

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

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RAFFLES TO SUPPORT LIBRARY



QUEEN SIZED QUILT

Come see the colorful library quilt being displayed at City Hall until the City Celebration on Saturday, August 13, 2022.



Raffle tickets are also available for two nights at a beach cabin on the Long Beach Peninsula in Ocean Park Washington.



2 NIGHT BEACH CABIN

Get your chance at either raffle for only \$1 for one ticket or six for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall, the Library and during the Celebration. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, August 13th at 2:30 p.m.

LOOKING FOR A NEW PARKS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Are you looking to get involved in our City's park system? We have had a recent vacancy on our Parks Committee and are looking to fill the spot as soon as is possible. The committee meets every other month April – September and quarterly October – March, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Most meetings last about an hour. The Parks Committee meets to review the status of the parks within the city, provides input and recommendations to city staff and the council for parks projects during the annual budget process, and also provides planning assistance for events that take place within the city's park system. If you feel that this is something that interests you, please contact City Administrator Mike McGlothlin at mmcglathlin@columbia-city.org or City Hall at 503-397-4010.

WORK PARTY IN HARVARD PARK

Thank you to those who helped in Harvard Park on Saturday June 25, 2022.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Columbia City Celebration is coming up fast and Saturday, August 13th promises to be a full day! If you are able to volunteer to help we will appreciate it greatly! We will be setting up the book sale Friday evening and there are a lot of things that need to be done Saturday. If you are interested in helping, stop by the library and see what we need done.

Bring your books that you want to see in the book sale. The sooner you bring them, the more time we will have to sort them and make sure we grab any that will be useful for the library itself.

Online Book Resources. We recently thinned our Classics selection. We still have lots of books, but for those we don't have, if they were published prior to about 1900, many are available at Project Gutenberg as free eBooks. Have fun looking!

Library Reconfiguration. We've been moving books and bookshelves and I really like the new look! We want to be able to focus on children using the library and on using the library as a community gathering place. Stop by and check it out!

Reader's Recommendation from Kit Gardes. *The Ice at the End of the World* by Jon Gertner – This amazing book traces the epic exploration of Greenland. Starting with Norwegian skier and explorer, Fridrijof Nansen, in 1721, Gerner traces the history of scientists and adventurers through to the present day. It ends with a call to action regarding climate change exemplified by the melting ice of Greenland and Antarctica.

Items we've added. This month we added 96 items to our library, 40 of them are new DVDs. Items we've added lately include:

All About Lover by Bell Hooks (NYT Best Seller)
James Patterson: The Stories of My Life by James Patterson (NYT Best Seller)
Dream Town by David Baldacci (best seller)
Better Off Dead by Lee Child
Zero Hour by Tom Clancy
The Match by Harlan Coben
Sparring Partners by John Grisham (best seller)
Book Lovers by Emily Henry (NYT Best Seller)
Blind Sighted by Karin Slaughter
The Very Talented Mr. Varg by Alexander McCall Smith

City of Rocks by Michael Zimmer (Spur award winner)

Arlo and Pips by Elise Gravel (a graphic novel set)

Angels and Demons (video)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (video)

Black Beauty (video)



Meetings:

Storytime: Every Mon. at 11 am

Friends of the Library: Mon., August 15th at 7 pm

Novel Quilters: Wed., August 17th at 7 pm

Mystery Book Club: Wed., August 31st at 7 pm

Library Hours:

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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Website: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Park maintenance volunteers: The City is always seeking volunteers to help maintain the City parks. If you like being outside and gardening or working in the yard, this might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Pick up a volunteer application at City Hall.

Utility Billing and Newsletter: Monthly the City solicits volunteers to fold utility bills along with the newsletter and stuff into envelopes. We call them our **Fold And Stuff Team (FAST)**. If you would be interested in helping, please contact City Hall. We have a list of volunteers we reach out to each month and would love to add you to the list. Please note, you are not expect to participate every month.

SERGEANTS CORNER

Phone Fraud. We are starting to see another increase in telephone scams. The most recent was someone calling and saying they are from ATF and there is a warrant for your arrest, or they are freezing your assets and bank accounts. Please do not stay on the phone with these people. They use high pressure tactics to try and scare you into giving them what they want. Please **DO NOT** give out any personal information or bank account information. If you receive one of these calls hang up, and call your local police agency. We will always be happy to assist you.



