



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 started as a year of change for the City. For the first time in a number of years we have a new City Administrator and Mayor. The transition went smoothly as we also added a new council member. Highlights of the year include:

- Continued progress on the work on our streets, water and sewer systems thanks to our dedicated Public Works staff.
- Additional improvements and increased use of our Community Hall.
- Our volunteer Community Library was able to successfully negotiate improved access to increase the flexibility of hours for community members.
- Another clean opinion audit on the City's financial records and internal controls.
- Two successful Michael Allen Harrison fundraising concerts.
- A highly successful Columbia City Celebration with record attendance to benefit our Community Library along with a Preparedness Fair involving a number of community/county organizations.
- Community policing and outreach by our Police Department continued to be appreciated by members of our community.
- An office staff that is friendly, efficient and welcoming to members of the public who drop into the City office. They collected 293 pounds of food for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in November to help those in need in our community.
- The establishment of the first Airbnb in the City.
- Our City parks (including our dog park) continue to have a high level of use by our community and visitors.

I want to thank the many volunteers that serve on our committees, help with utility bill stuffing, work in the parks, assist the library and community hall and help with our events. We would not have the quality of life we do without

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your continued support. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Finally, I want to invite you to my next "Meet the Mayor" session on Saturday, January 25th, from 9 – 11 a.m. at City Hall. This is an informal meeting where we can discuss any concerns or ideas you may have for improving our city.



SHOP WITH A COP

The 11th Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event was a huge success!! Thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who participated in granting not only Christmas wish list items, but much needed wintertime necessities.

Many thanks to our local Walmart staff for being amazing community partners and all those who financially donated to this worthwhile project.

COLUMBIA CITY STUDENT WINS VFW ESSAY CONTESTS

Columbia City resident Ryan Garner was recently selected the St. Helen's VFW Post winner and District winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest for his essay on "What Makes America Great". Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay.

On hand for the presentation of his awards were his parents Kim and Edward Garner, as well as his sister Abigail.

Since 1947 "The Voice of Democracy" program has been the premier scholarship program of the VFW.

2020 CENSUS

This year another 10 year census will occur (please see information on page 4). The challenge for Columbia City in obtaining an accurate count (which helps us with receiving federal funds) is that many of you have post office boxes and the Census will not be mailing information or forms to post office boxes. You are urged to go to the website: <https://2020census.gov/> to get additional information and register to get email updates. The census day this year is April 1st (no joke) for online, phone or by mail.

LOST AND FOUND

A green girl's jacket was left at the Grinch event and a necklace was found on the beach at Pixie Park. If you think one of these items might be yours, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

VALENTINE'S TEA

The Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street, will host a high tea with sweet and savory snacks and tea. The event is on Sunday, February 9, 2019, from 2 to 4 pm.

For more information, reservations and tickets call (503) 397-5390 or send an email to capleshouse@comcast.net.



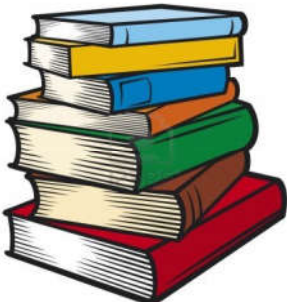
KEEP THOSE SIDEWALKS CLEAR

Columbia City sees a lot of walkers. Be neighborly and keep the sidewalks around your property free of hazards.

LIBRARY NEWS

With the wet, rainy weather we expect in January, there will be extra time to read and we have books!

Checking out books from our library lets us fit more books on the shelf. And we're always happy to sell some of our gently used Second Hand Prose books. There are a lot of kids' books in the sale selections too. We're here for you, use us!



New Books at the Library: We've added 115 items to the library in the last month, including 20 videos. Noteworthy books include:

The Body Keeps the Score by Bessel Van der Kolk (current best seller)
Cooking for Family and Friends by Joe Wicks
The Illustrated History of the Snowman by Bob Eckstein (a beautiful book!)
Moonrise: The Golden Age of Lunar Adventures by Mike Ashley (short stories)
Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin (recent best seller)
Blue Moon by Lee Child (current best seller)
Run Away by Harlan Coben (recent best seller)
The Night Fire by Michael Connelly (recent best seller)
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan (shortlisted for the Man Booker prize)
The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey (Agatha award winner for Best Historical Novel)
Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty (current best seller)
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett (current best seller)

Library Hours:

Monday and Tuesday 10 am to 2 pm
Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 6 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Closed New Year's Day – January 1

Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, January 20th at 6 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, January 29th at 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street / PO Box 189

503-366-8020 / ccclibrary@live.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

No one is more cherished in this world
than someone who lightens the burden of
another. Thank you.

Joseph Addison

COMMUNITY HALL NEEDS A NEW ROOF

For the last year or so a lot of our fundraising efforts have been focused on the need of the Community Hall to get a new roof.

We want to thank everyone for their continued support of this community gem.

Our most recent events included the GGGGrinch and Cookies, a Michael Allen Harrison Concert, Bake Sale and Cider Sale (still a few bottles available at City Hall).

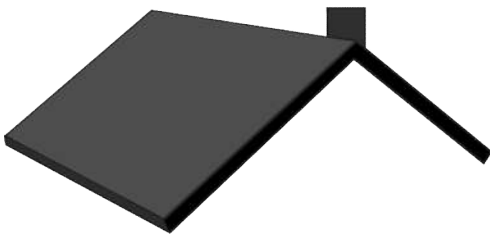
December's events profited just over \$2,800.00. THANK YOU!

Save the following dates for Michael Allen Harrison Concerts in 2020: Monday, May 4th and Monday, December 7th. Both concerts are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.

HOW TO PREVENT FREEZING PIPES

Be sure to follow these tips:

- Insulate pipes with insulation sleeves, wrapping or using slip-on foam pipe insulation. Plastic piping is more tolerant of freezing than old copper or steel water pipes.
- Inspect the exterior of the property, making sure that all visible cracks are sealed. If visible cracks are noticed, seal them using caulking or spray foam to fill the voids.
- Maintain a heating source inside the building to protect pipes against cold.
- It is a good idea to maintain a faucet dripping, allowing the water to move freely and continuously, preventing it from freezing.



- Make sure the crawl space is properly insulated. Block all vents that lead to the outside using cardboard or wood.
- Don't forget the hose bibs. Drain hose bibs and insulate with covers. Once this has been completed, deactivate bibs at the shutoff valve.
- Use heat tape to protect pipes from freezing. Heat tape is one of the preferred methods for winterizing plumbing, but be aware that these might bring additional hazards.

SERGEANTS CORNER

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of November. 3 Audible alarms, 4 animal complaints, 1 agency assist, 3 assist persons, 1 cold fraud, 6 follow-up investigations, 9 radio calls, 3 suspicious circumstances, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 welfare check and 72 traffic stops.

Neighborhood Thefts. We have recently had a few thefts take place in the area of Sixth Street and A Street. Please keep an eye out for any suspicious persons or activity. Pick up mail or packages delivered to your residence as soon as possible. Many of these thefts occur shortly after items have been delivered. We would like to request your continued support in being our eyes and ears in the community. Please feel free to contact us with 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

Shape your community.

Participate in the 2020 Census.

Visit <https://2020census.gov> to learn more.



Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- > Medicare Part B
- > Special education
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- > Cooperative Extension Service
- > Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- > Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

Every Person Counts

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2020

January 1 st	CLOSED	New Year's Day
January 9 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
January 16 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 20 th	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21 st	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
January 25 th	9 to 11 am	Meet the Mayor at City Hall
January 27 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Team Meeting at City Hall
January 28 th	2:30 pm	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
January 28 th	5:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall

