



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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SHOP WITH A COP

The 12th Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event was a huge success!! A big thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who participated in granting not only Christmas wish list items, but much needed necessities.



Many thanks to our local Walmart staff for being amazing community partners and all those who financially donated to this worthwhile project.

KEEP THOSE SIDEWALKS CLEAR

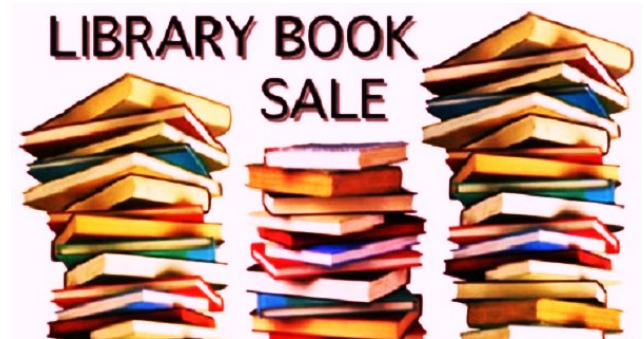


Columbia City sees a lot of walkers. Be neighborly and keep the sidewalks around your property free of hazards or obstructions, including leaves, ice, snow, etc.

COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Library will begin its virtual book sale January 6, 2021. A list of hand selected books will be emailed monthly to Columbia County residents. Gently used and bargain priced at \$1 for paperbacks and \$2 for hardbacks, this is the best book deal in Columbia County.

Instructions will accompany the email and there is more information in the *Library News* column of this newsletter. If you have questions or want to be added to the email list, contact us at ccclibrary@live.com or 503-366-8020.



Thank you for supporting your free, local library!

LOST AND FOUND

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

- A pair of glasses found on Sixth Street.
- A coat was found near F Street after the Christmas ships.
- A key was found beside I Street next to the Caples House.

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

Nothing liberates our greatness like the
desire to help, the desire to serve.

- *Marianne Williamson*

CHANGES TO CITY COUNCIL

Council President Marson retires: Councilor Sally Ann Marson has been on the City Council since 2007, serving as Council President the last nine years. Her service to the City also included membership on the Audit, Budget, and Community Hall Committees; Chairing the Parks and Streets Committees; and she was also on the Planning Commission.

Well known for her passion of gardening, she was instrumental in developing the area that has become known as “Marson Garden” and spends hundreds of hours volunteering to keep it looking beautiful year round. It is the landscaped area along Highway 30 at I Street where the Columbia City welcome sign is posted. During her entire tenure Councilor Marson has been a steadfast and tireless champion for Columbia City and its citizens. Councilor Marson’s “can do” spirit and thoughtfulness will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her.

Message from Outgoing Council President Marson: When I said “yes” back in 2001 to a park’s cleanup project, I never guessed it would lead to being on City Council in 2007.

I would like to thank the citizens and staff of Columbia City for every experience shared, friendships made and the accomplishments done over the years.



There will always be new challenges to be addressed by our City Council but I’m quite confident that with the support of our citizens anything can be tackled successfully.

I would like to take this opportunity as I leave office to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

~Sally Ann Marson, Columbia City Council President

Council Member Ebert retires from Council: Councilor Karli Ebert joined the City Council in January of 2017 and served one four-year term. During her tenure Councilor Ebert served on the Audit, Budget, and Water/Sewer Committees; and as a City Councilor was appointed to the Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. Her leadership and efforts on behalf of the citizens of Columbia City are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Council Member-elect Jeff Reinan set to take office: Jeff Reinan, elected to the office of City Councilor for Columbia City at the November 2020 General Election, was born in Portland and raised with two older brothers and three younger sisters. He moved to Scappoose when he was young and was active in various school activities, including sports.

After graduating high school he moved to Monmouth and attended Oregon College of Education, later becoming involved in the construction industry. He was married in 1980 to his wife, and has been happily married for 40 years while raising three children. He eventually retired from the carpenters union and is enjoying retirement while staying connected to his family, and also becoming an avid golfer.

“I ran for the council position as a way to get involved in the community that I live in. The City has given a lot to me and I am trying to give back”, Jeff said.

Council Member-elect Katrina Claridge set to take office: Katrina Claridge, also elected to the office of City Councilor for Columbia City at the November 2020 General Election, was raised in Columbia City and is a graduate of St Helens High School. Ms. Claridge works for InRoads Credit Union in St. Helens and this is her first experience in becoming active in municipal government.

