

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER July 2021

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ADDED CHAPTER TO DEVELOPMENT CODE PLANNING & CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS

The Planning Commission and City Council will be holding public hearings to consider a legislative text amendment to the Columbia City Development Code adding Chapter 7.85 (RCE) River Club Estates Overlay.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Special Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom
Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom
Special City Council Meeting

Interested persons are invited to attend any of the public hearings and present oral testimony. If you would like to comment but cannot participated in any of the hearings, 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. The staff report will be available for review approximately one week prior to the Planning Commission hearing on July 6, 2021. 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 be specific enough to give Commissioners or City Council the opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue.

Zoom meeting information is available by contacting City Hall.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to the person who dropped the garage door opener into the City Hall drop box. The resident was very grateful!!

SERGEANTS CORNER

Security Measures. Now that we are having nicer weather the amount of people staying out late is growing. With that comes additional night time crime. Please take the time to survey your yard to see what improvements can be made to reduce the odds of being a victim.



Clean up your yard to reduce hiding places, add motion lighting, install cameras if possible, but most importantly do not leave items of value outside. We encourage you to call into dispatch for suspicious vehicles and activity.

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of May: we have completed 8 new written reports and responded to the following calls: 3 audible alarms, 1 animal complaint, 3 assist persons, 1 domestic, 1 behavior health, 1 criminal mischief, 1 cold fraud, 5 follow ups, 1 parking complaint, 2 juvenile problems, 2 juvenile custody disputes, 59 premise checks, 13 traffic stops, 4 traffic complaints, 1 suspicious circumstance, 5 suspicious persons and 28 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 134 activities for the month of May, 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

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – JEFF MANSHEIM

Somewhere around October of 1995, a young lad named Jeff Mansheim had recently started a career in Technology at a Portland company. Sitting at his folks' house in Columbia City, he was reading the city newsletter when he came across a little blurb welcoming a new reserve police officer to the city Police Department. What was THAT?? After a bit of investigation, he learned that reserve officers are (typically) unpaid officers who assist full-time staff. They go through very similar training as full-time officers over an extended time period and give to their community by providing a number of hours of service to the department each month. Many reserve officers go on to have careers as full-time officers while others continue to volunteer or work part-time.

While law enforcement had not necessarily been on his radar, Jeff found this an intriguing concept. A person had an opportunity to experience the world of law enforcement while working in an alternate profession. There was the opportunity to experience the excitement of action-packed shifts, to capture criminals, and to make our streets safer. After all, with the television show "COPS" in its prime, every shift would be as exciting as each episode portrayed, right? (Hint: no.)

Jeff called up the then Chief of Police, Duke Smith, and had a brief conversation, explaining what he had read in the newsletter. He thought it was interesting and asked how he could learn more about it. Within a few days, he was doing a ride-along with the Chief for a shift. The ride-along turned out to be an unofficial interview and, as it came to an end, Chief Smith told him to come on down to the next City Council meeting to get sworn in. Thus began Jeff's 25+ year history at the Columbia City Police Department.

Jeff has seen a lot of change in police work over the years. There are, however, a couple of annual events that have remained his favorites: Shop-With-A-Cop and Halloween. Both give an opportunity for officers to interact directly with families in a positive light, to get to know kids and to show that we are all human.

These days you'll find Jeff working mostly on department administrative tasks, the very unglamorous but necessary aspect of law enforcement. He is still involved in the technology

field and you can even get a look at his handy work while visiting the recently revamped Columbia City website. As a pianist of many years, he enjoys entertaining others, sitting behind the keyboard and playing a few tunes.

LOST AND FOUND

A ring was found in the area of Fifth or Sixth Street south of E Street. If you think it might belong to you, please contact City Hall.

WHAT PROPERTY OWNERS NEED TO KNOW TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK EACH SEASON



Spring. Prepare defensible space as illustrated above. Remove dead and bark beetle infested trees. Bark beetles are most active in Spring and Summer (be careful not to damage remaining trees as fresh wood attracts beetles), if possible remove fresh wood (otherwise, cover, lop or chip infested wood – and do not place near healthy trees), following an extended period of little to no rain, sparingly water high-value trees (use best watering practices).

