

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019



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SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

At the Regular City Council Meeting on May 16, 2019, the Council voted to approve the recommended 3% increase to the City's sewer rates. The proposal for the 3% increase in sewer usage rates, as recommended by the City Administrator, was based upon a utility rate study and included an adjustment to commercial and industrial usage fees based upon their most recent winter water usage history. The new sewer rates will take effect on June 26, 2019 and show up on the July 26, 2019 bills.

Monthly Sewer Rates		
Residential Connection	Current	Adopted
Minimum Base Rate	\$41.2000	\$42.4400
Usage Fee (per cf of water Oct-May)	\$0.0077	\$0.0079
Usage Fee (per cf of water Jun-Sep)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000

cf = cubic foot

More information about the proposed rates may be obtained by contacting City Hall.

The additional revenue will help pay for operation and maintenance costs associated with the sewer utility system, make annual debt payments, meet loan debt coverage requirements and complete necessary capital improvements.

Water rates are not expected to change in the coming year.

LOST AND FOUND

- Paperback book found on Seventh Street.
 - Contact lenses in case found near City Hall.
 - Sunglasses left behind at City Hall.



VETERANS PARK 5TH WALL COMPLETE

Just in time for this year's Memorial Day event, the 5th wall honoring Veterans was completed.



Special thank you to Julie Heiselt, with Geneva Floor Coverings and Leahnette Rivers, Columbia City resident, for their hard work laying the bricks.

Honor a special veteran by purchasing an engraved brick for \$75. You may also purchase a brick as a sponsor. Sponsor bricks are located on the ground portion of each wall and also cost \$75. All of the proceeds from engraved brick sales are used to maintain the Veterans Park.

Ice Cream Social Sing-Along

Caples House Museum

1925 First Street

Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 2-4 pm

Sundaes \$3, Family Group Rate \$12

There will be a patriotic and folk song sing-along!



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Fireworks - many types are prohibited! Cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels are permitted. All other exploding fireworks are

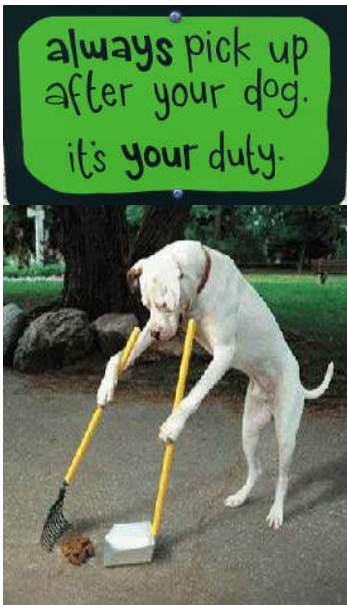


prohibited by City Ordinance and Oregon State Law. Refer to ORS 480.110 through 480.165 for additional information.

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. The owner of the RV or boat must reside on the property.

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's right-of-way, including streets, alleys and sidewalks. Property owners or other persons in charge of the property must keep weeds, grass and other noxious growth, such as poison oak, cut and maintained to prevent them from becoming unsightly or a fire hazard, or to prevent them from maturing and going to seed. Violators can be cited into Municipal Court. Additionally, the City may abate the nuisance and lien the property for the costs.



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

To report violations, please contact the City Hall - (503) 397-4010. Thank you.

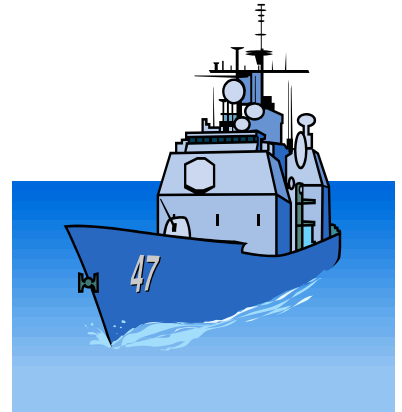
BUDGET HEARING – JUNE 20, 2019

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on June 20, 2019 to accept testimony about the budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 as approved by the Columbia City Budget Committee.

