

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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MEET WITH THE MAYOR

Mayor Casey Wheeler will hold the first quarterly listening session with any interested citizens on Saturday, March 16th 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.



ONLINE BILL ACCESS – AVAILABLE NOW

You can now access your water and sewer bills online. You can see your billing and usage history. Also save paper by signing up for e-bills and receive the newsletter electronically. See more details on the enclosed flyer.



Available at –
<https://columbiacity.merchantransact.com>

DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight-savings time begins at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10, 2019.



SPRING CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2019 8 AM TO NOON

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, solidified latex paint cans, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 13th, 2019, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your first two loads of yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE! Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, etc., and extra loads of yard debris will be accepted for a fee. More information will be in the next issue of the newsletter.



WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Check all outside garden hoses and hose connections for leaks from the winter's ravages.



RENEW YOUR COMMUNITY LINK TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WITH FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Don't forget! You need to re-link your Fred Meyer Rewards Account every year in order to continue to support the Columbia City Community Library with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card! Just go to the Fred Meyer website and link your Rewards account with the Columbia City Community Library!

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

- The outdoor storage of junk, rubbish, trash, and debris upon private property, alleys and streets is prohibited.
- Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited.
- Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of dental floss, diapers, wipes, shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.
- Property owners must keep sidewalks clear.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

Enjoy corned beef and cabbage, mashed Irish potatoes and dinner rolls. Irish song sing-a-long after dinner. **Saturday, March 17, 2019 at 6 pm, at the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street.** Adults \$20/Children 12 and under \$10. Registration is required by March 15. To register, please send an email to CaplesHouse@comcast.net or call (503) 397-5390.



A LOCAL SHOWCASE FOR TRILLIUM

From March through June, large-flowered trilliums bloom gracefully on the forest floor throughout Jim Bundy Memorial Park. The trillium has a large, often white, three-petaled flower above three broad leaves. Along with its three sepals, it's easy to see where trillium got its name. The plants are 8 - 18 inches high with a stem bearing a 2 - 4 inch flower. The white flowers turn pink with age. They grow in rich wooded areas, and trillium is often the first wildflower noticed by casual walkers as other spring wildflowers are much less apparent.

Trillium flowers should never be picked. The three leaves below the flower are the plant's only

food source and a picked trillium may die or take many years to recover. Trillium plants take 6 years to grow from seeds to flowers.

Trillium is one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants and mice. Trillium seeds have a fleshy organ called an elaiosome that attracts ants. The ants take the seeds to their nest, where they eat the elaiosomes and put the seeds in their garbage, where they are protected until they germinate. They also get the added bonus of growing in a medium made richer by the ant garbage.



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



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

www.columbia-city.org

Call (503) 397-4010 for availability

LIBRARY NEWS



The library needs a two or four drawer file cabinet that locks and a new public use computer. Contact the library if you have any of these items you would be willing to donate.

Columbia County Reads: The libraries in the county are reading Phillip Margolin's *Worthy Brown's Daughter* (fiction) and Gregory Nokes' *Breaking Chains* (nonfiction). Both books cover the story of a black man whose daughter was kept as a slave after they were brought to Oregon in 1844. Both authors will be speaking in four libraries April 25, 26, and 27. Watch for exact times and locations in next month's newsletter.



Second Hand Prose: We have a lot of music CDs available for sale at \$2.00 each. We also have a selection of movies and gently used book for purchase!

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: We launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) in Columbia County in July 2018. DPIL sends a hardcover book each month for children from birth to age five, free of charge to the family. 864 children are enrolled and our library has committed \$250 a year for three years to help fund the program. You can donate to United Way with a memo of DPIL to support the program. Sign up information for eligible children is available at the library.

New Books at the Library: We added 123 items to the library during the past month. Some recent additions to our library include:

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth (NYT best seller)
Blackberry Bakery Gluten-Free by Karen Morgan
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (audiobooks of entire series)
The Golden Tresses of the Dead by Alan Bradley (NYT best seller)
A Dog's Way Home by W. Bruce Cameron (NYT best seller)

The Paragon Hotel by Lyndsay Faye
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (NYT best seller)
Juror #3 by James Patterson (NYT best seller)
The House Next Door by James Patterson (NYT best seller)
Target Alex Cross by James Patterson
Charlie Wilson's War (video)
A Fish Called Wanda (video)
The Green Mile (video)

Library Hours

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

City Celebration Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 12 – 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, March 18 - 6 pm

Novel Quilters

Wednesday, March 20 - 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 27 - 7 pm

2000 Second Street / PO Box 189 / Columbia City
503-366-8020 / ccclibrary@live.com

Reach our catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

CITY HALL IS A COLLECTION POINT FOR BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION

Help support our local schools by clipping the "Box Tops for Education" and dropping them off at City Hall. Each Box Top clipping is worth 10 cents. Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of product packages. Some Box Top Certificates or other offers have extra bonus values. Visit www.boxtops4education.com/about for more information about the program.



BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

We currently have one vacancy on the Columbia City Budget Committee. 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.

RECEIVE CITY COMMITTEE AGENDAS AND MEETING MINUTES BY EMAIL

For those interested in receiving agendas and/or minutes from our various City Committees, or from our Regular City Council Meetings, please let us know. You can receive these materials, via email, from activities of the City Council, Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Building Appeals Board, Hazard Mitigation Planning Group, Parks Committee, Streets Committee, and the Water and Sewer Committee.

If interested, please send an email to colcity@columbia-city.org to be added to these distribution lists. When emailing, please specify if you would like to be added to either the "Minutes" or the "Agenda" list, or if you would like to be added to both. These lists are a great way to stay informed with what is happening within your local government!

