

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2021

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### A HUGE THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS FOR PLOWING

Our Public Works crew received much praise after our most recent snow and ice weather event. Our dedicated crew worked tirelessly to keep our streets safe and clear. Thank you again for your hard work!

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Gordon Thistle and his wife Gail moved to Columbia City in the fall of 2009 after living and traveling in an RV for 6 years. During their RV travels they would spend 2-3 weeks in Columbia City each fall and decided to settle here after they were over the "travel bug."

Gordon worked for many years in the retail side of the industrial and construction equipment industry. He was self-employed his last ten years, selling and renting construction equipment.

In the summer of 2013 a neighbor, Chip Gardes, asked him if they could organize a car show to bring more interest and people to the Columbia City Celebration. With the help of another neighbor, Simon Ebert, many volunteers plus some very generous commercial sponsors, they have had a car show every year since (with the exception of last year's show being cancelled due to Covid-19). They start planning and working on the September show in January. A good car show turnout, up to 155 cars once, is weather dependent and they start their weather prayers early on!

Gordon's involvement with the City Council started in the fall of 2014 when he filled in to finish the term of a council member who resigned. His first elected term started in January 2015 and his second in January 2019.

Gordon's interests and goals, like our Mayor, the other three council members and the good work of our city staff, is to see that Columbia City continues to be one of the best places to live in the Pacific Northwest.

### EYEGLASS AND HEARING AID RECYCLING

The St. Helens Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be sent to third world countries for people in need. Donated eyeglasses are first sent to Coffee Creek Correctional Facility to help incarcerated women who receive optician training. These women clean, repair and categorize the glasses by prescription. This recycling not only helps people in need, but also helps these women learn a trade they will be able to use upon release. None of the women who have come out of this program have reoffended!



The City has decided to be a collection site starting March 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing to the end of May.

If you would like to donate glasses, it is appreciated if they come in a case, if possible, or wrapped in paper to help keep the lenses from scratching. Lenses not with frames are not usable. However, frames missing one or both lenses are used for harvesting parts for repairs. We can also accept sunglasses, both prescription and non-prescription, and over-the-counter reading glasses. Hearing aids are most welcome and should be put in a small box or Ziploc bag.

### SPRING CLEANUP DAY IS BACK!

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to get rid of that junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, bulky waste, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, April 24th, 2021, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your first two loads of yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE! Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, etc., and extra loads of yard debris will be accepted for a fee. More information will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

## LIBRARY NEWS



A BIG THANK YOU to whoever shoveled the snow from the Library's walkway!!

**Art in the Library.** Cathy Lundberg will display some of her quilts in the library in March. Many of her quilts use crazy quilting embellishments, and tiny pieces. Cathy has been starting quilts since high school, but finished her first in the late 1980s. She has over 70 on her list of quilts in progress. She has been responsible for designing the library raffle quilts since 2010, and a member of Novel Quilters since it started. Cathy is a quilter, gardener, reader and our library director.



**Reader's Recommendation.** *Indianapolis* by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic's. The true story of the worst sea disaster in U.S. Naval history and the fifty-year fight to exonerate an innocent man. (Located in the "New To The Library" book shelves near the front door.)

**Secondhand Prose.** Spring is just around the corner. With this in mind, Secondhand Prose is featuring GARDENING and LANDSCAPING books in this month's Virtual Book Sale. There are some extraordinary deals on books to inspire you or the new gardener in your family. If you are planning your vegetable garden or re-designing your yard, there is something here for everyone. All of our hand selected books are in excellent or very good condition.

Look for the next Virtual Book Sale in your inbox on or before March 1st. If you do not receive an email

you can go to <http://bit.ly/2WzQgij>. The link will also be on the library's Facebook page, along with the monthly sale sheet. To be placed on the email list, please contact us at [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com), or call us during business hours (Mon. & Sat. 10-2, Thurs. 3-6) 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.** This month we added 63 items to our library. Books we've added lately include:

*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller (2020 Newbery award for children)

*All Thirteen: The incredible cave rescue of the Thai boys' soccer team* by Christina Soontomvat (2020 Newbery award, nonfiction)

*In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman (best seller list)

*Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman (past best seller)

*Ready Player Two* by Ernest Cline (best seller list)

*Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah (best seller list)

*Sex and Vanity* by Kevin Kwan (recent best seller)

*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab (best seller list)

*After Anna* by Lisa Scottoline

*The Uninhabitable Earth* by David Wallace-Wells (past best seller)

*Edison* by Edmund Morris

*Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir* by Ruth Reichl (past best seller)

### Library Hours:

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



### Columbia City Community Library

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### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

### VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

The final wall of bricks has only 23 spaces available. Honor a special veteran or become a sponsor by purchasing a brick for \$75. All proceeds are used to maintain the Veterans Park. Order forms are available at City Hall or at our website.

