

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## September 2021



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### CELEBRATION CANCELED

Columbia City is sad to announce the cancellation of the 2021 Show & Shine car show and the Strawberry Pancake Breakfast. With the current health crisis, the organizers are putting the welfare of our citizens first. We hope that September of 2022 will find us celebrating together without concern!

The cancellation of these fundraisers does have an impact on our Library; which is dedicated to providing free services to our community and all of Columbia County. We hope that our residents will find a way to support them through this difficult time. The Quilt Raffle is a great way to show support and you might win a beautiful quilt! Or how about a two night Beach Getaway in Long Beach, Washington? Raffle tickets for both can be purchased at either City Hall or the Library. The winning ticket will be drawn on September 18<sup>th</sup>. They hope to still have the book sale (outdoors), and their Second Hand Prose used book store is open for business during regular Library hours (see *Library News* for days and times).

Another great way to support the Library is to become a "Friend of the Columbia City Community Library" by filling out a membership application. Annual Dues are only \$25. One time donations of any amount are always greatly appreciated. This helps our Library stay current on what it has to offer the Community and to reach their goals for the future.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – YOU'RE INVITED!

If you are interested in joining the next Columbia City Neighborhood Watch meeting, please see the below Zoom meeting link information. Unable to Zoom? You can still participate by calling the phone number below. This meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Please consider joining this group in order improve communications within our community and to assist our Police Department in addressing crime and public safety issues.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88506099471?pwd=Mmt6RlF5NTJxUmwzK1dHOWd1QXB2QT09> Meeting ID: 885 0609 9471, Passcode: 840173, Phone access: +1 669 900 6833



## Friends of the Columbia City Community Library Membership Application

*A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues: \$25.00**

Please make checks payable to:

**Friends of the Library**  
PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018  
Return to: The Library or City Hall



Additional Donation Enclosed: \$25\_\_\_ \$50\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_ Yes, please send me a donation receipt

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Criminal Activity.** In the recent weeks we have been seeing more reports of theft occurring in our surrounding area. Please help reduce the chances of this happening in our city by making a few simple improvements to your yard. Cut back any bushes that can be used as concealment by a criminal on your property. Add lighting so people can see if someone is in your yard. Secure all your



belongings and do not leave items of value outside, in your vehicle, boat or RV. Keep an eye on your neighborhood while you're out walking. If we all stay vigilant we can make a difference and reduce crime in our City.

During the month of July we completed 7 new written reports and responded to the following calls: 1 audible alarm, 2 animal complaints, 1 assist outside agency, 2 assist persons, 1 cold burglary, 10 civil calls, 2 civil enforcements, 1 disturbance/fight, 1 DUII, 12 follow up calls, 1 hazard, 1 juvenile custody dispute, 1 juvenile runaway, 1 ordinance violation, 1 overdose, 2 parking complaints, 92 premise checks, 1 prowler, 7 suspicious circumstances, 7 suspicious persons, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 suicide attempt, 3 suicide threats, 1 adult sex crime, 5 cold thefts, 1 trespass and 18 traffic stops, In total we handled 194 activities for the month of July, 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 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](http://www.columbia-city.org).

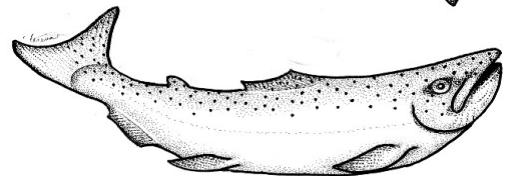
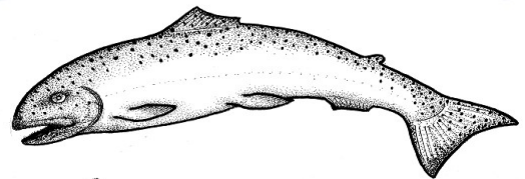
Volunteers are seldom paid: not because they are worthless, but because they are **PRICESLESS!**



## COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRTS ON SALE

Stop by City Hall and get a City t-shirt. A new order of our popular Columbia City t-shirts has arrived in lime green and purple in sizes S to 2XL. We also still have limited quantities and sizes available in blue and red. The t-shirts are \$10 each.

