



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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SHOP WITH A COP

The 13th 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 Columbia City citizens who financially donated to this worthwhile project. Due to this generosity, we were able to sponsor 26 local children this year!

LOST AND FOUND

Keys were found in the gravel of Third Street near K Street. A ring was found in the area of Fifth or Sixth Street south of E Street. If you think one of these items might belong to you, please contact City Hall.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE



In November, Nicole Chauncey joined the Public Works team. Nicole grew up in St. Helens and recently got married. She enjoys the outdoors, camping and has two dogs, a cat and chickens at home. She loves the feel of a small town and looks forward to getting to know the wonderful residents of our City. She may be small, but she is tough and not afraid to get dirty. Please be sure to say hello when you see her out and about.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Most New Year's resolutions are all good goals, but it seems as though they are the same resolutions set year after year. So, for 2022, why not shake things up a bit and try creating resolutions of a different variety:

- Work out to feel good, not to be thinner.
- Stop gossiping. Spread positivity.
- Give at least one compliment a day.
- Do random acts of kindness.
- Read a book a month.
- Go someplace you've never been.
- Research ways to reduce your waste.
- Volunteer.
- Talk to yourself with kindness.
- Call a friend instead of texting them.
- Be kind on social media.
- Try a totally new restaurant.
- Buy less plastic.
- Send handwritten letters.
- Talk less. Listen More.
- Cook more. It's therapeutic.

(Information pulled from online article in Parade by Megan Grant)

COLUMBIA CITY A PLACE OF BEAUTY HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY

Columbia City is a place with beautiful parks, pedestrian-friendly streets, pleasant neighborhoods and unique river and mountain views. Those who visit often comment about how beautiful and charming the city is.

In truth, Columbia City is more of a small town than a city, but it is a community and home to almost two thousand people. Those who live here know who their neighbors are, we wave and say hello to those passing by and residents are willing to lend a helping hand when asked.

We who live in Columbia City have something we can be proud of, it's our community. After a year of being torn apart and kept apart we still have our beautiful community we can be proud of. We live in a unique place. Maybe, just maybe, we can come together as a community to embrace those things that make Columbia City unique and help to move our community into the future.

The best way to do this is to step up and ask, How may I help? What does Columbia City need that I can do? Everyone has unique skills, abilities and talents that can help keep Columbia City the kind of community we can all be proud of. As the saying goes, "Advice is free. But to give advice takes a commitment and a willingness to see it followed through". Opportunities abound on committees that will guide the direction Columbia City takes as it moves into the future. Let the staff at City Hall know you want to be involved. The cost is low, but the rewards are priceless.

As we emerge from the uncertain times of the past year and a half, it might be a good time to reevaluate our surroundings, to reflect on those features that make Columbia City unique and commit to being a part of the future. Change will come and it will affect everyone in some way, why not be a part of that change and get involved in your community. Take pride in this beautiful and charming place we call home.

May the New Year and all the years to come bring prosperity and abundance to the beauty and uniqueness of Columbia City and all its residents.

(Article provided by Jack Hruska current member of the Parks Committee and former City Councilor and Planning Commissioner.)

SERGEANTS CORNER

Winter Driving. With the holiday season upon us there will be many more people traveling by vehicle this year on our highways. Please remember to drive safely by leaving at least one car length for every ten miles per hour you are traveling. Be sure to use your turn signals, and when using the acceleration lanes make sure you match the speed of the cars already on the highway. This will make merging safer for everyone. The northwest weather can change in an instant. Make sure you bring safety supplies so if you break down, you have the ability to survive in your vehicle for an extended period of time if needed.



Have a safe and happy holiday season.

The Police Department is also proud to report that we have received the results from our annual audit, which is conducted by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. After completion, it was found that our Police Department successfully met all requirements in the evaluated areas of employment, training, and certification. Congratulations to all who worked very hard to ensure that these standards have been met once again on behalf of our community!

The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity during the month of November: 11 written reports and responded to the following calls: 2 audible alarms, 1 animal complaint, 1 assist outside agency, 4 assist persons, 1 abandoned vehicle, 5 civil enforcements, 2 CPR/Assists fire, 3 criminal mischiefs, 2 DHS referrals, 2 disturbances/fights, 6 follow ups, 2 info calls, 2 motorist assists, 1 parking complaint, 119 premise checks, 1 found property, 5 suspicious circumstances, 1 suspicious person, 3 suspicious vehicles, 8 traffic stops and 2 welfare checks. In total we handled 159 activities for the month of November.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to a new year at the library! We received a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation that can be used for ongoing expenses. We also want to thank everyone who attended the Michael Allen Harrison concert in December. The City generously gave the proceeds from his concert to the library this year.



I would encourage you to visit the library and check out some of our wonderful books. Our purpose is to allow you to read, help us fulfill that purpose!

