

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING - JUNE 17, 2021, 6:15 PM

The Columbia City Council will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2021, at 6:15 pm to accept testimony about proposed adjustments to the current water and sewer rates as recommended in the Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis Summary Report. It is anticipated that the new rates will generate additional revenue equal to approximately 3% in sewer and 1% in water. 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.

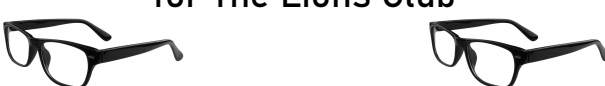
Monthly Water Rates (inside City limits)		
Residential Meter 3/4" or 5/8"	Current	Proposed
Base Rate - includes 100 cf	\$39.1400	\$39.5314
Per cf over 101 and up to 500	\$0.0240	\$0.0242
Per cf over 501 and up to 1000	\$0.0380	\$0.0384
Per cf over 1001	\$0.0520	\$0.0525

Monthly Sewer Rates		
Residential Connection	Current	Proposed
Minimum Base Rate	\$43.7100	\$45.02
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.

**Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids
for The Lions Club**



Accepted Until the End of May

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day has always been a day to visit cemeteries and memorials to honor and mourn those who served our Country. Unfortunately, due to restrictions on public gatherings, the City will not be hosting a Memorial Day program this year. We do encourage you to visit the beautiful Columbia City Veterans Park as it will be open and flags will be placed in honor of this day.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The Columbia City Budget Committee will meet on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm via a Zoom Virtual Meeting. For those wishing to observe the meeting and/or provide public comment, please call City Hall at 503-397-4010 for meeting access information. The purpose of this meeting is to present the budget message, to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and to discuss the possible use of revenue sharing funds. A copy of the proposed budget document may be inspected or purchased on May 28, 2021.



CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM HAS REOPENED

The Caples House Museum at 1925 First Street has reopened for Friday afternoon Tea & Sweets; the first and third Fridays from 2 pm to 4 pm. Tours of the museum are also available Fridays 11 am to 4 pm, Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm and Sundays 1 to 3 pm. The museum recently completed a foundation renovation and re-painting of the exterior.

To celebrate Dr. Caples birthday on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, ice cream and cookies will be served 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Masks and social distancing will be observed as required by Governor Brown.

Email CaplesHouse@comcast.net or call 503-397-5390 for more information.

LOST AND FOUND

The following items were recently found and turned in to City Hall:

- A tablet and sweatshirt from Harvard Park.
- A phone from the area of Hwy 30 and I street.
- A white charger cord.

If you think one of these items might be yours, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Columbia City Community Library has continued to serve our community throughout the pandemic with the checking out books, while reorganizing the library and our Secondhand Prose bookstore. The community has supported us by checking out books, buying books and joining Friends of the Library. This year we anticipate having a pared down City Celebration and will finally have a book sale! The library raffle quilt top is done and will be posted on Facebook. It will be quilted in the next month and raffle tickets will be available for sale by July.

Art in the Library. This month's featured artist is Dana Belisle. Her beautiful watercolor paintings will be on display for the month of May.

"I was fortunate enough to study art when in college in Minnesota, but I didn't try watercolor until I took a class at Southwest Oregon Community College from Sarah Spaugh with my daughter many years ago. I was hooked and have been painting with watercolors ever since. Lately I have been studying with Lee Baughman at Clark College in Vancouver and with several local friends. I like to paint from our travels as well as Oregon scenes, especially from the Coast."



Secondhand Prose and Virtual Book Sale – May is Mystery Month. "Today, one in every three books sold is a crime novel. And despite its lack of artistic merit, the literature of murder tells us not what people thought they ought to read. It tells us what they really read." Lucy Worsley, *The Art of the English Murder* (2014).

Discover a new author this month, or read one of your favorite writers from our selection of approximately 25 hand selected mysteries.

All \$1 and \$2 books are in excellent or very good condition. This sale also includes approximately 70 additional fiction and non-fiction books.

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.

Library Hours:

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

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

SERGEANTS CORNER

Outdoor Activities. With the longer days and nicer weather approaching, we will begin to see more activity near our streets and highways. As your driving around please keep an eye out for the walkers, runners and bicyclist. We all have to share the road and be courteous to one another during our travels. We will also be seeing an increase of children and pets outside during times of nicer weather. Watch your speed and be more cautious around the parks and pathways as their use will begin to increase as well.

During the month of April, we have completed 5 new written reports, 4 follow up reports and responded to the following calls: 2 assist fires, 3 animal complaints, 1 assist person, 1 assist outside agency, 1 disturbance/fight, 2 domestics, 1 DUII, 3 cold frauds, 2 harassments, 1 juvenile problem, 1 runaway juvenile, 2 motorist assists, 2 noise complaints, 1 overdose, 2 parking complaints, 46 premise checks, 12 traffic stops, 3 traffic complaints, 4 suspicious vehicles, 4 suspicious persons, 1 welfare check, 1 suicide threat and 58 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives.

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

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MAY 2021

May 4 th	2:30 p.m.	Audit Committee at City Hall
May 13 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court via conference call*
May 18 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Workshop via Zoom*
May 20 th	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via conference call*
May 28 th	8:00 a.m.	2021-22 City Budget available for public review
May 31 st	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day

*For conference call and Zoom information contact City Hall

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CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Columbia City provides a range of services to the community. We'd like to ask you to please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Your input is important to us, and we look forward to hearing how we might better serve you. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you need not answer all of the questions.

Your feedback is appreciated!

Please return completed surveys to City Hall during the month of May

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Question 1:

A. In the past year or so have you or anyone in your household had direct contact with a representative of the City Hall Office?
 Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 2)

B. If you answered yes to Question 1A, please indicate the nature of the contact(s) and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

1=not at all satisfied 5=very satisfied

_____	Water or Sewer Utility Payment or Inquiry	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Municipal Court Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Building, Plumbing or Mechanical Permit	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Land Use Related	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Street Light Problem	1	2	3	4	5
_____	Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered above: _____
