

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE POLICE LOCAL OPTION LEVY

With the successful passage of the recertification of our Police Department's local option levy, we



wanted to share a word of thanks for the public's trust and support. The passage of this ballot measure assists in funding the department's

operational budget and will be utilized to ensure that current staffing levels remain the same over the next five-year period that the measure is in effect. Thanks again for the support and we continue to look forward to working with the community on issues that affect crime and public safety.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS – MAKE IT COUNT!

Enclosed in this month's City newsletter you will find a short survey that will help to plan for the future of your library. A 5-Year Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to guide the process and they need your input. Please fill out the enclosed survey and return it to City Hall or the Library, or go to the web site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/columbiacitylibrary> and complete it there. All responses need to be in by Wednesday, June 15th. Thank you for helping plan for the Library's future.

WORK PARTY IN HARVARD PARK... AND YOU ARE INVITED!

On Saturday June 25, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. – rain or shine, the Columbia City Parks Committee will be hosting a work party at Harvard Park. Committee members and city staff will be there to assist with this maintenance project and would love community members to come out and volunteer to assist with sprucing up the park. Efforts

will concentrate on cleaning and edging flower beds, painting playground equipment, staining wooden structures and trimming shrubbery. Please bring gloves, tools, water and any snack items that you may need. We look forward to seeing all that can make it!

THANK YOU!!! - By Monica Cannon



I just wanted to commend three Columbia City neighbors for the work they did on our beach last month so people and their pets would be safe and to keep it nice and clean.

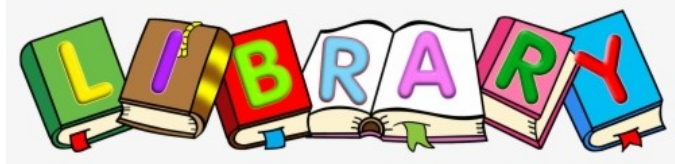
Kay Brown, Mike Singh and Bob Wilson took 4 hours to disassemble a derelict dock that was pushed to the beach by the heavy rain we had in April. They removed hundreds of nails that were a threat to running dogs and beach goers.

This is community service that is appreciated by all of us that love it here.

Also, thank you to all who visit the City's public spaces and pick up after themselves and their dogs.



LIBRARY NEWS



Remember before Covid we used to have Storytime at the library? Well, Storytime is back! Each Monday at 11 am a story will be read aloud by our Librarian to preschoolers or elementary age children. She recalls her daughter still wanted her to read to her in fifth grade and really missed being able to read to a group of children☺ Please join us!

Secondhand Prose. Start your summer off the right way with a selection of books to take on vacation or a stay-cation. We have a wide selection of secondhand books for only \$1 or \$2 each. Children's books are \$.50 or \$1 each.

Changes at the Library. We will be working over the summer to rearrange the library to provide a better space for groups of people to meet. Expect to see empty bookcases as we prepare to move things around!

Book Clubs. The Novel Quilters will be meeting on the third Wednesday in June to start discussing our next book, "Tidelands" by Philippa Gregory, set in northeast England in the 1640s.

Mystery Book Club has resumed at the library. If you are interested in joining us, we meet at the

library on the last Wednesday of each month. There is no required reading – we discuss what we have read recently and enjoy each other's company!



City Celebration. We are looking for craft vendors for this year's Columbia City Celebration, set for Saturday, August 13. Vendor applications are available at the library and at City Hall.

Items we've added. We added 92 items to the library in the past month, some of which include:

Atlas of the Heart by Brene Brown (NYT best seller, advice and how-to)

Pacific Northwest Medicinal Plants by Scott Kloos
The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women by Janice Nimura

ER Nurses: True Stories by James Patterson
The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans
One Fatal Flaw by Anne Perry
Old Bones by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
The Birds (video)
The Three Musketeers (video)
Vertigo (video)

Meetings:

Storytime: Every Monday 11 am
Friends of the Library: Monday, June 20th at 7 pm
Novel Quilters: Wednesday, June 15th at 2 pm
Mystery Book Club: Wednesday, June 29th at 7 pm

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Website: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

Library Hours:

Mondays & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursdays 3 – 6 p.m.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT – HELEN JOHNSON

Helen joined the City in December 2004. There is only one other employee that has been with the City longer than her.

When she started, her areas of responsibility were primarily focused on administrative support to the Building and Planning Departments. Over the years she also became the Court Clerk and handles code enforcement. Helen has also been the key organizer for the Spring Clean Up each year.

