

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## September 2019

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### GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

The Columbia City Celebration will offer lots of fun for you, your family, friends and neighbors! This year's Celebration will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Celebration Planning Committee will meet on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Library to finalize the event details. They need your help! Volunteer to help with one of the many activities. Contact Wendy Wells 503-804-6486 for more information.

### STRAWBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE!

We are offering breakfast to go during the City Celebration! Stop by the Community Hall on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, between 7 and 10 a.m., to order your take out! Breakfast includes pancakes, strawberries, whipped cream, ham, eggs, coffee or orange juice.



#### Breakfast prices:

Adults \$10.00, children \$8.00 (10 and under)

### LOWER COLUMBIA CITY PROJECT UPDATE

We would, first, like to thank all of our citizens who have been affected with our ongoing Water Systems Improvements Project in the lower Columbia City area for their patience and understanding during this project. Approximately 3,500 feet of waterline has been replaced, along with fire hydrants and other critical infrastructure upgrades. We realize the imposition and frustration that water shutoffs, both planned and unplanned, have caused and want to let you know that we greatly appreciate your tolerance with the impositions and problems that have occurred.



Waterline installations and seismic upgrades to our lower reservoir have been finished, and the contractor will next be completing street patching, paving restoration on Front Place, site clean up, and inspections; starting on September 10, 2019 and completing on September 19, 2019. After these final steps are finished paving operations for The Strand will be scheduled and conducted. The areas of First Street that were impacted by the construction project will also be reviewed in order to develop an appropriate work plan to address any paving that may be needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact City Administrator, Mike McGlothlin at 503-397-4010 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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**CELEBRATION**

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***Saturday,  
September 14th,  
7 am - 3 pm***

***Lots of fun for the family!***

*See enclosed flyer for more information.*

### BIG THANK YOU!! UNITED WAY – STUFF THE BUS

Thank you to all who generously donated! With your support 500 kids were provided with needed supplies for the upcoming school year.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Park maintenance volunteers:** The City is always seeking volunteers to help maintain the City parks. If you like being outside and gardening or working in the yard, this might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Pick up a volunteer application at City Hall.

**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.**

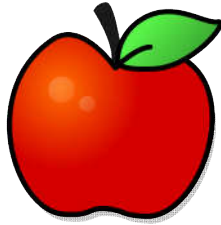


~ Elizabeth Andrew ~



## HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

The Caples House Museum will host a Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 22, 2019, from noon to 5 pm. There will be fun activities for the whole family including: butter churning, ice cream making, story time, pioneer kids' games, cider press and demonstrations by old-time craftsmen. Admission is free! Find Caples House Museum on Facebook for updated event info and be sure to check out the Caples House website at [capleshouse.com](http://capleshouse.com).



## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Back to School.** With summer coming to an end school will be starting back up and we will start seeing children and young adults heading out for school. This means more foot traffic and bicycle traffic in the neighborhoods. Please keep an eye out for bus stops, crosswalks, and intersections. Please keep in mind that both sides of the Highway



traffic MUST stop when the red bus lights are flashing. If the highway is divided by a

PHYSICAL barrier then you may continue without stopping for the flashing red lights of a school bus.

We want to make sure our youth have a safe and enjoyable back to school season.

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

## CENSUS IN TOWN

Census Bureau workers in our area may be verifying addresses in preparation for the 2020 Census.

How can I verify that an in-person interviewer is a Census Bureau employee?

If you are visited by someone from the U.S. Census Bureau, here are some ways to verify the individual is a Census Bureau employee:

- The field representative must present an ID badge which contains:
  - Their name,
  - their photograph,
  - a Department of Commerce watermark, and
  - an expiration date.
- A field representative will be carrying an official bag with the Census Bureau logo or a laptop for conducting the survey.
- The field representative will provide you with a letter from the Census Bureau on official letterhead stating why they are visiting your residence.
- Upon request, the field representative will provide you with their supervisor's contact information and/or the phone number for your Census Bureau Regional Office. The Regional Office supervises the activities of all field representatives in your area.

If you wish to confirm that the person at your door is a Census Bureau employee, you can contact the **Regional Office** for your state at 1-800-992-3530.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**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 right-of-ways, streets, alleys and sidewalks.

