✓ Schedule curbside pickup for \$9.50. Curbside pickup will be offered starting on December 31 and then January 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9. To schedule a curbside pickup, call Bill Reese at (971) 328-2344, or e-mail him at [foresttoday@outlook.com](mailto:foresttoday@outlook.com).
- If you have yard debris service, you may recycle your tree by cutting it up and placing it inside your yard debris cart. It must fit entirely in your cart.
- Beaver Bark in Scappoose will process your old tree into compost for a minimum charge of \$15.
- Recycle your whole tree at the Columbia County Transfer Station. The minimum load fee of \$21.75 will apply.



Before recycling or composting discarded trees, be sure to remove the tinsel, plastic and other non-recyclable ornaments.

### **Wrapping Paper, Gift Boxes, Greeting Card Tips:**

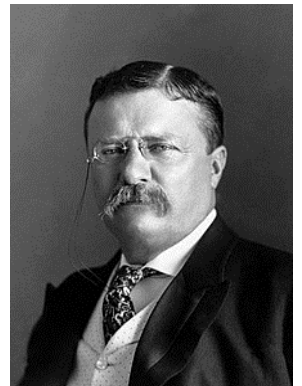
Save used wrapping paper, gift boxes, bows and ribbons this Christmas and reuse it all next year.

- Recycle your non-shiny or non-glittering wrapping paper, the cardboard roll the paper is wound around, tissue paper, gift boxes and tags by placing these items in your co-mingle bin or roll cart.
- You can recycle your greeting cards by donating them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The program accepts all types of greeting cards. Only the card front can be used, (please check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing etc.) they are not able to accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards. 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred. Mail donations to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Recycled Card Program, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. Currently, they have found the least expensive way to mail large quantities of card donations is through the USPS in a Flat Rate Box which holds up to 70 pounds (available at the Post Office). The ranch provides counseling and opportunities for troubled youth. The kids operate a business taking used greeting cards, creating new ones and selling the results. The kids earn money, experience and a sense of purpose through this program. For more information visit their website: [www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/](http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program/).

**Electronic Recycling Tips:** Electronics can be recycled for FREE at any time during regular business hours at the Columbia County Transfer Station on Railroad Ave. in St. Helens.

## 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, Premium Seat at the Head Table with Teddy



\$35.00 and \$12.50 for children 12 & under. For reservations and tickets call (503) 397-5390 or send an email to [capleshouse@comcast.net](mailto:capleshouse@comcast.net).



## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR 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, or
- Let you know your dog was spotted near Highway 30, or
- Contact you in the event of an emergency.

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. To update your contact information, please email the information to [colcity@columbia-city.org](mailto:colcity@columbia-city.org) or call City Hall 503-397-4010.



## LOST AND FOUND



Are you missing a pair of gloves found behind the Community Hall or an earring found in front of the Community Hall? If so, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010 – we might have your lost property.

Also a ring was found on First Street near the school in mid-December. Call 503-397-1956 if you think it belongs to you.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Recreational vehicles:** 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.

**Home occupations:** Under certain conditions, residents may use their home to engage in small-

scale business ventures which might not be sustainable if it were necessary to lease commercial space. All home occupations require a permit.

**Sidewalks:** The owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of yard debris, snow, ice, other obstructions and repair any damage.

**Solicitation permit:** The City requires a City business license and 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 business license and solicitation permit, and report violators to the City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010 or the non-emergency dispatch at (503) 397-1521.

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Speed Limits in Our Residential Areas.** The past several weeks has seen an increase in citizen reports of speeding in residential areas of our community. As a reminder, the speed limit on city streets is set at 25 m.p.h. Please watch for children walking/waiting at the bus stops alongside the roads during these days of longer night time hours.



**Misuse of a Special Left Turn Lane, ORS: 811.346.** As a reminder Columbia City has a special left turn lane that runs most of the way through the city. This lane is designated for turning into and out of. Once you enter this lane, you're required to stop. You are not allowed to travel any distance in this lane. Once traffic is clear you can move into the right lane and accelerate or make a left turn across the highway. If you travel in this lane for any purpose other than to make a turn you will be in violation of the law and subject to being issued a citation. This is a (B) traffic violation and has a bail of \$265.00.

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).

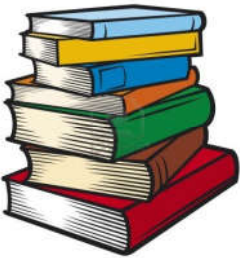
Best Regards ~ Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have a great selection of books, movies and audiobooks for you during these wet, dark weeks of winter. Please make use of your library, our staff loves to see people come in!

**Columbia City After School Program:** We are doing another after school program for K-3rd grade children at the Columbia City School. The program will be held on Wednesdays in February. The themes will be Art, Science and Nature. If you are interested in helping, we are interested in including you! Please contact us at the library.

**New Books at the Library:** We added 83 items to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:



*Reader's Digest North American Wildlife* (we have lots of bird and reptile ID books – this includes mammals!)  
*Unlikely Loves: 43 Heartwarming True Stories From the Animal Kingdom* by Jennifer Holland (past NYT Best seller)

*Gone with the Gin: Cocktails with a Hollywood Twist* by Tim Federie (cute title, right?)

*Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris (past NYT Best Seller)

*Past Tense* by Lee Child (NYT Best Seller)

*Adultery* by Paulo Coelho (Past NYT Best Seller)

*Shadow Tyrants* by Clive Cussler (NYT Best Seller)

*The Reckoning* by John Grisham (NYT Best Seller)

*All She Left Behind* by Jane Kirkpatrick (popular author)

*Secrets in Death* by J.D. Robb (recent NYT Best Seller)

### Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3 pm - 6 pm

Saturday 10 am – 2 pm

### Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 pm

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, January 21, 6 pm

### Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, January 30, 7 pm

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Reach our catalog:  
columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*

*William Arthur Ward*

## GET READY FOR WINTER STORMS

1. Minimize the impact of rainwater and melting snow by clearing walkways and keeping leaf piles and debris out of the street and storm drains.
2. Report flooding, downed trees, storm system problems, backed up sewer, and other similar problems to the Public Works Department by calling (503) 366-0454 during regular work hours, or by calling (503) 397-1521 (dispatch) after hours and on weekends.
3. Free sand bags can be picked up at the City Shop, 1755 Second Place, anytime during a declared flood-related emergency.
4. Keep snow from piling up on flat rooftops. In the event of accumulation, heavy snow load can cause structural failures.
5. Listen for unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. If you think there is danger of a landslide, leave immediately.
6. Assume highways are not safe. Be alert when driving, especially at night. Don't overdrive your headlights. It should take your car four seconds to catch up to the spot where your low beams were originally at. Embankments along road sides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.
7. Remember to check on your elderly or disabled neighbors, friends and family.

## FOOD & WATER IN AN EMERGENCY

**Nutrition Tips:** During and after a disaster, it is vital that you maintain your strength. Remember the following:

- Eat at least one well-balanced meal each day.
- Drink enough liquid to enable your body to function properly (two quarts or a half gallon per day).
- Take in enough calories to enable you to do any necessary work.
- Include vitamin, mineral and protein supplements in your stockpile to ensure adequate nutrition.

## PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

At your request, the Columbia City Police Department will periodically check on 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 line at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org). This free service is available to all Columbia City residents.



## RESOURCES FOR WINTER TRAVEL

ODOT offers travel information via the Internet, by phone, and on cable TV. Visit ODOT'S travel information website at [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com). In addition to text-based reports, the site offers camera images from urban areas, mountain passes, and other key locations throughout the state. Maps detail road conditions and trouble spots and include information about weather, road construction and maintenance work, and traffic incidents.

In the Portland area, a speed map provides average travel times for local commuters and other highway users. You can also develop a custom camera page to check specific routes at a glance. The QuickCheck page brings camera and incident information together in a text-based format for easy access.

TripCheck.com has links to bus, airport, train, bicycle and trucking information. A mileage calculator allows you to estimate distance and choose the most direct route. Other features include detailed information on scenic byways, safety rest areas, and SnoParks.

Motorists can access ODOT's *Oregon Winter Driving Guide* at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/winter-driving-guide.pdf).

Travelers in Oregon can dial 511 to access TripCheck road and weather information by phone. You can select updated reports about driving conditions by highway, mountain pass, or major city from easy-to-use menus. The 511 system responds to voice as well as touch-tone commands. Calls to 511 are local calls when dialed from a pay or wire line phone. Wireless phone users are responsible for airtime and roaming charges according to their service contracts. If you cannot use 511, call toll-free 1 (800) 977-6368 for road and weather information. Outside Oregon, call (503) 588-2941.

## *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

**\$20.00/hour or \$200/full day**  
**\$30 food/beverage fee**  
**\$200 liquor fee**

[www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org)

Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

## **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.



## ABOUT HOME FIRES

If a fire starts in your home, you may have just a minute or two to escape. The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. 60 percent of house fire deaths occur in



homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help. If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, cover your face, drop to the ground and roll back and forth. STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

### Smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms once a month. If they are not working, change the batteries.

**Fire extinguishers:** Purchase an A-B-C- type fire extinguisher and teach all responsible family members how to use it. Fire extinguishers are for small fires only. When using one, stand back ten feet from the fire, keep your back to an exit and remember the PASS sequence:

- **P**ull the pin out.
- **A**im the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze or press the handle.
- **S**weep from side to side at the base of the fire.

## FIRE SAFETY

Each year, fires take lives and burn numerous structures resulting in mounting costs that have enormous impacts on families, communities and businesses. Fires also have devastating impacts on

the environment and wildlife. Below is a list of zero and low cost safety precaution measures you can take to protect your home and workplace:

### Candles:

- Ensure candles are in sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down. Most importantly, keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Never leave the house with candles burning and never leave burning candles unattended.

### Electrical:

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- When buying electrical appliances look for products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.

### Gas:

- When lighting a gas fireplace or gas space heater, strike your match first, then turn on the gas.
- Never use a gas range as a substitute for a furnace or space heater.

### Additional Tips:

- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop for use only on small fires. If there is a large fire, leave immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2019

January 1st	CLOSED	New Year's Day
January 3rd	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 10th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
January 15th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
January 17th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 21st	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 28th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall

