

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

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## UNITED WAY – STUFF THE BUS UPDATE

With the current uncertainty of our schools, we are unsure as to what school supplies will be needed.

Please stay tuned! We hope to have an update on the list of needs by September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be asking for community support at that time. Thanks!

**SCHOOL**



**SUPPLIES**

## STILL TIME TO RUN FOR A CITY COUNCIL POSITION

Pick up your nominating petitions at City Hall. Collect signatures from a minimum of 20 people registered to vote that live in Columbia City. Return the petitions prior to August 20, 2020 so that there is sufficient time to complete the verification process. Your name will then appear on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election. To qualify, you must be a current resident of Columbia City and have resided here since November 3, 2019. Terms last four years.

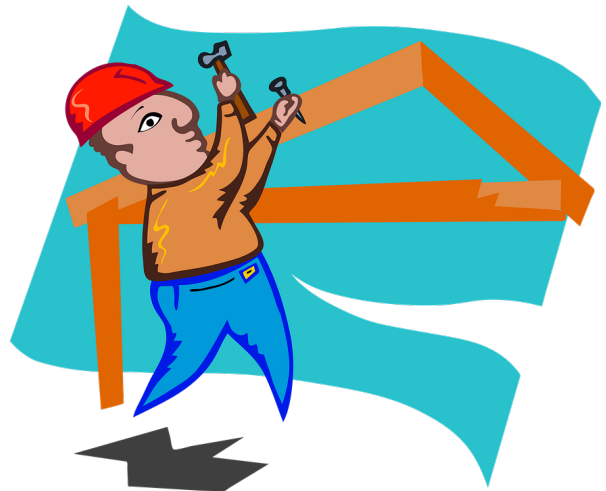
## NEW DROP BOX AT CITY HALL



Wondering what that shiny red box outside of City Hall is for? It's our new drop box to collect your payments and forms! Don't let our hours stop you from dropping off whatever you need to, at your convenience.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUILDING PERMIT FEES

The Columbia City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. during the scheduled City Council meeting. Due to safety concerns regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this Council meeting is scheduled to be conducted by conference call. To access the City Council meeting and Public Hearing please call 425-436-6318 and utilize the access code of 752011\* in order to provide public comment.



The purpose of the hearing is to gather public testimony relating to a proposal to adjust the City of Columbia City Fee Schedule, prompted by the City's implementation of the Building Codes Division ePermit software. The revision affects structural, mechanical and plumbing fee programs. New fees related to manufactured home setting permits, area development permits, and a three percent (3%) technology fee are also included in the newly proposed schedule.

Information about the proposal is available for public inspection at City Hall, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. Written input will be accepted prior to the hearing and oral input will be accepted during the public hearing.

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Law Enforcement Response.** In recent weeks conflicting information has been observed within various social media platforms regarding law enforcement response and the Columbia City Police Department. This information has brought out questions from citizens, and rightfully so. In order to provide the best service and coverage to our community, Columbia City partners with other local law enforcement for the most rapid response to emergency calls. In addition to those agreements we also have our own on-call protocol. The Police Department identifies officers on a daily basis to be on-call for emergency and urgent calls during the hours there is not an officer physically on duty. Dispatch is provided a list of call types that activate a call for the officer to respond. If the call type does not reach a level for call out, then the call is faxed over to the police department. The next on duty officer will review and respond to the call as necessary. If you request contact at the time you place the call, the officer will make contact with you either by phone or in person.

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of June: 10 animal complaints, 14 assist persons, 5 agency assists, 4 cold theft calls, 5 cold frauds, 5 civil complaints, 2 domestic calls, 9 follow-up investigations, 13 radio calls, 3 suspicious circumstances, 5 suspicious persons, 1 disturbance/fight, 2 suspicious vehicles, 6 welfare checks, 78 traffic stops, and 6 premise checks. Overall there were 239 activities for the month of June.



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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE TEXT AMENDMENT

The Columbia City Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. It's to consider a legislative text amendment to the Columbia City Development Code Chapter 7.60 Commercial Zone that would add outdoor boat, recreational vehicle, and other vehicle storage as a permitted use (City File No. LU 20-03). Participation in the meeting may be accomplished through Zoom. For those wishing to do so, contact City Hall for details. Wayne Weigandt, property owner, for property identified on Columbia County Tax Assessor Map 5012100 as Lot 430 and generally located on Highway 30 between Pacific St and A St, submitted the application.

Approval of the application is subject to the applicant demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Columbia City Development Code (CCDC) 7.160 Procedures for Decision Making: Legislative. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council on the application. That action may include recommending approval of the application as presented, recommending denial of the application as presented, or a continuation of the application to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and present oral and written testimony regarding the application. If you would like to comment but cannot participated in the hearing, you may submit your comments in writing to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. Copies of all related documents are available for review at City Hall located at 1840 Second Street in Columbia City, Oregon. The staff report will be available for review at City Hall approximately one week prior to the hearing. Copies of all documents can be purchased at cost.

Pursuant to ORS 197.763, failure to raise an issue by the close of



the record, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal based on that issue.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for continuing to use the library. Starting August 1, we will also be open on Saturdays 10-2. Email [cjl80@hotmail.com](mailto:cjl80@hotmail.com) with your name and phone number to set up a time to visit. Please continue to wear masks. As the library gets busier, more people are likely to touch the same book so using hand sanitizer when you come into the library is also a must.

