

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021



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## CAPLES HOUSE RECEIVES AWARD

The Caples House Museum Complex is owned and operated by the Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The centerpiece of the museum complex is Charles and Lucinda's home which was built in 1870 on top of Charles' father's 1846 log cabin foundation.

The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the broad pattern of development of the community of Columbia City during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and for its direct association with the development of health care in the community with the town's first physician, Dr. Charles Caples.

Major issues like peeling lead paint, exterior wall dry rot, a crumbling, cracking and uneven foundation allowing moisture inside which threatened artifacts and a front porch with dry rot were all items that started the Caples House Restoration Project in 2015 with the hopes of fixing the extreme deterioration of this historic museum.



The project took 5 years of planning and fundraising in order to complete the restoration work. The project raised \$150,000 and received an Oregon Heritage grant.

The restoration project earned one of the 2021 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards from the Oregon Heritage Commission. Congratulations!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

General school items can be donated at City Hall during the month of August and will be provided to those in need.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

If you are interested in being a part of the Columbia City Neighborhood Watch group, you have an opportunity to do so very soon. The meeting for this group's "kick off" will be held Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Columbia City Community Hall; 1850 Second Street (next to City Hall). Please consider joining in order to improve communications within our community and to assist our Police Department in addressing crime and public safety issues!

## SAVE THE DATE – MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON

Have you missed Michael as much as we have? Well, he is back on Monday, December 6, 2021. Michael Allen Harrison is an American new-age musician, songwriter and pianist from Portland Oregon. He will be returning to Columbia City for a Holiday Concert. Tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, November 1, 2021.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking for officers for our Friends of the Library board. If you are interested, send an email to [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com). We are also looking for additional volunteers to staff our library. We are currently open three days a week, and will not be able to add more open days without more staff.

**City Celebration.** The Columbia City Celebration is coming up! We will be having a BIG book sale, the Show and Shine car show with a live band performing, Kid's Zone, the quilt and beach cabin raffles, and the Strawberry Pancake Breakfast and limited lunch items.

The raffle quilt is on display at City Hall until September. Buy your tickets now at either City Hall or the Library. Tickets will also be available during the Columbia City Celebration, where the winning ticket will be drawn!

We will be accepting books for the book sale starting August 16.

**Art in the Library.** Sue Kramer is the guest artist for the month of August.

Sue is a contemporary realist painter who lives in St. Helens Oregon. She has always loved and pursued art since she can remember. She is married, has raised four children and always worked full time. Like many other mothers, Sue never had the time to pursue art until becoming an "empty nester". She paints a whole variety of subject matter and enjoys the challenge of bringing them to life.



Sue has won numerous ribbons and awards. The one award she is proudest of is from the City of Beaverton, Oregon for the "Quick Draw" paint-out in 2019.

**Secondhand Prose Virtual Book Sale.** A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in our Virtual Book Sales for the past seven months. With the library's upcoming HUGE book sale at the City Celebration on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we are focusing our energies on getting ready for it. So, there will be no Virtual Sale this month, nor in the month of September. If there is a specific author or book that you want from Secondhand Prose, please feel free to email us and we'll see if we can find it for you.

**Columbia County Reads 2021.** The idea behind Columbia County Reads is to have people in the community read the same book or author in the hope of inspiring discussion, connections and a shared perspective among Columbia County residents. It is a yearly collaboration between Columbia County's libraries which seeks to bring reading to the forefront of public discourse.

*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterby is our selection for this year. *Hidden Figures* is the inspiring story of a group of individuals who did not allow prejudice to get in the way of success. We want it to be a jumping off point for discussions about how Columbia County residents can change their world for the better.

We have three different reading levels of the book. We have *Hidden Figures* books to check out, and books to take and pass along. We also have a wide range of related books to check out. Scappoose Public Library received a national grant for small and rural libraries from the American Library Association to help fund the book purchases and activities. Most activities will be in September, giving time to read the book.

**Items we've added.** This month we added 98 items to our library. Items we've added lately include:

*Permanent Record* by Edward J. Snowden  
*Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science – and the World* by Rachel Swaby (for Columbia County Reads)  
*Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Hold (for Columbia County Reads)  
*The Mercury 13: The Untold Story of Thirteen American Women and the Dream of Space Flight* by Martha Ackmann (for Columbia County Reads)

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*The President's Daughter* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson (best seller)

*The Saboteurs* by Clive Cussler (best seller)

*We Love You, Charlie Freeman* by Kaitlyn Greenidge (for Columbia County Reads)

*Hid from Our Eyes* by Julia Spencer-Fleming (greatly anticipated mystery!)

*Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir (author of *The Martian*, best seller)

*StarTalk: Everything You Ever Need to Know About Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe, and Beyond* by Neil deGrasse Tyson (for Columbia County Reads)

*Casablanca* (movie)

*Longmire* (six seasons)

### Library Hours:

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

### Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street / PO Box 189 / Columbia City

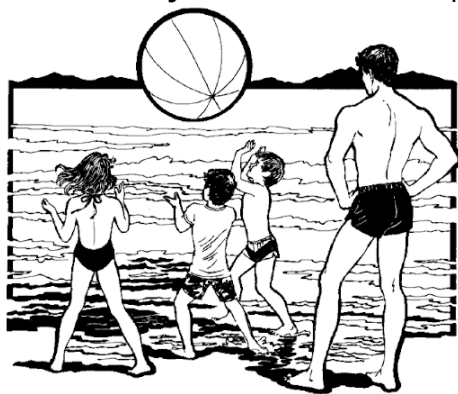
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### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Beach Safety.** For those who frequent the Trestle



Beach area at the Clearwater Paper Corporation pier, Vancouver Security has been hired and will be monitoring the activity in

the area and preventing people from trespassing on the pier and dolphins associated with the operations at the Clearwater Paper Corporation. They will not be handling any issues outside of the Clearwater property. All other issues relating to the beach and surrounding areas should be reported to Columbia County Dispatch at non-emergency 503-397-1521 or 911 for all emergency calls.

During the month of June, we have completed 10 new written reports, and responded to the following calls: 1 assist fire, 4 animal complaints, 6 audible alarms, 7 assist persons, 3 disturbance/fights, 1 cold fraud, 12 follow-ups, 3 information calls, 2 juvenile custody disputes, 2 noise complaints, 3 parking complaints, 35 premise checks, 7 traffic stops, 6 traffic complaints, 1 suspicious circumstance, 5 suspicious persons, 2 suicide threats and 30 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 135 activities for the month of June, 2021.



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

## LOST AND FOUND

A certificate for naval crossing was found in Datis Park. If this item belongs to you, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

## CAPLES HOUSE – AUGUST EVENTS

Caples Museum hours have changed  
Open Friday – Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tours are \$5 adult / \$4 children

Teas and Sweets  
Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$5 for tea and a homemade dessert

The Book Club  
Friday, August 20, 2021 – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Meeting in the Cottage  
Reading: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*  
by Lisa See

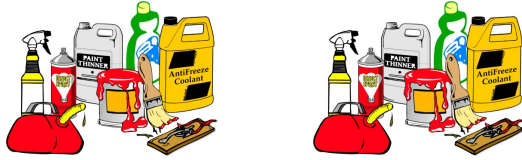
Caples House upcoming event:  
The Holiday Tea is November 21,  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Reservations have begun, call 503-397-5390 to get your tickets.





## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 8 am to 2 pm**. The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:



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

**Bring product in original container and secure your load**

Items **NOT** accepted during the event:

- ⊗ Garbage or trash
- ⊗ Asbestos
- ⊗ Unwanted/unused prescriptions or over the counter medicines (Safe disposal box now available at City Hall in Columbia City)
- ⊗ Liquid in containers larger than 5 gallons

Contact Kathy at the Columbia County Transfer Station if you have any questions by calling 503-397-7259.

## LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES

*Article by Concerned Resident*

The "Columbia" is a mighty river...**that answers only to those who wear life jackets**. Every summer brings children and adults to the river, every ship brings a wake, and every wake brings powerful churns and plunders. Long after a ship goes by and is out of sight, a wake can pull people under, and if they are not wearing a life jacket, chances of being able to save them decrease.

Each season, while rowing my rowboat, I see children without life jackets - running around on the sand and wading in the water with parents who are watching from a distance. I stop to educate them on how dangerous it is to be anywhere close to the water



without wearing a life jacket and how quickly the water can pull people under regardless of how well they can swim. Every year people drown on the Columbia River. Wear life jackets in boats, wear life jackets by/or in the river, put life jackets on children, and when ships go by, bring children up until you see the last wake.

**The Columbia is a mighty river that needs "CHILDREN IN LIFE JACKETS."**

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2021

August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Parks Committee at City Hall
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom – cancelled
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