When not working you can usually find her on some kind of adventure, usually with her kayak and her Pomeranian, BJ.

Helen says the residents of Columbia City are some of the best around and enjoys the relationships she has built with them over the years.



SERGEANTS CORNER

Phone scams. Once again we are seeing an increase in fraudulent phone calls. Please do not give out personal information over the phone. No legitimate business, law enforcement agency, or banking company is going to call you and request your name, date of birth, or social security number. Any attempt to obtain this information when you receive a call should be a red flag that you are about to be scammed. If anyone tells you not to call law enforcement or makes any threat of any type, it is a scam call and you should report it immediately. Some of these callers can be very intimidating and persistent so do not stay on the line with them, **HANG UP**. We are more than happy to return their call for you. Let us help, please report these calls to us as soon as you can.

During the month of April we had the following calls: 1 abuse/neglect call, 1 assist fire, 4 audible alarms, 3 animal complaints, 5 assist persons, 1 behavior health, 6 civil calls, 4 civil enforcements, 2 CPR calls, 1 criminal mischief, 1 assist DHS, 1 DUI arrest, 8 follow-up cases, 1 harassment, 4 home visits, 1 hit and run, 1 runaway, 3 ordinance violations, 1 overdose, 54 premise checks, 6 suspicious circumstances, 4 suspicious persons, 3 suspicious vehicles, 1 suicide threat, 2 cold thefts, 16 traffic stops, 1 unwanted person, and 4 welfare checks. In all, the police serviced 165 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

CAPLES HOUSE



Friday Teas. Stop by The Cottage on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. for tea and sweets, only \$5!

Tours. Enjoy the gardens as they are in bloom and take a tour. Friday – Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Kiwanis Day Parade. Watch for representatives from the Caples House Museum and the St. Helens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the parade on Saturday, June 18th in St. Helens.

REAL ID

(Article from ODOT May 3, 2022 Weekly Digest Bulletin)

The Real ID deadline is just under a year away! Starting May 3, 2023, you will need more than a standard Oregon driver license or ID card at airport security checkpoints to board a flight within the U.S. You will need a Real ID-compliant driver license or ID card, or a passport or other federally acceptable ID.

If there is even a tiny chance you will need to travel by air in the future, don't wait until 2023 to make sure your ID is ready to fly. What if you get a sudden wedding invitation? Or the sad news of a funeral?

"A year may sound like a long time, but it isn't when it comes to issuing secure identification such as driver licenses, ID cards and passports," DMV Administrator Amy Joyce said. "It can take weeks to gather the documents you need to qualify for a type of ID that the TSA will accept at airports."

DMV offices in Oregon and across the country are busy, and the U.S. Department of State has a backlog for passport applications and renewals. As the Real ID deadline approaches, DMVs and the State Department will get busier. So beat the rush – get the Oregon Real ID or a passport now.

How do I get the Real ID in Oregon?

1. Make sure you have the documents you need to qualify for Real ID. Create your own checklist at: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/realidtraveler.aspx.
2. You must apply for Real ID in person. You can visit a DMV office or make an appointment at: <https://dmv2u.oregon.gov/eServices/>.
3. Bring the documents on your checklist and your current license or ID card, and pay the \$30 Real ID fee in addition to the regular issuance, renewal or replacement fee.
4. Then the process is the same as a standard Oregon card: signature, get your photo taken and receive a paper interim card until your Real ID plastic card arrives in the mail in 5-10 business days. You cannot use the interim card for air travel.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 8 am to 2 pm**. The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Pesticides/herbicides and poisons
- ✓ Light ballasts - *remove from light fixture*
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Art/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries (*car, rechargeable, button, alkaline*)
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel/fuels
- ✓ Household cleaners, disinfectants & detergents
- ✓ Fireworks/flares

- ✓ Ammunition
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane cylinders
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders

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

Items **NOT** accepted during the event:

- ⊗ Household garbage or trash
- ⊗ Asbestos
- ⊗ Unwanted/unused prescriptions or over the counter medicines
- ⊗ Liquid in containers larger than 5 gallons

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

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JUNE 2022

June 16 th	6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom*
June 20 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed for the Juneteenth Holiday
June 21 st	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom — canceled
June 22 nd	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting at City Hall
June 25 th	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Work Party at Harvard Park

*For Zoom information contact City Hall or find on our website

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 _____

TRANSIT ROUTING NUMBER (must be 9 digits)

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ACCOUNT NUMBER INFORMATION

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