City Celebration. We are planning the 2022 Columbia City Celebration for Saturday, August 13. This will be a month before we usually have the celebration, but we are hoping there will be less chance of rain in August! Put it on your calendar, and watch for planning starting in February!

Art in the Library. Catherine Ridenour is a self-taught artist who loves to work in many different media. She is particularly fond of the tactile experience of fibers and clay. She loves teaching young people and facilitating art in the community. She serves on the board of Columbia Arts Guild and the Columbia County Cultural Coalition.

New Additions to the Library. This month we added 92 items to our library. Some of the items we've added include:

The Innovators by Walter Isaacson
The Long Slide by Tucker Carlson
The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green (recent best seller)
The Falcon Thief by Joshua Hammer
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner (recent best seller)
The Oregon Shanghaiers by Barney Blalock
Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (recent best seller)
Condor Comeback by Sy Montgomery (children's science award winner)
Snowy Owl Invasion by Sandra Markle (children's science award winner)
Awesome Innovations Inspired by Spiders by Jim Corrigan (children's science award winner)
River Explorations by Jacques Cousteau (film/video)
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier (film/video)

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
503-366-8020 / ccclibrary@live.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING/DISPOSAL

Boy Scout Troop 106. Bill Reese has been managing the tree recycling program for the past 35 years. American Legion members will be picking up Christmas trees from porches around Columbia City and neighboring communities for a \$7 donation to the Boy Scouts. All proceeds will be used to support their Hot Meal program for families in need.

If you would like to opt in to the Christmas tree pickup service, call 503-410-9644, email karenhilburn2@gmail.com or mail a request to PO Box 216 in Columbia City OR 97018.

Other Suggestions for Your Christmas Tree.

1. Mulch with pine needles. Pine needles dry quickly and decompose slowly, making them an excellent moisture-and mold-free mulch for ground-covering crops, such as strawberries, to rest on.
2. Insulate perennials with the boughs. Cut off boughs and lay them over perennial beds to protect them from snow and reduce front heaving.
3. Edge your borders with the trunk. Cut the trunk into 2-inch discs and set them into the soil to edge flower beds or walkways.
4. Set a stage for containers with the trunk. Saw the trunk into different lengths and use the pieces as flowerpot risers for a dramatic group display.
5. Make coasters and trivets with the trunk. Cut thin slabs of the trunk, sand them smooth and apply a thin coat of polyurethane to keep the sap off tables and glassware.
6. Chip it and use it to add nutrients to soil. Rent a chipper (get a few neighbors together to split the cost) and feed the tree through it. Next spring, spread the wood chips under shrubs; they'll suppress weeds and, as they decompose, add nutrients to the soil.
7. Stake your plants with smaller branches. Strip small branches and use the remaining twigs to support indoor potted plants or stake leggy seedlings.

CAPLES HOUSE TEA

It's January! Are you feeling the post-Holiday let down? Stop by The Cottage on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. for a bottomless cup of tea and a dessert.

What a civilized way to fight the January blues, - only \$5.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We frequently find that the phone numbers we have listed on our utility accounts are no longer valid. It is very important that we have current contact information on file for you. We may need to call you to:

- Let you know about a water leak we discovered while reading your meter, or
- Notify you of a temporary street closure that will impact your access, or
- Let you know your water will be shut off due to a waterline break or other repair work, or
- Let you know your dog was spotted near Highway 30, or
- Contact you in the event of an emergency.

For whatever the reason, we hope we have your current contact information in our records when we attempt to call you. If your work phone number has changed, or you have a new cell phone or home telephone number, please keep us informed so we can update our records. To update your contact information, please email the information to colcity@columbia-city.org or call City Hall 503-397-4010.

AUTOMATIC BILL PAY CUSTOMER AUTHORIZATION FORM

Automatic bill payment pays your water and sewer utility bill through an **automatic deduction from your designated bank account**. You'll receive your monthly utility bill in the mail, around the first day of the month as usual, showing your water usage and other charges. Then the amount due will be automatically deducted from either your specified checking or savings account around the 10th of the month. Automatic bill payment is easy to setup, and even if you're on vacation or ill, you'll never have to worry about paying your bill again. If you would like to sign up for automatic bill payment, please fill out and return this form to the City Hall.

I authorize you and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries to my ☐ **Checking Account** or ☐ **Savings Account** on the 10th of each month, and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing or until the water/sewer account is closed. This request has been made for the following account and service address:

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____		SERVICE ADDRESS _____																											
PHONE NUMBER _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS _____	WATER ACCOUNT NO. _____																											
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION _____	BRANCH _____	CITY & STATE _____																											
SIGNATURE _____		DATE _____																											
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MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2022

January 17 th	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 18 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at via Zoom* - Canceled
January 20 th	6:30 pm	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom*

*For Zoom information contact City Hall