**Animals at Large:** It is unlawful to allow animals to run at large upon public streets or private property other than your own. This includes cats, dogs, goats, chickens, and all other animals. Animals running at large may be impounded, and the owners may be subject to a fine.



## WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Increasing numbers of people are making their homes in the woodland settings, rural areas, or remote mountain sites. These residents face the danger of wildfires. Wildfires often begin unnoticed, however, they spread very quickly. Reduce your risk by preparing now - before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area.



### Causes of wildfire:

- Droughts and dry conditions throughout various times of the year increase the risk of wildfires.
- Careless use of fire in highly wooded or grassy areas dramatically increases the chance of a wildfire, which can then quickly spread across trees and dry brush and threaten homes and businesses in the vicinity.

### Practice wildfire safety and plan ahead:

- Contact your local fire department, health department, or forestry office for information on fire laws.

- Make sure that fire vehicles can get to your home.
- Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your house number or address.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home - by car and by foot.
- Select a family meeting place outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a wildfire. Make plans to take care of children who may be on their own if parents can't get home.
- Local phone service may not be available - identify someone out of the area to contact.
- Report hazardous conditions that could cause a wildfire.
- Monitor <http://wildfire.oregonforestry.wpengine.com/> for daily wildfire alerts.

## BE PREPARED WITH AN EMERGENCY KIT

Have an emergency kit available and ready to go. Consider these items for your emergency kit:

- ✓ "Special needs" items for the family, such as formula and supplies for infants, items for older people, or special items for those with disabilities.
- ✓ First aid supplies.
- ✓ Prescription meds for members of the household.
- ✓ Flashlight and battery powered radio.
- ✓ Sleeping bag and extra shoes.
- ✓ Water and food. A gallon of water per person per day. Canned and dried foods are easy to store.
- ✓ Tools (duct tape, garbage bags, manual can opener, hammer, screwdrivers, scissors, etc.)
- ✓ Cash.
- ✓ Cell phone if available.
- ✓ Snacks.
- ✓ Reading materials and games.
- ✓ Pet supplies.
- ✓ Towels.





# *Be sure that you and your family members know how to Shelter-In-Place!*

**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 and 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 or facility, or intentionally by a terrorist. The noxious airborne contaminants may be blowing in your direction. Should this occur, information



will be provided by local authorities, by television and radio stations, by 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. Keep a television and 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.
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- 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 sheltering, food, water and clean up methods is your safest choice.

## CC RIDER BACK IN COLUMBIA CITY

Starting on Tuesday September 3, 2019 Columbia County Rider (CCR) will add stops in Columbia City to their Line 3 Flex route. The addition of these stops bring CCR back into Columbia City after a multi-year hiatus, and is intended to offer public transportation as an option for our citizens who may need transportation assistance. CCR buses will make stops at the following locations:



- Second Street and I Street;
- Second Street and E Street;
- A Street near the Columbia City Mini Mart; and
- Sixth Street and E Street.

Please see <http://www.nworegontransit.org/line-3-flex-complete-schedule> for a listing of route times for these stops.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The new sidewalk and fencing are complete. The landscaping is scheduled to be finished before the Columbia City Celebration. We are currently asking for input on what hours you would like the library to be open. We'd like to have some hours that are during the school day and we'd love to be able to bring back story time for preschoolers!

Come join us and the City's Mayor for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. during the City Celebration to show off the new improvements!

**A Walk in the Park:** Did you know Columbia City has so many parks? Visit each, complete a game sheet with the author's name posted somewhere at each location for a chance to win a prize. Game sheets can be picked up and returned at City Hall or the Library. The drawing for prizes will be done during the City Celebration!

**Columbia City Celebration:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, mark it on your calendar! Eat strawberry pancakes, look at the cars, buy books, enter raffles for a quilt and beach cabin vacation. We'll have lunch, craft vendors with items



handmade in Columbia County, an art show presented by Columbia County Art Guild, the Novel Quilters display and a Kids free eye clinic. The St. Helens Public Library Ukulele Orchestra will be performing as well. The Emergency Preparedness Fair, the Society for Creative Anachronisms (Sword fights! Costumes!), a Kid's area, will keep everyone entertained! All proceeds benefit the Columbia City Community Library.



We are still accepting Silent Auction items and book donations. Get them in soon so that we can go through everything we receive before the big day. We need volunteers to help set up the book sale Friday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m., cashiers during the day, and helpers to put everything away afterwards. Sign up at the library!