Michael Allen Harrison

Concert

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, May 6 at 6 pm
Community Hall

OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED!

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 6th and end on Sunday, April 21st.** The burn period is for yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited. Yard debris is lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings, prunings, sawdust and wood scraps. It is **not** dirt, gravel, paper, plastic, metal, rocks, bricks, sod, or food waste.

Burn permits are required prior to burning! Permits may be obtained at City Hall, at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or online at www.cfrf.com. Permits are valid for one year and are free of charge. Please remember

you must call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

You must follow these basic rules for proper open burning:

- ❑ You must have a garden hose, or a shovel and a five-gallon bucket of water, at all times and the fire must **NOT** be left unattended at any time until out.
- ❑ Yard and garden trimmings must be cut and piled no larger than six feet wide by four feet high.
- ❑ The ground must be cleared not less than ten feet around the burning area. There must be a separation of 50 feet between the burn pile and any structure, trees, vehicle or property line if the burn pile is greater than three feet in diameter; and a 25 foot separation if the burn pile is less than three feet in diameter.
- ❑ The fire must not adversely affect neighbors (smoke).
- ❑ It must be done during daylight hours and on a designated burn day.



Have questions? Please call the Fire Marshall, at (503) 543-5026.

BIRD FEEDER RAFFLE

Columbia City resident John Weinman generously donated a hand crafted bird feeder to the City. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Come to City Hall to get your tickets and take a look at this beautiful example of craftsmanship. The winning



ticket will be drawn at the City's 2nd Annual Easter Benefit Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Proceeds benefit the continuing needs of the Columbia City Community Hall.

**COMING SOON!
THIRD AND I STREET DRYWELL PROJECT**

The City Council recently awarded a contract to Olson, LLC, for the abandonment of existing city drywells in the Third and I Street areas. The work is expected to commence within the early spring time frame, with completion projected during the summer. The work will involve storm water improvements; to include piping, new catch basin, and the abandonment of existing drywells. This project is an important component in protecting the City's water sources. Funding for this project includes a \$30,000.00 Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Grant.



**ADU & CORNER LOT DUPLEX DEVELOPMENT
CODE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**

On March 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review proposed amendments to the Columbia City Development Code related to Chapter 7.112 Accessory Dwelling Units and Chapters 7.45 and 7.50 (R-2 and R-3) zones.

The purpose of the code amendments is to 1) ensure accessory dwelling unit regulations are consistent with recent state law changes to promote affordable housing options and 2) add design standards to ensure duplex development on corner lots are consistent with the single family character in Columbia City. If approved the changes will be recommended to the City Council.



The City Council will do a first reading of the ordinance on Thursday, April 4, 2019 and a second reading will occur on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Both meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to submit written testimony prior to any of the meetings or in person at the meetings. Public testimony, recommendations and 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.

PHONE BOOK DELIVERIES

Recently the 2019/2020 Yellow Book® was delivered to residents in Columbia City. With the ease of access to the internet and wanting to eliminate waste, residents expressed they no longer wish to receive the publication. It was brought to our attention you can stop future delivery at www.yellowpagesoptout.com.



**Volunteers do not necessarily have the
TIME; they just have the HEART.
-Elizabeth Andrew**

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2019

March 7 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 10 th	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 14 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
March 19 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
March 21 st	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 25 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team 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

Easter Benefit Breakfast

Strawberries, pancakes, ham & eggs!

MENU:

Breakfast includes a generous slice of ham, scrambled eggs, and two fluffy pancakes topped with strawberries & whipped cream. Breakfast is served with orange juice and choice of coffee or milk.



Breakfast prices:
Adults: \$10.00
Children: \$8.00
(ages 10 and under)



Bird Feeder Raffle
\$1 for tickets, \$5 for 6
Get tickets at City Hall
Winner Drawn at Breakfast



Pictures with the
Easter GGGGrinch
9 am to 11 am

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 7 am to 10 am
Columbia City Community Hall
1850 Second Street

All proceeds benefit the Columbia City Community Hall

E-BILLING

Do you want to save paper?

Do you want to receive your newsletter, water and sewer bills electronically?

You can view your bill, usage & payment history & manage your account online...



REGISTER TODAY:

At – <https://columbiacity.merchantransact.com>

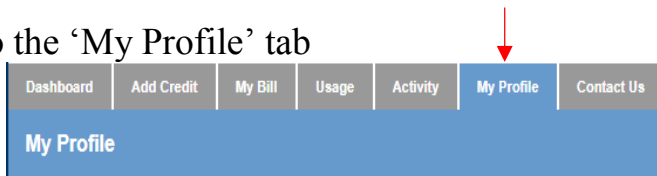


To complete the first time sign in you will be sent a confirmation e-mail that needs to be acknowledged. If you do not see it right away, please check your junk email. If you are still not seeing it, contact us at 503-397-4010.

Once your account has been registered and a sign-on created you will instantly be able to see billing, payment, and water usage history. One more step will need to be taken to opt in to receiving e-bills.

Follow the instructions below to 'Opt In' to receiving E-bills:

1. Go to the 'My Profile' tab



2. Scroll down to the 'Your accounts' section and click on the account number hyperlink

Your accounts
If you would like to change any of the accounts associated settings.

Default Set who is your default customer when yo
Electronic Bill Toggle the ability to receive an electronic t

Account Number	Default Customer	Electronic Bills	Remove Account
000440-000	✓	✗	

3. Select the radio button next to 'yes' and click the 'Submit' button

Electronic Bill via Email

Yes, send an electronic copy of my billing statement via email when the bill is ready.

No, do not send the bill electronically.

Submit

4. You are now signed up for E-bills

Account Number	Default Customer	Electronic Bills	Remove Account
000440-000	✓	✓	