A full copy of the budget may be inspected at the City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK

The Rose Festival Fleet Week is June 5 through June 9, 2019. Since the very beginning of the Rose Festival in 1907, visiting ships have been making their way to Portland's waterfront. Ships usually sail by Columbia City the first



two days of that week, but there are no specific times for their arrival. For more information go to <http://www.rosefestival.org/event/fleet-week>.

COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRTS ON SALE

All Columbia City T-shirts are on sale at City Hall for \$10 each. Limited quantities and sizes.

Stop by City Hall and get yours.



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. This free service is available to all Columbia City residents.



HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 8 a.m. to noon**. The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers & poisons
- ✓ Light ballasts - *remove from light fixture*
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Art/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries - *only car, rechargeable, button - no alkaline batteries*
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel/fuels
- ✓ Household cleaners/detergents/disinfectants
- ✓ Fireworks/flares
- ✓ Ammunition
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane tanks & bottles
- ✓ PCB's
- ✓ Paint spray cans, auto & marine paint

***Bring products in their 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*
- ⊗ Liquid in containers larger than 5 gallons

The following are not household hazardous waste and are accepted at the Transfer Station anytime, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

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

Toxic.Free.Home.



Participate In Your Local Household Hazardous Waste Roundups

THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

1601 Railroad Avenue
St. Helens OR 97051

Regular Business Hours:
Open Monday – Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm

*If you have any questions about hazardous collection
events, please call:
(503) 397-7259*

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL

- Don't ever pour oil, fat or grease down your garbage disposal. When grease cools, it hardens and will clog your drain.
- Don't put rice or pasta down your garbage disposal. Why? Because when these food items get wet, they expand – which could cause irritating clogs.
- Keep the eggshells away! Eggshells tend to get caught on garbage disposal blades and can cause major headaches over time.
- Any food that have fiber strands, like potatoes, lettuce, onion skins, asparagus, or celery can also get caught on garbage disposal blades. Compost these items – do not put them down your garbage disposal!

SEWER EMERGENCIES

If you experience a sewer emergency, such as sewage backing up into your home, or you are experiencing a strong sewer smell, please:

**CALL PUBLIC WORKS
IMMEDIATELY**

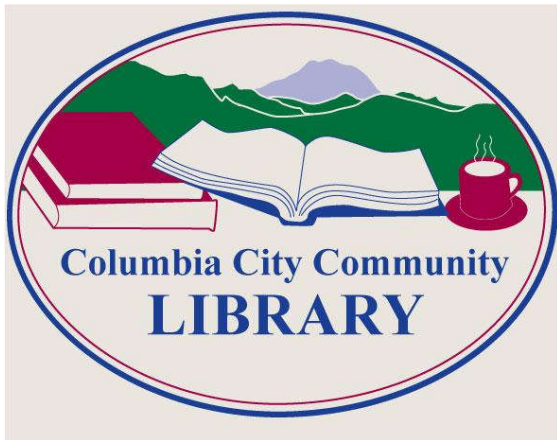
Office: (503) 366-0454
After Hours: (503) 397-1521

LIBRARY NEWS

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

We are looking for silent auction donations. If you have an item you'd like to donate, please bring it to the library. Remember to be sure you pass on the value of your donations so we can start minimum bids appropriately. Thanks for all your support of the library!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: A Universe of Stories will be our theme for this year's summer reading program. We will explore the universe and start our reading logs beginning Monday, June 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the library. Join us for an adventure!



NEW BOOKS: We added 57 items to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

The Best American Mystery Stories 2015, introduced by James Patterson
The Longevity Diet, by Valter Longo
Born to Run, by Bruce Springsteen
Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit, by Christopher Matthews
Redemption, by David Baldacci (NYT best seller)
Look Alive Twenty-Five, by Janet Evanovich (NYT best seller)
The Painted Queen, by Elizabeth Peters
Lives of the Scientists: Experiments, Explosions (and what the neighbors thought) by Kathleen Krull (Juvenile science)
Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, movie

Browse our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 3-6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

City Celebration Planning Meeting
Tuesday, June 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Program starts
Monday, June 17 – 2:30 p.m.
Friends of the Library Meeting
Monday, June 17 - 6 p.m.
Novel Quilters
Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Club
Wednesday, June 26 - 7 p.m.

