

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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WATER AND SEWER RATE PUBLIC HEARING - JUNE 17, 2021

The Columbia City Council will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2021, at 6:15 pm via conference call to accept testimony about proposed adjustments to the current water and sewer rates. If approved, the new rates will take effect on June 26 and show up on the July 26 bills. The additional revenue will help pay for operation and maintenance costs associated with the utility systems, make annual debt payments, meet loan debt coverage requirements, and complete necessary capital improvements as outlined in the water and wastewater system master plans.

Monthly Water Rates (inside City limits)		
Residential Meter 3/4" or 5/8"	Current	Proposed
Base Rate - includes 100 cf	\$39.1400	\$39.5300
Per cf over 101 and up to 500	\$0.0240	\$0.0242
Per cf over 501 and up to 1000	\$0.0380	\$0.0384
Per cf over 1001	\$0.0520	\$0.0525

Monthly Sewer Rates		
Residential Connection	Current	Proposed
Minimum Base Rate	\$43.7100	\$45.0200
Usage Fee (per cf - Oct-May)	\$0.0081	\$0.0083
Usage Fee (per cf - Jun-Sep)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000

cf = cubic foot

Information about the proposed rates for other customer classes may be obtained by contacting City Hall.

BUDGET HEARING – JUNE 4, 2021

The Budget Committee will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom on June 4, 2021.

Testimony will be accepted about the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

A full copy of the budget may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. It can also be found on our website.



LIGHT TRESPASS

City Council recently amended Ordinance No. 517, the nuisance ordinance, adding Section 21, Light Trespass stating, no person shall allow light from their property, either by directed beam or intermittent flashing, to fall across their property line(s) onto an adjoining lot or onto an adjoining public right-of-way (R). Light trespass shall be determined by visual observation, observed at ground level at property line. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Hall.

COLUMBIA ARTS GUILD WATERCOLOR CLASS

The Columbia Arts Guild is having a watercolor workshop featuring Lee Baughmann from Clark College on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the St. Helens Recreation Center. The cost is \$25 for Guild Members and \$30 for non-members. A kit of paint and paper is an additional \$8, if desired. For further information call

Dana Belisle at 503-307-4619.



LOST AND FOUND

A garage door opener was left in the City's drop box. If you think it might belong to you, please contact City Hall.



LIBRARY NEWS

We need a volunteer to market our special volumes that are worth a bit more than our standard prices. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the library.

We still have limited storage space for sale books, so we'd like to ask you to hold off book donations until August 23, then donate away! If you have books published within the last two or three years that we can put into our circulating collection, bring them in and we'll get them in.

City Celebration. Save September 18 for this year's Columbia City Celebration! We will have a limited selection of events, including a BIG book sale, the Show and Shine car show with a live band performing, a kid's area, the quilt raffle and the Strawberry Pancake Breakfast.

Art in the Library. Linda Sprau will be showing her beautiful acrylic and water-color paintings at the library during the month of June.



Linda grew up in the country with a love of nature that has continued throughout her life. She has spent much of her free time camping and enjoying the pristine beauty of the northwest, always yearning to recreate that feeling in an artistic manner.

In 2014 she began her artistic journey with drawing and painting classes in local community colleges as well as in private and on-line lessons. She continues to take zoom painting classes as she strives to recreate the beauty that she longed to paint from an early age.

Secondhand Prose Virtual Book Sale – Explore the Northwest this summer. Close to home for a summer get-away, our Pacific Northwest offers a world of wonders. Explore, have fun, and learn about our beautiful part of the world. This month's special selection of books will entice you to visit some of the old favorites and to discover new gems in our area.

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



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

Books we've added. This month we added 55 items to our library, books include:

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo (best seller)
Final Option by Clive Cussler
The Bounty by Janet Evanovich (best seller)
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (recent best seller)
Texas Outlaw by James Patterson (recent best seller)
The Return by Nicholas Sparks (past best seller)

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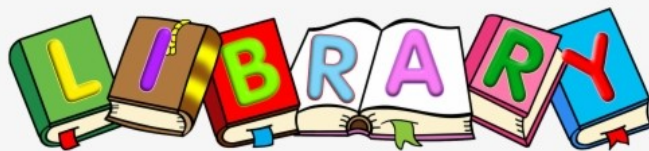
2000 Second Street / PO Box 189 / Columbia City
503-366-8020 / ccclibrary@live.com

Library Hours:

Mondays & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursdays 3 – 6 p.m.

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>



SERGEANTS CORNER

Trestle Beach. With nice weather just around the corner we anticipate Trestle Beach to be a popular destination spot as always. When you use the beach area please take away all the items you brought in. We are seeing more garbage and broken glass being left on the beach. Much of this can be dangerous to the other citizens, dogs and wildlife. Please stay off the dock, mooring pillars and barges at the Port of Columbia County site. Those areas are private property and anyone identified in those areas will be subject to being charged with Criminal Trespassing. Currently the gate access is open from (7:00 am to 5:00 pm), but may change to summer hours in the near future, (7:00 am to 7:00 pm). We look forward to everyone visiting the community and having a safe, enjoyable experience here in Columbia City.



During the month of April, we have completed 12 new written reports, and responded to the following calls: 1 assist fire, 4 animal complaints, 3 assist persons, 2 disturbances/fights, 1 domestic, 3 cold frauds, 11 follow ups, 3 motorist assists, 4 parking complaints, 38 premise checks, 7 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 2 suspicious circumstances, 4 suspicious persons, 3 welfare checks, 1 suicide threat, 35 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 129 activities for the month of April, 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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, June 12, 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
- ⊗ 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.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JUNE 2021

June 1 st	6:30 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
June 4 th	6:30 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting via Zoom*
June 15 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom- canceled
June 17 th	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via conference call*

*For conference call and Zoom information contact City Hall

