

Columbia City Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS



visit www.nacwa.org/toilets

TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™

Only Flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poop, & Toilet Paper

According to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies products such as wipes, paper towels, any feminine hygiene products, latex or nitrile gloves should not be flushed, but often are, causing problems for utilities that amount to **billions of dollars** in maintenance and repair costs—costs which ultimately get passed on to the consumer.

Wipes would include the ones when you use the toilet, baby wipes, disinfecting wipes and facial/makeup removal wipes. Even wipes that say they are Disposable, Flushable, Septic Safe, or Bio-Degradable are **not** actually okay to flush. They will not break down or dissolve like toilet paper does. They bind together with other wipes forming large “mats” or “wads” of wipes. These then clog sewer lines, tanks, and sewage pumps. This can result in sewer backups, overflows and can not only damage the City’s facilities, but can also cause backups into homes. All of this ends up costing the City money and exposes utility workers to more hazardous situations in the cleanup and mitigation of the problem.

Protect your pipes and the environment. Pledge to only flush the 3 P's: **P**ee, **P**oop & **T**oilet **P**aper.



BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER

Contractors, plumbers, landscapers, pest control, painters, electricians, anyone doing business within the city is required to obtain a current Columbia City business license prior to starting work. Some Portland area contractors think their “Metro License” covers them to work in Columbia City, but it does not. Many contractors come to our area to do specialty work, some of those jobs will be done within a day or two. They are still required to obtain a business license. The City recently reduced the temporary fee license to \$25. This is available for businesses who don’t normally come to our area and the job will be completed within 20 consecutive business days.

Business license applications are available on our website at www.columbia-city.org. If you have any questions about business licenses or whether or not someone has a current business license please contact City Hall.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Columbia City Community Hall
1850 Second Street

Thursday, February 25th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Or visit www.redcrossblood.org

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

Pickup After Your Dog! Don't be fooled, some see the dog poop as a great source for fertilizer. Sadly this is far from the truth. Because a dog's diet is made up of mostly animal products, their waste ends up being full of bacteria, nearly double the amount in cow manure. Not only can it be a hazard to human health, but any plants that become contaminated by it. Dog waste needs to be properly composted in an offsite secure area before being considered any type of fertilizer.



Top 10 Reasons To Leash Your Dog. This article was originally written for Southern California communities, but is applicable throughout most communities in the country. Virtually every community has a leash law. The law requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times when on public property. While on private property, dogs must be under control of their owners. The intent of the law is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect your pet. The use of a leash will benefit you, your neighborhood, and your pet. There are many good reasons to keep your dog on a leash.

1. It's a great good neighbor policy, preventing your dog from trespassing on the neighbor's property during your walk. It also keeps your dog from jumping on people you encounter, ensuring that your dog has the chance of being properly introduced.
2. Improved companionship. A well trained and leash-obedient dog is a pleasure to walk with.
3. Walking your pet on a leash will prevent the spread of disease. It is less likely that your dog will be exposed to Parvo or Distemper. A leashed dog can be restrained from sniffing the droppings of other animals.
4. A leash is commonly referred to as "Your Pet's Lifeline," protecting your pet from traffic and unrestrained animals. Accidents or animal bites are greatly reduced when responsible pet owners obey the leash law.



5. An obedient and well behaved dog is a positive reflection of its owner.
6. Re-locating your dog into another household is 100% easier if your dog is obedient and leash trained.
7. It's a great way to reward your dog. Your dog will immediately respond with a wagging tail the moment he or she sees you holding the leash.
8. It's a great identification tool, symbolizing that the dog has an owner, and enabling someone who sees the leash and identification tag attached to the dog's collar to find you if you and your pet should become separated.
9. It's a great relief to wildlife, keeping your dog from chasing squirrels, deer, and other wildlife.
10. It's the law! The law is in place to protect other members of the public and your pet from injury.

This information is courtesy of The Bill Foundation.

NEWS FROM COMCAST

Comcast recently reached out to the City letting us know of some upcoming changes they are making to their billing systems. For those customers with a verified Comcast e-mail address, beginning February 10, 2021, instead of receiving a paper bill by mail each month, customers will receive an email with a link to review their bills in their on-line account. Like many companies, they are excited about moving to paperless billing, and their digital tools offer personalized assistance. Customers will be able to view account details and view and print up to 24 months of payment history on their accounts.

With paperless billing, customers will be able to pay bills online, from any location and at any time from their personal devices. It's a fast, easy method that helps cut down on clutter and even saves a few trees.

Comcast has been providing information to customers on this change. Of course, customers who wish to continue receiving paper bills will be provided with instructions on how to maintain that preference.

Comcast Contact Options: By Chat – visit www.xfinity.com/chat, Social – Tweet @comcastcares, By app – Download the My Account app at www.xfinity.com/apps, By Phone – Call 1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489) or In store – At your nearest XFINITY store, find one at www.xfinity.com/storelocator.

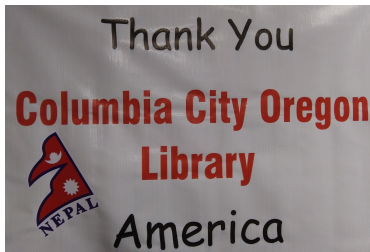
LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all of you who continue to support us, both monetarily and by using the library. The more books you check out, the more room we have on the shelves for more!

We need to build a new website. If you have a recommendation for web hosting, or are able to help us set up a new website, please contact the library.

Library Highlight. Our patron, Evie is almost 101 years old. Reading has been a life-long passion. Because of the pandemic, this past year she began rereading the books she owns. A friend told her the Columbia City Library is open on a limited basis. Now her friend brings Evie to browse our large print books section or will check out books and take them to her. To help Evie and other seniors in our community, we would like to expand our collection and would appreciate receiving donations of large print books.

Art in the Library for February. Our special



display this month will be from Rosemary Jeffrey: photos and art from her past eight trips to a small Himalayan village school in the Mt. Everest region of

Nepal. Rosemary says: "I'm extremely fortunate to be able to continue helping this school and trekking in this stunningly beautiful part of the world. Thank you, Columbia City Library for your generous support."

Secondhand Prose. The January launch of Secondhand Prose's virtual book sale went without a hitch. Thank you all who have ordered books and given us valuable feedback.

In honor of Oregon's birthday, February 14th, (1859) we are focusing on our non-fiction selections of Oregon's people, places and history. We even have a few novels by Oregon authors from which to choose. All of our hand selected books are in excellent or very good condition.

Look for the next Virtual Book Sale in your inbox on February 1st or 2nd. If you do not receive an email, you can go to <http://bit.ly/2WzQqjJ> or the link will be on the library's Facebook page with the monthly sale sheet. To be placed on the email list, please

contact us at ccclibrary@live.com. Or call us during business hours (Mon. 10-2, Thurs. 3-6 or Sat. 10-2) at 503-366-8020. When you place an order it will be filled and ready for pick-up in the library or curbside. Payment of either cash or check is due at pick-up.

Books we've added. Books we've added recently include:

A Private Cathedral by James Lee Burke
The Boy From the Woods by Harlen Coben
Fortune and Glory: Tantalizing Twenty-Seven by Janet Evanovich
The Searcher by Tana French
Christmas Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella
Sacre Bleu by Christopher Moore
Revenge by James Patterson
Rather Be the Devil by Ian Rankin
Feared by Lisa Scottoline
Cold Millions by Jess Walter



Library Hours:

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

Columbia City Community Library

2000 Second Street / PO Box 189
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Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

PLANNING NEWS – PUBLIC DECISION

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. the Columbia City Planning Commission will be holding a public meeting through Zoom.

The meeting will be to discuss a site development review and ordinance interpretation applications to develop an RV/Boat and Self-Storage Facility on Commercially zoned property in Columbia City. The 4.3 acre site is currently vacant and located at the east end of Penn Street and north of the Mini Mart and Athletic Club on A Street. The applicant is Wayne Elliott and the property owner is 1771Columbiablvd LLC.

Interested persons are invited to submit written testimony. This testimony must be received by February 16, 2021 before 4:00 p.m.

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

COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM

Columbia City Municipal Court is offering a one-time only amnesty program to forgive a portion of overdue fines owed when you pay in full between December 15, 2020 and April 15, 2021.

Call City Hall for more information.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GROUP VACANCY

The City currently has an opening on the Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. The Team monitors and documents progress made on the implementation of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan, reviews actions taken in response to disasters or emergencies that occur, makes recommendations for new projects or revised action items and discusses implementation problems that may arise. Terms are for three years and applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The Hazard Mitigation Planning Group meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth 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.

SERGEANTS CORNER

Pets. Many of our residents have pets and are often out and about in our community or utilizing our dog park. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect your neighbors and other community members. If you walk your animals please keep them on a leash, and bring the proper equipment necessary to clean up after them. If you have other animals that like to crow early in the morning or bark when outside, please take the time to bring them inside where they will no longer disrupt the peaceful community we all enjoy.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2021

February 9 th	6:30 p.m.	Streets Committee Meeting at Community Hall
February 15 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on President's Day
February 16 th	6:30 p.m.	Water and Sewer Committee Meeting at Community Hall
February 16 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*
February 18 th	6:15 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Conference Call*
February 23 th	6:30 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at Community Hall

*For conference call and Zoom information contact City Hall.

The following is a summary of the Police Department activity during the month of December. We have completed 7 written reports, and responded to the following calls: 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 assist person, 1 domestic call, 1 behavior health, 24 premise checks, 1 call to assist the public, 1 assist outside agency, 4 follow up investigations, 9 traffic stops, 1 traffic complaint, 5 suspicious vehicles, 1 suspicious person, 2 hazards, 3 civil enforcements, 2 welfare checks, 2 suicide threats, 35 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 114 activities for the month of December, 2020.

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

VALENTINE RE-MAILING PROGRAM

Looking to add a little fun to your Valentine's card? Why not have it postmarked from the Sweetheart City of Loveland, CO!

To send your valentine through the Sweetheart City, simply follow these instructions:

- Address the valentine with recipient's address
- Stamp the valentine
- Place the valentine in a larger, first-class envelope
- Stamp and address the larger envelope to:
Postmaster – Attention Valentines
446 E 29th Street
Loveland CO 80538-9998

The US deadline is February 7th, so don't delay! Visit their website for more details: <https://loveland.org/programs/valentine-re-mailing-program>.