

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Columbia City is excited to confirm that Michael Allen Harrison will be joining us for a Holiday Concert on December 6th, at 6 pm in our vintage Community Hall. In addition to being a sought after producer, composer and arranger, Michael is a well-known concert pianist who has been in the music scene for over three decades. Senator Betsy Johnson will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Some changes that we are implementing in an effort to keep attendees safe is that no food or drink will be sold at this year's event. Masks will be required at all times. Also, the proceeds will benefit the Columbia City Community Library instead of the Community Hall. Tickets will be \$20 per person and go on sale November 1st at City Hall. Seating will be limited.



CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS EXTRA NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-1534.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7th



SERGEANTS CORNER

Daylight Saving Time. We are soon approaching the time change on November 7th 2021. With this time change comes changes in driving conditions during your commute home and around town. It will be much darker and more difficult to see pedestrians, and other road hazards. Please adjust your driving accordingly by slowing down, looking further ahead, and giving yourself more time to brake as you approach intersections and stop lights.

During the month of September we have completed 11 new written reports and responded to the following calls: 5 audible alarms, 8 animal complaints, 2 assist outside agencies, 2 assist persons, 1 cold burglary, 1 civil call, 2 criminal mischiefs, 1 death investigation, 3 DHS referrals, 1 disturbance/fight, 1 DUII, 12 follow up calls, 1 hazard, 1 Hit & Run, 1 juvenile custody dispute, 1 juvenile runaway, 1 motorist assist, 7 noise complaints, 123 premise checks, 10 suspicious circumstances, 3 suspicious persons, 5 suspicious vehicles, 1 suicide attempt, 20 traffic stops, 3 unwanted subjects and 2 welfare checks. In total we handled 234 activities for the month of September, 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

PLANNING NEWS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. the Columbia City Planning Commission will be holding two public hearings through Zoom.

One hearing is for a variance to setback requirements to erect a cover over a koi pond in the R-2 zone at 430 Skookum Court.

The other hearing is for a variance to extend an unpermitted carport in the R-2 zone at 100 K Street.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearings and present oral and written testimony regarding the applications. If you would like to comment but cannot participate in either of the hearings, you may submit your comments in writing to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the hearings.

For more information about the hearings or for Zoom meeting access contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

OPEN BURNING NOVEMBER 6th – 21st BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 6th, and ending Sunday, November 21st**. Burning is restricted to yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited. Yard debris is lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings/prunings, sawdust and wood scraps. It is **not** dirt/gravel, paper/plastic, metal, rocks/bricks, sod, or food waste.

Burn permits are required prior to burning!



Permits are free and can be obtained at City Hall, any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on their website: www.CRFR.com. Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

COLUMBIA CITY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

The Columbia City Neighborhood Watch program continues to function as an active group within our community, but will not be holding meetings during this year's holiday season. Keep an eye out in future newsletters as meeting dates, times and locations will be publicized when the group starts meeting again after the first of the year. The group is also encouraging all that are interested to reach out via email, at columbiacitywatch@outlook.com, with

questions or comments. We also encourage people to take time to meet a neighbor, consider areas of vulnerability on your property, lock cars/outbuildings and contact the Police Department via either "911" or the non-emergency line at 503-397-1521 should assistance be needed.

CAPLES HOUSE – NOVEMBER EVENTS



Caples Museum tours are Closed until 2022

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

Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 13th & Sunday, November 14th
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oh boy oh boy do we have vendors! There will be everything from leather goods to snow globes, all types of jewelry, driftwood and concrete garden statuarys, gifts and more gifts. The vendors will be both inside and out. And, of course, there will be food.

Holiday Tea
Sunday, November 21st
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

What a perfect way to bring in the spirit of harvest gratitude. Get dressed up and prepare to be served (just before you have to serve in a few days). There will be a lovely luncheon, yummy desserts, tea, live music and you get to bring home a special gift from the Caples House. Price is \$30 per person. Call ahead for reservations at 503-397-5390.



PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The City currently has an opening on the Columbia City Planning Commission. Terms are for four years and applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The Planning Commission meets at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month when there are topics to discuss. Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, or may be found on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

Friends of the Library will be sending out ballots for officers for the coming year. Friends of the Library members watch for those and send back your ballots!

Donations of books are now welcome and money contributions are always appreciated. Your donations help us add new books to the shelves and give us an idea of what our community is reading.

We will be closed on Veteran's Day (Thursday November 11) and Thanksgiving Day (Thursday November 25).

Art in the Library: November Artist: Tish Carlson is a long-time Warren resident. Growing up in Longview, WA she says she inherited her artistic abilities from her family.