Summer. Remove dead or dying trees, follow Spring guidelines as beetles are very active in summer as well, be especially careful with power tools (one spark can start a wildfire). If planting trees in fall, plan ahead now and plant locally native trees.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Included with this newsletter is the most recent water quality report in a reduced size to be tree friendly. If you would like one in larger print, please reach out to City Hall or view at our website.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Columbia City Celebration fundraiser is on, with the Show and Shine Car Show! Save Saturday, September 18th for an outdoor only celebration.

This year's Library Raffle Quilt is done, and will be hanging at the Columbia County Fair, July 14th-18th. Stop and buy a raffle ticket, and then buy another at the City Celebration! If you are interested in helping sell raffle tickets at the fair, we have some spots still open. Contact Cathy Lundberg (cjl80@hotmail.com). Raffle tickets are also available at the library.

Art in the Library. The featured artist this month is Loretta Sampson. Loretta grew up in Scappoose and continues to live there with her husband, two cats and dog. Her artistic life took her from drawing and oil painting in high school and college to Western saddle making. Throughout the years she continued to take oil painting and acrylic classes through PCC and more recently, watercolor painting classes at Clark College.



During the Covid year, she watched art tutorials online in all mediums and participated in two different online painting challenges. The challenge was to create art each day for 30 days and post online. One month focused on Christmas magic and

the second month she painted Hwy 30 signs just for fun.

Loretta's work has been published in several *Ready Set Go* children's books, an OPEN Hearts Big Dreams Project.

For anyone wanting to become an artist, Loretta recommends they learn how to draw first...it teaches you to "see".

Secondhand Prose Virtual Book Sale – Summer Fun in the Sun.

This month's hand selected books include just what you need to enjoy the summer with family and friends. There are ideas for kids out of school, backyard barbecues, healthy activities or just reading a good book while enjoying our summer weather. There is something for everyone in this month's sale.



All of our \$1 and \$2 books are in excellent or very good condition. This sale also includes approximately 50 fiction and non-fiction books from which to choose.

To find the list of books, go to the library's new website: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com and click on the link for the Virtual Book Sale. To be placed on the email list, please contact us at ccclibrary@live.com, or call us 503-366-8020 during business hours.

Columbia City Community Library

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Library Hours:

Mondays & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursdays 3 – 6 p.m.

Browse our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2021

July 5 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in honor of Independence Day
July 6 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Special Meeting via Zoom
July 8 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at Community Hall
July 15 th	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom
July 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom
July 22 nd	6:15 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting via Zoom
July 28 th	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at Community Hall

PROPOSED LOCAL OPTION LEVY RE-CERTIFICATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES

Why is the levy re-certification needed? Police protection service costs have exceeded the permanent tax rate revenues for the last ten years, and the funding gap continues to grow. Additionally the City's permanent tax rate is among the lowest of all of the cities in the state. Passage of this levy will secure police protection services at current levels for the next five years.

How will the taxes from the levy be used? For police protection services. These taxes will sustain current-level police protection services that include:

- ❑ Seven day a week coverage with "on-call" protocol;
- ❑ Extended premise check services, foot patrols, area patrols, and other proactive community programs;
- ❑ Proactive criminal patrol and follow-up investigations;
- ❑ Continued partnerships with adjoining local law enforcement agencies;

What will happen if the levy fails? Department service levels will be reduced. Service level reductions could involve a combination of cuts such as:

- ❑ Reducing current staffing levels of Department personnel by as much as 100 hours per month or more;
- ❑ Reducing Department service levels by moving to a reactive approach in addressing dispatched calls for service;
- ❑ Programs such as premise checks, foot patrols, area patrols and community policing may be eliminated or incur a service fee;
- ❑ Physical criminal patrols and follow-up investigative activities could be reduced.

How long will this levy last? Five years.

When would I start to pay for this re-certification? November 2022.

What will the levy cost? The levy will cost \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value. A home with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay \$134.00 per year.

How much do I pay now? The City levies a permanent tax rate of \$1.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value, plus the current \$0.67 per \$1,000 assessed value for the most recent levy re-certification. If the levy is re-certified under this rate property taxes will not increase as a result of its passage.

When will I vote on the levy? The levy will appear on either the ballots for the November, 2021 Special Election and/or the May, 2022 Primary Election.



