

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2022

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### STREET VACATION – I STREET

The City Council of Columbia City will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input concerning a proposal to vacate a portion of I Street between Fifth Street and the 5<sup>th</sup> Place alley. The area is in between Lot 5 & 6 of Block 72 and Lot 1 & 2 of Block 73 Columbia City.

A petition to vacate this portion of I Street was filed with the City Recorder on December 20, 2021 by Stephanie Cox & Carl Brogli. The petition was determined to be sufficient and meets the requirements of ORS 271.080. Written objections may be filed with the City Recorder by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022. They may also be submitted during the public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at which time objections will be heard and considered.



### MEMORIAL DAY EVENT-ITS BACK!

Join us in honoring all American veterans on Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Columbia City Veterans Park. (Pending any changes in State mandates.)

More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.



### DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS



Daylight-saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 13, 2022.

### STEEL TANK & SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

See the below estimated schedule for the remainder of the Steel Tank and Sewer Main Replacement project. It will be taking place primarily in the C Street area of our community.

- 03/04/2022 – Engineers will deliver Project Bid Set to Columbia City.
- 04/15/2022 – Bidding and Contracting Complete.
- TBA – Construction Start.
- 09/31/2022 – Projected Construction Complete.
- 10/31/2022 – Project Closeout.

Please do not hesitate to contact the City Administrator, Mike McGlothlin, at City Hall, 503-397-4010, with any questions. We will continue to update this construction schedule with any major changes or further information that may impact the community.

### VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

Don't miss out on the opportunity to honor a veteran! The final wall of veteran bricks has only 13 spaces remaining. We also have Sponsor brick spaces at the base of the veteran walls to remember a special someone, a pet, represent your business or recognize your family. All bricks are \$75. Proceeds are used to maintain the park. Order forms are available at City Hall or at our website.

Please turn in order forms by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so bricks can be engraved before the 2022 Memorial Day Event. (weather permitting)

## CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner.** Enjoy dinner, adult Irish beverages, along with singing and laughing. **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at 6 p.m., at the Caples House Museum, 1925 First Street. Adults \$25/Children \$5. **Reservations are needed.** [CaplesHouse@comcast.net](mailto:CaplesHouse@comcast.net) or call 503-397-5390.

**Friday Teas.** Stop by The Cottage on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a bottomless cup of tea and a dessert, only \$5.





**Museum Tours.** Starting **Friday, March 4, 2022** the Caples House Museum tours are open Friday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Save the date and start your spring cleaning. The annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on **Saturday, May 14th, 2022**, at the Columbia City School. More information will be in the next issues of the newsletter.

## PLASTIC RECYCLING / TREX BENCHES

The St. Helens Lions Club started this project in October of 2018. Since then over 25,500 lbs (12  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons) of plastic has been recycled; 51 Trex benches have been earned, assembled and placed in parks, schools and other public areas around St. Helens, Scappoose and Columbia City. Great job and thank you to everyone who has been contributing to this program!

**Michael Allen  
Harrison**   
**Concert**   
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Monday, May 2 at 6 pm**  
**Community Hall**

## THANK YOU FROM THE RED CROSS

The efforts of the recent blood drive at the Community Hall provided the following results:

- 23 registered donors
- 22 pints of blood
- 6 first-time donors

Your generosity is truly appreciated. The patients who will benefit from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.



To schedule a local appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
Or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## LOST AND FOUND

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

- Cell phone left on bench outside City Hall.
- Beanie in the area of J Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Place alley.
- Ring on Port property.

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

## HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GROUP VACANCY

The City currently has an opening on the Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. The Team monitors and documents progress made on the implementation of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan, reviews actions taken in response to disasters or emergencies that occur, makes recommendations for new projects or revised action items and discusses implementation problems that may arise.

Terms are for three years and applicants must reside within the City or the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The

Hazard Mitigation Planning Group meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month when there are topics to discuss. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, or may be found on the City's website at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org).



## LIBRARY NEWS

We've received so many great books at the library lately! I was able to choose from a stock of books the Scappoose Library got from a bookshop. Thank you Scappoose Library! We also had some great donations of very current books from some of our patrons. We encourage you to donate books to the library. We can use them for our book sales if they are not placed in our collection.

**Spring Break!** Visit the library for books to read during spring break this month. How about *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater? It is a great book to read aloud after dinner, or while you're in the car. David Baldacci has a new young adult series starring Vega Jane, a fantasy conspiracy. I had great fun reading the cereal box names in *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again* by Dan Santat in our Everybody section. I hope we'll see you and your children!

**Art in the Library.** For Clatskanie photographer Stacey Tinney it all started with the gift of a brand new camera to take pictures for her family member's wedding. She then dove into the photography business, specializing in portraits. Now, she enjoys many genres of photography and loves volunteering at special events such as the Columbia City Celebration. Her photos help raise funds for local charities like Tony's House Fund and the Columbia City Library.

In this exhibit you can see photographs of some of her many passions! With the help of local friends and family, Stacey loves using her camera as a tool to raise awareness for different social issues. Among the titles in this month's display are: ***The Rainbow after the Storm*** and ***Pandemic in the Minor?***

**Books We've Added.** We have a long list this time – we added 140 books to the library in the past month including:

*Habit Swap* by Hugh Byrne (past best seller)  
*The Only Woman in the Room: Why Science is Still a Boy's Club* by Eileen Pollack  
*In Defense of Wyam (Celilo Village)* by Katrine Barber (requested)  
*Modern Warriors* by Pete Hegseth  
*Charlie Chan* by Yunie Huang  
*Easy Peasy Puppy Squeezy: Training Puppies* by Steve Mann  
*Quitting Plastic* by Clara Williams Roldan  
*Confessions of an Egyptologist* by Erich von Daniken

*Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom* by David W. Blight

*The Wildlife Winter Games* by Richard Turner (children's book)

*The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom (best seller)

*The Dark Hours* by Michael Connelly (recent best seller)

*State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny (recent best seller)

*Vortex* by Patricia Cornwell

*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave (best seller)

*Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger

*The Wish* by Nicholas Sparks (recent best seller)



### Library Hours:

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

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Website: [www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com](http://www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com)

### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## COLUMBIA CITY HISTORY

Mark Stevens of the Columbia County Museum Association is currently looking for the following items related to the history of both Columbia City and Columbia County for an upcoming book on our beautiful city:

- Early Photos of Columbia City and it's citizens.
- Memories of Early Columbia City passed down by family.
- Documents relating to the history of Columbia City (Letters, Postcards, Newspaper clippings).
- Artifacts related to the early history of the city and our county.

All materials will be photographed or scanned and promptly returned. Donations of materials are always welcome and appreciated.

Mark was born and raised here and still owns the family home on 3rd Street.

Please contact Mark Stevens for questions or more information at [markstevens@colcomuseum.org](mailto:markstevens@colcomuseum.org) or give him a call at (503) 397-2291.



## WHERE ARE MY PROPERTY LINES?

The City is unable to tell you exactly where your property lines are. In some situations, you might be able to find property pins that identify corners of your property. Licensed surveyors are another option for location of property pins and property lines.

Keep in mind Columbia City has some very large right-of-ways, some as large as 80'. The edge of the paved road typically is not the edge of your property.

The Columbia County Web Map system (<https://gis.columbiacountymaps.com/ColumbiaCountyWebMaps/>) can be a good tool, but the linework is a representation and **not** survey quality; therefore may not match aerial photography.

If you are planning a project near your property line or what you think to be the edge of your property; such as placing a fence, putting up a shed, adding planter boxes, or any other work, please be sure to research the location of your property lines. Knowing their locations is essential for meeting setback requirements and avoiding additional work. There have been situations where owners thought the location of these additions are on their property when in fact it was in City right-of-way or didn't meet setbacks.



If you have any questions contact City Hall, 503-397-4010.

## OPEN BURNING IN APRIL

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## SERGEANT'S CORNER

**Open Reserve Recruitment.** The Columbia City Police Department is currently accepting applications for a Reserve Police Officer position. Applications can be obtained at City Hall or online at [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org). An applicant must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license or be eligible for a license, pass a thorough background investigation, complete a medical exam with drug screening and complete a police psychiatric evaluation. If you have any questions please contact the Police Department.

During the month of January we had the following calls: identity theft in the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Ct, theft from vehicle on Yakima Ct, 2 thefts from vehicles near Weown Ct, 2 unlawful entries into motor vehicles near the 2600 block of Fifth St, 1 unlawful entry into a motor vehicle near Northstar Ct, 1 theft from vehicle on Tahoma Ct, 1 hit & run on A St, 1 criminal trespass on Second St. In all, the Police Department wrote 12 reports. Some additional calls include: 4 prowler calls, 5 ordinance violations, 1 parking complaint, 3 suspicious circumstances, 7 suspicious persons, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 traffic crash, 2 welfare checks and 12 premise checks. Over all the Police Department handled 81 calls for service.

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

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2022

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting via Zoom*
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom* - <b>Canceled</b>
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting via Zoom*

*\*For Zoom information contact City Hall*