She began painting in college, and over the years her love of travel has taken her to many countries. Some of their iconic landscapes are reflected in her beautiful paintings. She was the Staff Artist for the Richland, WA public library and the Staff Artist for a bronze company in Wilsonville, OR. It was there that

she started making and selling copper enamel jewelry. She also taught piano lessons for many years. A country girl, she says: "I did everything with horses, from the first horse at age 13 until I was 50. Then I got a bike".



On display will be some of her landscapes, and her newest venture into three-dimensional painting.

Volunteers Rock! Thank you to all our volunteers who keep the library running! We wouldn't have our library without them. Some of our volunteers work once a week, some once a month. If you are interested in helping staff the library, pick up a volunteer application at the library.

Books we've added: This month we added 171 items to our library. Books we've added include:

Life at the Speed of Light, by J. Craig Venter
Our 50-State Border Crisis, by Howard Buffett
Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation, by Paul Hawken (best seller)
The Speckled Beauty, by Rick Bragg (best seller)
The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, by Marie Kondo
The Dressmakers of Auschwitz, by Lucy Adlington
Little Bat in Night School, by Brian Lies (read aloud book)
Eggs on Ice, by Laura Childs (a cozy mystery)
Cloud Cuckoo Land, by Anthony Doerr (best seller)
Daughter of the Morning Star, by Craig Johnson (best seller)
Apples Never Fall, by Liane Moriarty (best seller)
The Red Book, by James Patterson (past best seller)
Normal People, by Sally Rooney (past best seller)
The Turn of the Key, by Ruth Ware (past best seller)
Artimis Fowl: The Graphic Novel, by Eoin Colfer

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Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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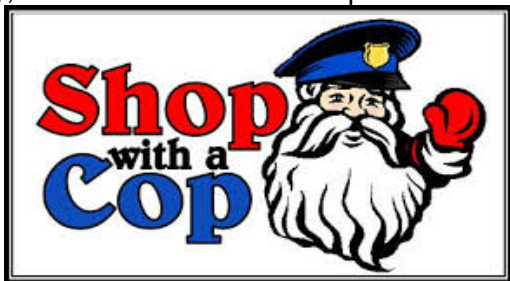


DONATIONS WELCOMED! NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

The Columbia City Police Department is hosting its 13th annual Shop with a Cop program. The goal of the program is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities and Christmas wish list items for selected participants that are in need of some additional help.

We are accepting nominations for families in need until Monday, November 29th at 5:00 p.m. Please contact

City Hall to obtain a nomination form if you have a family in mind.



We are also accepting donations to help support this year's program. If you would like to help, please send your donation to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018. Please be sure to identify the donation as Shop with a Cop. Thank you for your support to this rewarding program.

REPORTING CONTRACTORS NOT STATE CERTIFIED

What should I do if I suspect a contractor is not State certified? Document everything you witness. These details will assist the Oregon Building Codes Division in performing any necessary investigations. Remember to include as much detail as possible, such as:

- Photographs of the work performed
- Names of businesses involved
- Names of individuals involved
- Description of vehicles
- Copies of bids
- Invoices, receipts or checks

Who do I contact to report contractors working without appropriate State certifications? BCD and CCB have separate authority over different areas of construction activity and complaint reporting processes. Complaints should be submitted to the appropriate agency based on the violation.

Electrical/Plumbing license violations file a complaint with BCD:

<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/enforcement/Pages/complaint.aspx>

Other contracting issues or violations file a complaint with CCB:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/complaints/Pages/how-file-a-complaint.aspx>

HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY

Household Hazardous Waste:

- Participate in the Columbia County Transfer Station's Household Hazardous Waste Events for the disposal of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fluorescent tubes and light ballasts, solvents, thinners, gasoline, diesel, fuels, cleaners, detergents, propane cylinders, etc.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., at the Columbia County Transfer Station.
- Substitute less hazardous substances for products you use in your home.

Car Care:

- Check your car regularly for oil and antifreeze leaks, and repair any leaks quickly.

Lawn Care and Landscaping:

- Use environmentally sound products on your lawn, garden and landscaped areas.
- If you must use pesticides and/or fertilizers, apply them minimally and properly.

Pet Waste:

- Promptly pick up pet waste.
- Dispose of pet waste by flushing it or placing it in the garbage.

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2021

November 4 th	6:30 pm	Special City Council Meeting via Zoom*
November 6 th	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 11 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 12 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 16 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*
November 18 th	6:30 pm	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom*
November 21 st	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 28 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 29 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving