

Columbia City Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS SHIP EVENT – December 12th

The Christmas Ships assemble at the St. Helens City Docks at 6 p.m. and head downriver to Columbia City. If weather conditions permit, they will cross to the Washington side of the river and pass by the Columbia Riverfront RV Park in Woodland, Washington; and then pass by Columbia City again on their return trip to St. Helens. The fleet will be out for approximately two hours.



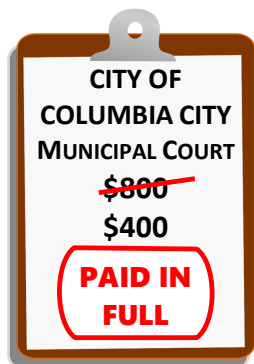
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome our newest Officer, Jeromy Hasenkamp. Jeromy spent 22 years with the Oregon State Police before entering the private sector. He traveled the country for 2 years as a manufacturer's representative and trainer for a major training ammunition company. He currently runs his own security firm and is the training manager for a new indoor range opening in Longview. During his career with the State Police Jeromy held various assignments to include major crimes detective, drug detective, SWAT team member and trainer. He looks forward to continuing his policing career in Columbia City by getting to be involved more in the community and keeping it safe.

COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM

December 15, 2020 through April 15, 2021

Columbia City Municipal Court is offering a one-time only amnesty program to forgive a portion of overdue fines owed when you pay in full between December 15, 2020 and April 15, 2021. To participate in this program, you must follow the guidelines below:



- Overdue fines are defined as those that have been sent to the collection agency and are older than 2 years.
- You will receive half-off / fifty-percent (50%) of the total balance due Columbia City. Reductions will not be given for partial payments.
- Payment must be in the form of check, money order, cashier's check, or debit/credit card. Payments can be made via mail or taken over the phone.
- Driver license reinstatement papers will be faxed to DMV after notice is received from the collection agency of settlement in full. You may also be subject to a \$75.00 fee payable to the DMV to reinstate your driver's license.

Call City Hall for more information.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS

The Columbia City Council has scheduled a public hearing on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:15 p.m., via conference call, to receive written and oral testimony on proposed amendments to the Columbia City Development Code. Changes include clarification of where Accessory Dwelling Units are permitted and the applicable review process, clarifying the review procedure for new ramps or docks on the river and for modifications to existing ramps or docks, as well as the full incorporation of the Oregon Model Flood Code.

Interested persons are invited to participate in the public hearing or submit written testimony prior to the hearing.

The proposed amendments and all related documents are available for review at City Hall. Copies can also be purchased at cost. If you would like to comment but cannot attend the hearing, submit comments in writing to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2020.

LOST AND FOUND

A headlamp was found in the area of Sixth & E Street. If you think it could be yours, call City Hall at 503-397-4010.

SERGEANT'S CORNER

Travel preparedness. With the fall season upon us and winter just around the corner it is time to restock your vehicle with safety gear for the cold and wet weather. Make sure you have extra fluids to drink, snacks to eat, warm clothing, blankets and vehicle chains. The weather here in the Northwest changes rapidly and if you are caught in a situation where you can't get home, these items will make you much more comfortable until you can make it safely.

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of October, 2020. The Police Department had 3 written reports: 1 Burglary, 1 Stolen Vehicle and 1 Violation of Release Agreement.

Other calls for service over this reporting period are as follows: 1 assist fire call, 19 premise checks, 8 calls to assist the public, 4 assists outside agency, 8 follow-up investigations, 14 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 4 suspicious vehicles, 4 suspicious persons, 4 suspicious circumstances, 2 stolen vehicles, 2 noise complaints, 2 domestic calls, 2 civil enforcements, 4 welfare checks, 4 animal complaints and 28 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives.

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 via 9-1-1 (emergency), (503) 397-4010 (office), or (503) 397-1521 (non-emergency dispatch).

Best regards ~ Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

LIBRARY NEWS

During the month of December, the library will be giving gifts to our patrons! Stop by for a beautifully packaged book for yourself or a friend. Be surprised! Books for all ages!

The library collected \$99 for the hearts. Thank you to Sophie Martinson for her project and the resulting donations.

Watch Facebook for information about the library, and any changes to our hours.

Bench Project. The library has joined Trex's efforts to recycle plastic, and we will receive a bench for our outside area when we have collected 500 pounds of plastic. Plastic is being collected at City Hall, with help and coordination from the Lion's Club. **All plastic must be clean and dry.**

Acceptable plastics are: Grocery bags, **clean** bread bags, **clean** produce bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, **clean** ziplock type bags, **clean** cereal bags, **clean** salt/ice bags, case over wrap plastic from water bottle cases, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.

Unacceptable plastics are: Rigid or 'crinkly' sounding plastic, pet food bags, candy wrappers, any dirty or wet plastic.

Books we've added: This month we added 103 items to our library including 22 videos. Books we've added include:

- The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts* by Joan Biskupic
- The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore (past best seller)
- Deadlock* by Catherine Coulter (best seller)
- The Big Kahuna* by Janet Evanovich
- The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel
- Masked Prey* by John Sandford (best seller)
- The Silent Wife* by Karin Slaughter (best seller)
- Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Back Yard*, by Annette Cate (Juvenile science)

Library Hours:

Mon. & Sat. 10 am - 2 pm / Thu. 3 - 6 p.m.

Library will be CLOSED:

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Thursday, December 31, 2020

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Browse our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2020

December 15 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom* - Canceled
December 17 th	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Conference Call*
December 24 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed Christmas Eve day
December 25 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed Christmas

*For conference call information contact City Hall.