Please turn in order forms by Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 so bricks can be engraved on the wall before the 2021 Memorial Day. (weather permitting)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE TEXT AMENDMENT

The Columbia City Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. It's to consider a legislative text amendment to the Columbia City Development Code Chapter 7.50 (R-3) High Density Residential Zone that would allow a single family residence as a conditional use. Participation in the meeting may be accomplished through Zoom. For those wishing to do so, contact City Hall for details.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on the application. That action may include recommending approval of the application as presented, recommending denial of the application as presented, or a continuation of the application to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Interested persons are invited to participate in the public hearing and present oral or 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. Copies of all related documents are available for review at City Hall located at 1840 Second Street in Columbia City, Oregon. The staff report will be available for review at City Hall approximately one week prior to the hearing. Copies of all documents can be purchased at cost.

## OPEN BURNING IN APRIL

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and end on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.** The burn period is for yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited.

Permits may be obtained at City Hall, at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or online at [www.crfr.com](http://www.crfr.com). Please remember you must call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.



Please call the Columbia River Fire & Rescue office at 503-397-2990 if you have any questions.

## CLEAR THE FOG

**What is FOG?** FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease, and it affects your pipes and ours. FOG includes animal and vegetable fats, as well as oils used to cook and prepare food. It's more than bacon grease. Fats, oils, and grease from cooking also include things like:



dressings, mayonnaise, butter and other dairy products, gravy and sauces.

**How does FOG impact the sewer system?** When poured down the drain, FOG can accumulate in the pipes and sewer system. As grease cools, the fat hardens and pipe capacity decreases. Grease buildup in pipes can cause major damage to pipes and lead to sewage back-ups. Sewer backups and overflow threaten public health and the environment. Repairing and cleaning sewer lines is costly and time-consuming.

When cleaning up dishes and cooking spaces, follow these tips:

- Scrape plates into the compost or garbage before rinsing or washing.
- Wipe oil or grease from pans, dishes or countertops with a paper towel and place it in the garbage or compost.
- Use rubber scrappers to remove grease from pots and pans before cleaning.
- Pour used cooking oils into an old can, freeze it and then place in the garbage.
- Catch crumbs and food scraps with sink strainers. Empty strainers into the compost or garbage.
- Place peelings and food scraps in the compost or garbage instead of using your sink's garbage disposal.



## DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Daylight-savings time begins at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 14, 2021.

## SERGEANT'S CORNER

**Theft.** In recent months we have had a few thefts of items left outside. Please make sure you are not leaving items of value on your front porch or side of the residence. If you wish to deter some of this type of activity add outdoor lighting and trim bushes back to open up the area so these individuals can be seen more easily.



During the month of January we completed 7 written reports and responded to the following calls: 1 abandoned vehicle, 2 assist persons, 2 assist outside agencies, 1 behavior health, 50 premise checks, 1 cold burglary, 2 follow up investigations, 13 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 5 suspicious vehicles, 3 suspicious circumstances, 2 hit and run property calls, 3 civil enforcements, 2 welfare checks, 2 criminal mischiefs, 3 noise complaints and 60 vacation checks; all in support of the agency's community policing programs and initiatives. In total we handled 124 activities for the month of January, 2021.

The Police Department would like to request 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

## REAL ID - INFORMATION

**Are Real ID cards available?** Yes, although if you do not plan to fly domestically or access secure federal facilities, or if you already have a valid passport (or passport card), you may want to wait until it is time to renew your current Oregon Driver License or ID card to avoid the initial rush.

**What documentation will be required if I decide to get a Real ID card?** You will need to bring in documents to verify:

- Identity and lawful status. Acceptable documents include a U.S. government-issued birth certificate, unexpired U.S. passport/passport card, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, Consular Record of Birth Abroad, valid permanent resident card, valid employment authorization card, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired visa and valid I-94 issued by DHS, or an unexpired passport issued from the Federated State of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau and a valid I-94 issued by DHS.
- Social Security number. Acceptable documents include a Social Security Card, W2 form, a 1099 form, a paystub. To be considered valid, the documents must contain your full name and SSN.
- Address acceptable documents can be found on the Oregon DMV website: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/Pages/DriverID/IDProof.aspx>. Two proofs of address are required and you must present hardcopy documents for imaging purposes.

**What is the cost of a Real ID card?** Customers pay the standard fee for replacement, renewal or original issuance of a driver license or identification card, as well as an additional Real ID fee of \$30.

**Are Real ID cards required for flights?** Starting October 1, 2021 they will be required unless you have a valid passport or U.S. Military ID. Until October your regular valid driver's license is acceptable.

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2021

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Municipal Court via conference call*
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Special City Council Meeting via conference call*
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 pm	Regular City Council Meeting via conference call*

\*For conference call and Zoom information contact City Hall