INTERESTED IN JOINING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Local citizens have expressed interest in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program in Columbia City in order to establish communications directly with our Police Department about crime and public safety issues and to take an active role in addressing these issues as information gatherers. Initial meetings with City representatives have already taken place, with more to come, and additional efforts are underway to formalize this group. If you would be interested in joining or need more information please contact Jamie Smith, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at columbiacitywatch@outlook.com who will be posting information to include a sign up form.

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY 2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

In compliance with federal reporting requirements, Columbia City provides you with an annual report of the outcome of our many water quality tests. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The cities of St. Helens and Columbia City test water frequently, and we meet or exceed all quality standards required by federal and state requirements. We are required by the Oregon State Health Division to take 2 routine coliform bacteria water samples each month, along with other quarterly and yearly tests.

We continually upgrade our distribution and storage systems by replacing old water mains, repairing leaks, changing water meters, cleaning our storage reservoirs and updating system

maps. Columbia City's three water storage reservoirs provide us with a combined capacity of 1.4 million gallons, which meets our City's storage demands. Our cross-connection program is designed to help prevent any potentially contaminated water from re-entering the City water supply. Columbia City requires a backflow assembly where that potential exists in our system to ensure quality drinking water. This report presents water quality data and explains what it means.



WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Columbia City's water comes from two separate sources. The first source is supplied by two groundwater wells located in the Public Works Shop yard at 1755 Second Place, Columbia City. PW Well #2 is the City's main well, and PW Well #1 serves as a backup well.

The City also purchases water from the City of St. Helens. The City of St. Helens supplies water from a water treatment facility located in Columbia City and one ground well located near the Scappoose Bay Marina in St. Helens. The Scappoose Bay well only operates during emergencies. There are two Ranney Collector Wells in Columbia City that supply water to the treatment plant. The collector wells are located in Columbia City at "K" and First Streets and "E" Street and The Strand. The water treatment facility is a membrane filtration plant that works by running water through a series of synthetic filters that capture sediment, germs and organisms. These filter systems are fully computer-controlled for automatic backwashing and cleaning. There are no chemical additions, except for standard chlorine disinfection and acidity controls.



Columbia City is committed to continually upgrading and improving the quality of our water, our customer service, our water conservation efforts, and our water system. In recent years the City completed a City-wide Water Conservation Project involving the installation of smart meters, updated automated meter reading equipment; significant improvements to the system pressure zones, a system-wide leak detection survey, the abandonment of old redundant piping, and some new fire hydrants. Improvements to the lower and upper-level storage reservoir; including seismic upgrades, new telemetry, interior and exterior painting and repairs, have been completed and the construction of an overflow drain is planned for the future. The City also replaced some undersize water mains and added additional fire hydrants.

WATER SERVICE INFORMATION

In case of emergencies, our Public Works personnel are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling (503) 397-1521. Public Works personnel are certified by the Oregon State Health Department (OSHD) and are trained in all aspects of water distribution and cross-connection. They are required to complete continuing education classes in order to maintain their certification and to keep up-to-date on the latest information and technology in their field.

For information and/or participation in decisions about your drinking water, please contact Michael McGlothlin, City Administrator, by calling City Hall, (503) 397-4010. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

Our regularly scheduled City Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at 6:15 p.m.

HOW TO READ THIS TABLE

This report is based upon the most recent tests conducted by the Columbia City and St. Helens Water Departments. The frequency of required testing depends on the nature of the test and ranges from daily test to ones conducted every 9yrs.

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Treatment Technique or TT** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



The data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. Test results can also be viewed on the Oregon Health Division's website at <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/wssearch.php>. To view the test results on the website, enter PWS number 00203 for Columbia City, and PWS number 00724 for St. Helens.

Key to Table

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
TT = Treatment Technique

ppm = parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb = parts per billion or micrograms per liter (mcg/l)
NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
ND = None Detected

Inorganic Contaminants – Columbia City Well Source

Contaminant	Date Tested	Violation	Range Min.-Max.	Detected Level	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Major Sources
Barium	8/14/13	No	n/a	0.014	ppm	2.0	n/a	Naturally occurring
Sodium	8/14/13	No	n/a	28.4	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	11/18/20	No	n/a	3.11	ppm	10.0	n/a	Naturally occurring
HAA5	5/18/21	No	n/a	ND	ppb	60.0	n/a	Disinfection byproduct
TTHMs	5/18/21	No	n/a	5.2	ppb	80.0	n/a	Disinfection byproduct

Inorganic Contaminants - City of St. Helens Source

Contaminant	Date Tested	Violation	Range Min.-Max.	Detected Level	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Major Sources
Barium	10/24/12	No	n/a	0.013	ppm	2.0	n/a	Naturally occurring
Sodium	10/24/12	No	n/a	14.8	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	7/22/20	No	n/a	1.22	ppm	10.0	n/a	Naturally occurring
TOC	Quarterly	No	0-0.74	0.74	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring
HAA5	Quarterly	No	0-2.9	2.9	ppb	60.0	n/a	Disinfection byproduct
TTHMs	Quarterly	No	0-2.8	2.8	ppb	80.0	n/a	Disinfection byproduct
Turbidity	Daily	No	0.021–0.079	0.066	NTU	TT=0.3	n/a	Soil runoff, sediment

Water Quality Table Footnotes

All contaminants tested were below the Maximum Contaminant Level and none were in violation.

MANDATORY TESTING

The contaminants we monitor are listed below. Only the ones listed in the previous table had detectable levels.

<u>Microbiological Contaminants</u>	Uranium	Pentachlorophenol
Total Coliform Bacteria	<u>Synthetic Organic Contaminants</u>	Picloram
Fecal Coliform	2,4D	Simazene
Turbidity	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	Toxaphene
<u>Radioactive Contaminants</u>	Alachlor	<u>Volatile Organic Contaminants</u>
Beta/photon emitters	Atrazine	Benzene
Alpha emitters	Benzo(a)pyrene(PAH)	Carbon Tetrachloride
Combined Radium	Carbofuran	Chlorobenzene
<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	Chlordane	o-Dichlorobenzene
Antimony	Dalapon	p-Dichlorobenzene
Arsenic	Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	1,2-Dichloroethane
Barium	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthate	1,1-Dichloroethylene
Beryllium	Dibromochloropropane	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene
Cadmium	Dinoseb	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene
Chromium	Diquat	Dichloromethane
Copper	Endothall	1,2-Dichloropropane
Cyanide	Endrin	Ethylbenzene
Fluoride	Ethylene dibromide	Stryrene
Lead	Glyphosate	Tetrachloroethylene
Mercury (inorganic)	Heptachlor	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
Nickel	Heptachlor epoxide	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	Hexachlorobenzene	1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	Hexchlorocyclopentadiene	Trichloroethylene
Selenium	Lindane	THHMs
Sodium	Methoxychlor	Toluene
Sulfate	Oxamyl (Vydate)	Vinyl Chloride
Thallium	PCBs (Polychlorinated)	Xylenes

Lead and Copper Testing

Substance	Units	Goal	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	Homes Exceeding Action Level	Complies?	Source of Contaminate
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.338	0	Yes	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	ppm	0	0.015	0.000	0	Yes	Corrosion of household plumbing

The 90th percentile is the highest result found in 90% of the samples when they are listed in order from the lowest to the highest results. EPA requires testing for lead and copper at customers' taps most likely to contain these substances based on when the house was built. The EPA determined that the sample results did not exceed the Action Level (AL). The above results are from lead and copper samples taken in 2015. Lead and Copper samples will be taken again in August-September 2018.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Columbia City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap water for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Install low flow shower heads and aerators on the faucets.
- Upgrade appliances and toilet fixtures as needed with water saving models.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth.
- Time your shower to keep it under five minutes.
- Toilet leaks can be silent - be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year.
- Plant in the spring and fall, when the watering requirements are lower.
- If the soil is moist, don't water. Allow your lawn and plants to dry out before watering to promote deeper root growth.
- Water deeply, but infrequently, and only water when necessary.
- Use a hose nozzle when watering or washing your car.
- Monitor your water usage to help detect leaks, and promptly fix leaking plumbing and faucets.



ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

THANK YOU! The City of Columbia City works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. Should you experience any problems with your water or, just want to ask a question, please contact us. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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