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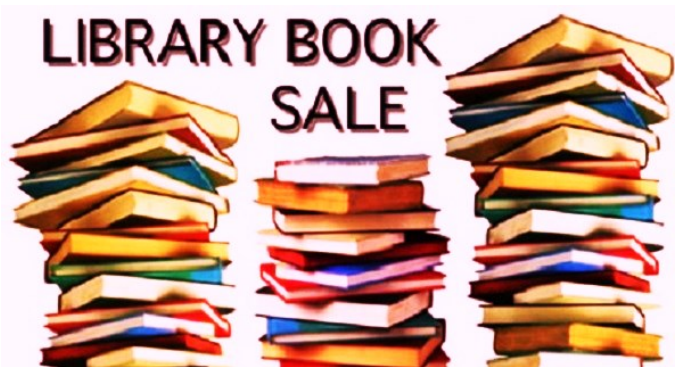
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On sale for \$5 are the nautical flag white t-shirts in S and XL only.



## LIBRARY NEWS

We are planning to hold our huge book sale on Saturday, September 18 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the quilt and the beach cabin. The beautiful black and white log cabin quilt was made by Cathy Lundberg, and the beach cabin was donated by Paul Stansbury of Paulson's Printing. The rest of the City Celebration has been cancelled due to Covid-19.



Donate books at the library now so they can make it into the sale. We will need volunteers on Friday, September 17 from 3 pm until 7 pm to set up for the sale. And then we will need volunteers to put things away afterwards. Buy lots so we have less to put away!

The book sale will be held outside under the covered area north of the Columbia City School. We ask that you wear a mask since there will be a lot of people. During the sale please try to keep your physical distance. You know the drill! We really do have a huge selection of books since they have been accumulating for two years now.

The raffle quilt will be displayed at the library in September until the 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

**Readers' Recommendation.** *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abriams, a gripping thriller set within the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court. Look for it on the "New Books" shelf inside the Library.

**Novel Quilters.** The Novel Quilters are now reading *The Night Circus* by Erin Morganstern. It is a fantasy where two magicians engage in a contest set at the Night Circus.

**Columbia County Reads 2021.** *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. The 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.

Event planning is still ongoing with the latest mask mandates. Watch Facebook for information!

### Books we've added include:

*The Book Collectors: A Band of Syrian Rebels and the Stories That Carried Them Through a War* by Delphine Minoui

*Saving Freedom: Truman, the Cold War, and The Fight for Western Civilization* by Joe Scarborough  
*Thick as Thieves* by Sandra Brown (best selling author)

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

*The Saboteurs* by Clive Cussler (recent best seller)  
*Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane (recent best seller)

*There There* by Tommy Orange (recent best seller)  
*In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle (recent best seller)  
*Hid From Our Eyes* by Julia Spencer-Fleming (long awaited next book!)

*Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout (recent best seller)  
*Neon Prey* by John Sandford (large print version of best seller)



### Columbia City Community Library

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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## THE ENGINEER AND THE FROG

An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to his pocket.



The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do anything you want." Again the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it, and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you that I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week, and that I'll do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend; but a talking frog, now that's cool."

## LOST AND FOUND

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



- A headlamp found on Fourth Street, in between I and K Streets.
- Some cash.
- A key card found in the area of Fourth and L Streets.

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

## CAPLES HOUSE – SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Caples Museum Tours

Hours: Friday – Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$5 adult / \$4 children

Teas and Sweets – in the Cottage  
Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$5 for bottomless tea and a dessert plate

The Book Club – in the Cottage  
Meets the third Friday of the month  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Reading: *The Alice Network*  
by Kate Quinn

## Harvest Festival



Sunday, September 26  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy Pioneer crafts, games and a raffle.  
Admission is free but the food and raffle have small charges. The event is almost all outside.

## PLANNING TO GET AWAY?

The Columbia City Police Department would like to remind you that, at your request, they will periodically check your home while you are away. To request this service, please register with the Columbia City Police Department before you leave. Forms are available at City Hall and on our website.



## SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

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| September 6 <sup>th</sup>  | CLOSED  | City Hall is closed on Labor Day               |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 PM | Municipal Court at City Hall                   |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 PM | Neighborhood Watch Meeting via Zoom*           |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | City Council Meeting via Zoom*                 |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup> | 6:30 PM | Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom* Canceled |