Test results indicate we should continue quarantining returned library materials. All your returns should be checked in after a few days, but if you're still seeing items checked out to you after one week, please let us know!

Curb side service is an option if you don't want to come in to the library. Use our online catalog <https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com> to choose your books, then email [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com) or call 503-366-8020. We will find your materials, check them out to you, and schedule a time during library hours to deliver them to your car.

We have begun accepting donations of books again, but ask that you limit your donation to one box so that we can keep up. Consequently, we are accumulating lots of boxes of sale books! Please consider visiting Second Hand Prose to purchase a few books! Second Hand Prose is open by appointment during library open hours.

**Art Exhibit:** We are restarting our art exhibits in the library. In August we are featuring photographer Don Jeanroy's exhibit titled "People of the World."

During more than 15 years of travels and living abroad, Don has met and photographed a wide variety of interesting people. The photos on display are just a few of his encounters. The labels help you explore the world through its people.

**Summer Reading Program:** Our Summer Reading Program theme is "Imagine Your Story" with a focus on fantasy and fairy tales. Reading logs are available at the library and City Hall. When your log is turned in, you will get a small prize, and be entered to win a grand prize at the end of the summer. Encourage your children to read, it will help them when they can finally return to school!



**Trivia Walk:** Friends of the Library is sponsoring a trivia walk in the park in July and August. Look for the posters in each of the ten locations! Maps are available at City Hall or the Library.

We have a Little Library on the front porch of the library. Please choose books, read them and return to the bin. Summer Reading Logs are also in the bin.

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library:** Columbia County has 1265 children enrolled! This is our third year of helping provide this program in our county. Dolly Parton Imagination Library sends a hardcover book each month to children from birth to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. The program only costs \$25 per child per year. It is a wonderful way to encourage children to start reading from an early age, with their very own books. Please consider supporting this program by donating to United Way, with Dolly Parton Imagination Library noted on your check.

**Books Added to the Library:** We added 67 books to the library since last month. Half the books we asked for last month were donated. Highlights are below!

*The Room Where It Happened* by John Bolton  
*No One is Too Small to Make a Difference* by Greta Thunberg  
*The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates  
*As You Wish* by Cary Elwes (the making of *The Princess Bride*)  
*The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson  
*Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans* by Brian Kilmead  
*Long Range* by C.J. Box  
*A Wanted Man* by Lee Child  
*The Boy From the Woods* by Harlan Coben  
*Fair Warning* by Michael Connelly  
*Camino Winds* by John Grisham  
*The 20<sup>th</sup> Victim* by James Patterson  
*Hideaway* by Nora Roberts

### Library Hours:

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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Browse our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on **Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 8 am to 2 pm.**

**Extra safety measures will be in place. Please be patient, unloading may take a few extra minutes. We ask that you have all your household hazardous waste in the truck bed or trunk or hatchback or your car, not passenger compartment. And please remain in your vehicle. Trained household hazardous waste technicians will unload materials from vehicles.**

The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Lawn/garden chemicals-fertilizers
- ✓ Pesticides/herbicides
- ✓ Light ballasts-*please remove from light fixture*
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Art/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries-*car, rechargeable & button (no alkaline batteries)*
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel/fuels
- ✓ Cleaners/detergents
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Fireworks/flammables
- ✓ Ammunition
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane cylinders
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders
- ✓ Antifreeze



***Bring product in original container and must be in containers of less than five gallons and secure your loads for safe transport***

Although automotive batteries, antifreeze and fluorescent tubes will be collected at no cost during this collection event, a fee is charged when brought to the Transfer Station at other times.

The following are accepted during the event and at the Transfer Station anytime, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm:

- Unwanted paint
- Used motor oil
- Used cooking oil
- Medical sharps - *must be in sealed, self-closing, puncture-proof OSHA approved containers (available at local pharmacies, at the Transfer Station scale house, or Walmart)*

Please check the Columbia County website for further updates

<http://www.co.columbia.or.us/HazardousWaste>.

The St. Helens Police Department accepts expired, unused or unwanted medication at 150 S 13<sup>th</sup> St. in St. Helens Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - noon or 1 -5 p.m. in the MedReturn collection box.

## COLUMBIA CITY GRADE SCHOOL RECYCLED BENCH

Even though the school is closed, you can still help earn a new bench for the Columbia City Grade School by bringing the following recyclable plastics to City Hall.

All plastic must be clean, dry and not smelly!

### Acceptable Plastic Includes:

- \*Grocery bags
- \*Bread bags
- \*Produce bags
- \*Newspaper sleeves
- \*Dry cleaning bags
- \*Bubble wrap
- \*Ziploc type bags
- \*Cereal bags
- \*Salt/ice bags
- \*#2 & #4 plastics
- \*Wrap from packages like water bottles cases, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.

### Not Acceptable:

- \*Rigid plastic
- \*Pet food bags
- \*Candy wrappers
- \*Dirty or wet plastic
- \*Bags from cheese, salad, etc.



## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2020

August 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Conference Call
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting via Zoom