2000 2nd Street, PO Box 189, Columbia City
503-366-8020 ccclibrary@live.com

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

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Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

SERGEANTS CORNER



Construction time. With the nice weather upon us we will be having several construction projects within our city. Currently we have a project going on, on the eastside of the highway that

will require various road closures while they dig up some utility lines to be upgraded. This will cause some traffic to be re-routed with local access only at times. Please be cautious of the construction workers within those areas. If you have to wait to get through, turn up some music or your favorite talk show and be patient. They will get you through as rapidly as they can.

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

MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Mayor Casey Wheeler will be holding his quarterly listening session with any interested citizens on Saturday, June 22nd from 9 to 11 am at the City Hall Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is for citizens to be able to have direct access to the Mayor to discuss any issues, concerns or compliments that they have about the City.

RECYCLING DONE RIGHT

Items should be **empty, clean, & dry**. Rinse only if needed.

hudsongarbage.com • 503-397-1534

RECYCLE CART

PLASTIC



Bottles



Jugs



Tubs

NO CLAMSHELLS, DELI, OR MICROWAVE CONTAINERS

NO



Bags, Hoses, Cups, Lids, Clamshells, Styrofoam™

PAPER



Paper



Cardboard

Cartons



Paperboard

NO



To Go Boxes, Shredded Paper, Paper Towels, Dirty Paper, Cups

METAL



Aluminum, Steel, Tin Cans



Aerosol Cans



Aluminum Trays

NO



Propane Tanks, Auto Parts, Sharp Items

TRANSFER STATION

Glass and electronics **cannot** be recycled in your curbside cart. Please recycle these items at the transfer station.

ELECTRONICS



Laptops, TVs, Monitors
Portable DVD Players

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars

NO COOKWARE, DISHWARE, OR PLATE GLASS

COLUMBIA CITY VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

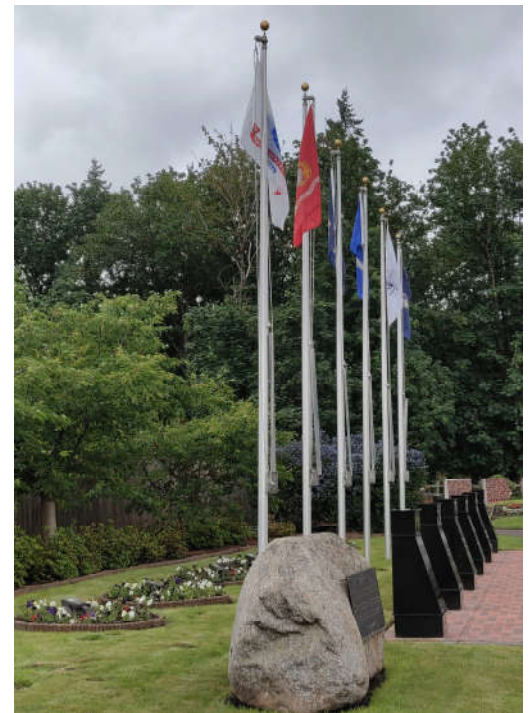
The Memorial Day event was well attended! Thank you to all who participated and attended.
Special thank you to **Starbucks** for donating the coffee!



Oregon State Representative, Brad Witt provided the Welcome.



Columbia Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol raised the United States and POW/MIA flags.



United States Service Branch Flags.



The Ceremony was enjoyed by all.



Columbia City Veterans Park ready to go for the City's 5th Memorial Day Ceremony



Local family enjoying cake provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Mt. St. Helens Chapter.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JUNE 2019

June 11 th	2:30 p.m.	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
June 18 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
June 20 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting/Budget Hearing at City Hall
June 24 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
June 25 th	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at Datis Park