**New Books at the Library:** We added 63 new items to the library this month. Check out the new books area at the library, it changes every week.

*The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King  
*Killing the SS*, by Bill O'Reilly  
*Wolf Pack* by C.J. Box  
*Enemy Contact* by Tom Clancy (NYT best seller)  
*The Tale Teller* by Anne Hillerman  
*Unsolved* by James Patterson  
*Lost and Found* by Danielle Steel  
*A Delicate Touch* by Stuart Woods

### Library Hours:

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

**City Celebration Planning Meeting**  
Monday, September 9, 7 p.m.

**Friends of the Library**  
Monday, September 16, 6 p.m.

**Novel Quilters**  
Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Mystery Book Club**  
Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

**Columbia City Community Library**  
2000 2nd Street / PO Box 189  
Columbia City OR 97018  
503-366-8020

[ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com)

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

**LOST AND FOUND**

The following items have been turned into City Hall:

- Lavender flower barrette found in the area of Second and G Streets.
- Set of keys with a Jeep key fob on the riverbank ¼ mile south of Trestle Beach.
- Bag of books and other miscellaneous items found on the bench in front of the Community Hall.

Call City Hall if you think they could be yours, 503-397-4010.

**COLUMBIA ARTS GUILD  
CALL TO ARTISTS**

There's still time to enter and display your artwork at the 2019 Columbia City Celebration! – **Saturday, September 14, 2019.**

Each piece must be framed with a wire in back so that it can be hung. Please contact Dana Belisle at: [dananjim11@gmail.com](mailto:dananjim11@gmail.com) by September 5, 2019 with the number of pieces and size of artwork you would like to display or if you have any questions.

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
EMERGENCY TEST MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS**

Effective August 5, 2019, ODOT will be offering SMS/Text Message notifications for Motor Carrier emergency alerts. This type of alert will include incidents such as fires, severe weather, and other types of emergencies that can affect motor carriers.

This alert service will **not** be used for planned road closures, detours or maintenance/construction activities, or other unplanned events.

To enroll in the emergency updates, follow the instructions below.

1. Go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/subscriber/new>. Click the drop-down to select SMS/Text Message.
2. Enter your full mobile phone number and click submit.
3. Click on the plus box next to the Motor Carrier Transportation Division (MCTD) subscription topic.
4. Select MCTD Emergency Notifications by checking the box and click submit.

**AVOID LATE FEES – BANK CHECKS**

When paying your water bill by a bank check, it is important to make sure the City's mailing address is correct. If it isn't, there is a risk it will be returned to the bank causing a delay in payment and possibly a late fee.

Be sure they are addressed to: **PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018.**

It is also important when paying by a bank check to allow enough time for us to receive and post the payment to avoid late fees! Unpaid accounts are subject to late fees on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**FREE WATER CONSERVATION KITS**

The City has free water conservation kits available to water customers while supplies last. Kits include a moisture meter, leak detection dye tablets and a deluxe water efficient hose nozzle. Limit one kit per water customer, while supplies last



**SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR**

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Labor Day
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM - 10 AM	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
	8:00 AM - 2 PM	Show & Shine Car Show in the School field
	8:00 AM - 3 PM	Prepare Fair on front lawn area of School
	9:00 AM - 3 PM	Craft Fair, Vendors, Art Show, Kids Activities.....
September 17 <sup>h</sup>	2:30 PM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting at City Hall
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 PM	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall



# Columbia City Celebration

**Saturday**

**September 14, 2019**

**8 am to 3 pm**



**Columbia City School**  
**2nd Street, Columbia City, Oregon**  
**3 miles from St. Helens, OR**

**Benefiting the Columbia City Community Library**

# Emergency Management

# *Prepare Fair*

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor



**Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 8 am to 3 pm**  
**Columbia City Grade School, 2000 Second Street**

**Vendors**

**Activities**

**Information**



### Event Sponsors:

- Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Team
- City of Columbia City
- St. Helens School District



### Participating Agencies:

- Columbia City Police Department
- Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District
- The American Red Cross
- Portland HazMat Team
- Columbia County Roads Department
- Columbia County Vector Control
- Columbia County Emergency Management and MRC
- St. Helens CERT
- Columbia River Fire and Rescue
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Midway Veterinary Hospital