Please take the time, when you get a chance, to welcome these two newest members of our City Council! Both of them will be sworn in at the January 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

PLANNING NEWS – PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. the Columbia City Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing through Zoom.

The hearing is for a variance to lot coverage requirements for new construction in the R-2 zone at 2215 The Strand.

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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

We were looking at our budget for next year, using this year's actual numbers. Your dues and donations have helped the library come very close to breaking even, even without the City Celebration! Thank you so much for your continued support!

We purchased a drop box for returning library books.



It is on our front porch between the doors. Now we don't have to be open for you to return books! I hope to see our number of overdue books decrease! But I am happier if you can come in to the library and check out more books as well.

Second Hand Prose. There is a huge inventory of excellent used books in the Second Hand Prose area at the Library. January kicks off our monthly Virtual Book Sale where we will be presenting a list of hand-selected books in multiple categories. To view the list and place an order, go to: <http://bit.ly/2WzQqjJ> or the link will be on the library's Facebook page with the monthly sale sheet. If you are a patron of the library you will receive an email on January 6th with the link to the sale sheet. Each month we will email a new list.

If you are not a patron, and want 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 or curbside or in the library at a pre-arranged day and time. Payment of either cash or check is due at pick-up.

Art in the Library: Laura Blackwell is a local Columbia County Artist.

Laura says that she is inspired by God's creations; she loves to bring shadows and light into her painting to remind us of the beauty around



us. "The world around provides endless possibilities for an artist. We learn so much by really looking and appreciating what has been created." Laura attempts to capture a little of that beauty on canvas and other surfaces that would best showcase the subject. Laura paints Landscape, Wildlife, Still life, and Figurative. She works En Plein Air (Outdoor Painting) as well as in a Studio. Website: <http://www.laurablackwellart.com>

Her work will be on display at the Library through the month of January.

Books we've added. This month we added 48 items to our library. Books we've added lately include:

Thank You For Being Late by Thomas Friedman (recent best seller)
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer (current best seller)
Primates of Park Avenue by Wednesday Martin (past best seller)
Daylight by David Baldacci (current best seller)
The Sentinel by Lee Child (current best seller)
The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (best seller)

Library Hours:

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

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SERGEANTS CORNER

River Awareness. Columbia City offers many opportunities to access the Columbia River. This time of year can be a dangerous time if you do not remain vigilant while on or near the water ways. With higher water levels and stronger water flows it only takes a moment to get into a hazardous situation. Pay close attention to your animals while on the beach. The water is cold and animals that normally swim well can become fatigued rapidly. Logs drifting onto the beach can roll over while being crossed over or under, causing injuries to people and pets. Make sure to check local tides so you don't access an area that is no longer escapable at high tide. When you keep safety in mind, this area provides great opportunity for outdoor experiences year around.



The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity during the month of November: We have completed 12 written reports and responded to the following calls: 1 alarm, 2 domestic calls, 1 fight call, 25 premise checks, 1 call to assist the public, 1 assist outside agency, 13 follow up investigations, 12 traffic stops, 1 traffic complaint, 2 suspicious vehicles, 6 suspicious persons, 4 suspicious circumstances, 1 stolen vehicle, 3 hazards, 7 civil

enforcements, 2 welfare checks, 1 animal complaint and 30 vacation checks all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 114 activities for the month of November 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

DMV NEWS

Oregon residents with a vehicle registration, permit or driver license expiring between Nov. 1, 2020, and April 30, 2021, have up to three months to renew after the expiration date without being cited by law enforcement for an expired license or tags.

The Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon law enforcement agencies agreed to the new grace period as DMV catches up with a backlog due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Many services are available online at <https://dmv2u.oregon.gov/eServices/> and more will be added soon. Those currently available include:

- Renew your vehicle registration
- Access your DMV profile
- Schedule an appointment
- Replace a lost, damaged or stolen license or ID card
- Pay a reinstatement fee
- Report your change of address
- Report the sale of your car
- Calculate vehicle fees to mail in title and registration applications

You can also download forms and complete many transactions by mail, including vehicle title transfers. Find detailed instructions at www.OregonDMV.com. DMV is continually improving it's website to help you get what you need.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2021

January 1 st	CLOSED	New Year's Day
January 14 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
January 19 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at via Zoom*
January 21 st	6:15 pm	Regular City Council Meeting via Conference Call*