During the month of June we had the following calls and reports: criminal mischief I on The Strand, criminal mischief I on First Street, criminal mischief III on 8th Ct, criminal mischief I at Trestle Beach on Hwy 30, criminal mistreatment on Seventh Street, unlawful possession of drugs on Sixth Street, identity theft on Park Drive, identity theft on K Street, dog at large on Third Street, 1 informational report, 4 audible alarms, 5 animal complaints, 1 assault, 5 assist persons, 1 behavioral health call, 1 civil call, 4 civil enforcements, 2 disturbance calls, 2 domestic calls, 10 follow ups, 1 harassment, 1 hazard, 4 information calls, 1 juvenile problem, 1 motorist assist, 1 missing person, 3 ordinance violations, 1 parking problem, 72 premise checks, 3 suspicious circumstances, 5 suspicious persons, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 suicide threat, 1 unwanted person and 1 welfare check. In all the police department serviced 160 activities.

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 8 am to 2 pm**. The following hazardous waste materials are just some of the items accepted during the event. For a complete list visit the following link from the Columbia County Oregon website: <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/household-hazardous-waste-1>

- ✓ Pool/spa chemicals
- ✓ Lawn/garden chemicals
- ✓ Antifreeze
- ✓ Pesticides/herbicides
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Art/craft/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries – vehicle, rechargeable, button, alkaline
- ✓ Beauty products – fingernail polish & remover, some hair products
- ✓ Gasoline/kerosene/diesel fuels/lighter fluid
- ✓ Cleaners/detergents
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Explosives/fireworks/flares
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Flea control products
- ✓ Ammunition – small arms
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane cylinders
- ✓ Aerosols/air fresheners/deodorizers
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders



***Bring product in original container and
secure your load***

Items **NOT** accepted during the event:

- ⊗ Garbage or trash
- ⊗ Bio-medical waste
- ⊗ Dead animals
- ⊗ Radioactive materials
- ⊗ Any material containing asbestos
- ⊗ Liquid in containers larger than 5 gallons
- ⊗ Over the counter medicines
- ⊗ Unwanted/unused prescriptions (*Safe disposal box now available at City Hall in Columbia City*)

Contact Kathy at the Columbia County Transfer Station if you have any questions by calling 503-397-7259.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Time is running out to file! There are three City Council positions, one for the position of Mayor and two for Councilor positions that will be filled by the voters during the November 8, 2022, General Election. Qualified electors who have resided within the City since November 8, 2021, may run for office. Nominating petitions are currently available at City Hall. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and candidates must submit the signature sheets to the City Administrator/Recorder for verification allowing sufficient time for the verification process to be completed prior to the August 30, 2022, filing deadline. The positions are for a term of four years.

PORT ADDS SECURITY AT TRESTLE BEACH

In information released on June 30, 2022 - The Port of Columbia County has contracted with MetroWatch, a licensed security services provider, to monitor Trestle Beach and provide onsite security at the recreational area this summer. The Port piloted the program during the summer of 2021 and saw a significant decline in the number of safety incidents at the beach.

“There are historically a lot of disturbances at Trestle Beach in the summer months when the weather warms up,” said Sean Clark, executive director for the Port. “The most concerning are people ignoring the trespassing signs and climbing onto the shipping dock, pilings, and barges, and jumping into the river.”

“While it’s first and foremost a safety concern, it’s also disruptive to our industrial tenant who leases the dock and is conducting business there,” said Clark.

Trestle Beach is an industrial-zoned property the port opened to the public as a recreational river access point next to its Columbia City Industrial Park.



“We know Trestle Beach is one of the few places in St. Helens and Columbia County where citizens have beach access to the river, and the Port intends on keeping it available for the public to enjoy,” said Clark. “We are just trying to find a way to do so safely. The Port definitely thinks it is worth the extra expense.”

The private security contract will run from June through the end of September. The total cost for the security service is approximately \$22,000, which the Port will share with their industrial tenant, Clearwater Paper.

Summer hours at Trestle Beach are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Port has arrangements with a third party to open and close the gate to Columbia City Industrial Park parking area to provide the public with a safe place to park away from U.S. Highway 30.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2022

August 11 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 13 th	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Show & Shine Car Show in the School field
	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Prepare Fair on front lawn area of School
	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Craft Fair, Vendors, Art Show, Kids Activities.....
August 16 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee at City Hall
August 16 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom – cancelled
August 18 th	6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom*
August 31 st	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall



**contact City Hall for Zoom link information*