

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Columbia City is excited that Michael Allen Harrison



will be joining us for a Holiday Concert on Monday, December 5th, at 6 pm in the Community Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 per person and go on sale November 1st at City Hall. Seating will be limited.

Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase. Michael has so graciously donated his time over the last 6 years to our fundraising efforts so we wanted to thank him by donating the proceeds from this concert to his Snowman Foundation, Play It Forward. This organization helps young people realize their potential for greatness and creativity by providing musical instruments, instruction and inspiring performance opportunities to students throughout the Pacific Northwest.

ST. HELENS SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM NEEDS PEANUT BUTTER

The St. Helens School District Backpack Weekend Food Program is conducting a peanut butter drive during November. The mission of the Program is to help ensure that no child goes hungry. Those in need are given a weekly bag on Friday with food for two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, plus fruits and a snack. The desire is to send peanut butter once a month as a good protein source. All food is purchased with funds from individuals and business donations, and food



bags are prepared by volunteers from the First Methodist Church, the St. Helens Lions Club and other local groups.

The number of bags distributed per week has increased from about 50 last year to about 235 this year. Because of this big jump and the increase of the cost of food, the program is in urgent need of donations of peanut butter. They would greatly appreciate 16 ounce PLASTIC jars of peanut butter. City Hall will be a drop off site through the end of the month.

CHRISTMAS HOT MEALS

Scout Troop 106, sponsored by American Legion Post #42, will be providing a Christmas Eve hot meal for the 36th year. This hot meal program has grown from serving only one family of 4 in the first year to over 680 individuals in 2016, 2017 & 2018. The Troop receives assistance from many businesses, churches, service organizations, individuals and families from all over Columbia County in order to make this event a success.



For ways you can get involved or contribute contact Bill Reese, Scout Troop 106, PO Box 216, Columbia City OR 97018, 971-328-2344, forsttoday@outlook.com, or Karen Hilburn at karen.hilburn@yahoo.com, 503-410-9644.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6th



SERGEANTS CORNER

Fall Season. With fall upon us it is a good time to start thinking about personal safety within your vehicle. Have your tires and brakes checked so they are in proper working order. Make sure all your lights are up to par so you can see at night and be seen by other drivers. Create a safety kit to carry inside your car in the event you become stranded so you will have the necessary items to stay warm, hydrated and nourished. If you plan to travel over any of the mountains, it would be a good idea to make sure you have chains in your vehicle as well. Snow can come to the upper elevations at any time. It is always a good idea to let someone else know when you plan to travel and what route you are going to use to get to



your destination. We are looking forward to everyone having a safe and pleasant fall season.

During the month of September we had the following calls and reports: 1 audible alarm, 3 animal complaints, 2 assist persons, 1 burglary complaint, 2 civil enforcements, 1 DHS case, 1 domestic dispute, 11 follow up cases, 1 fraud, 2 road hazards, 1 hit & run, 1 missing juvenile, 1 littering call, 1 overdose, 5 parking complaints, 35 premise checks, 1 prowler, 4 suspicious circumstances, 1 suspicious vehicle, 4 stolen vehicles, 11 cold thefts, 3 traffic complaints, 1 trespass, 11 welfare checks and 1 warrant service.

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

FALL BURN PERIOD

Starts at Dawn November 5th

Ends at Dusk November 20th

Reminder that burn permits are required prior to burning! They are available at City Hall, any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on-line: www.CRFR.com. Call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if burning is allowed that day.

CAPLES HOUSE – NOVEMBER EVENTS

Teas and Sweets - in The Cottage
Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$5 for tea and a homemade dessert

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12th & Sunday, November 13th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free admission, but extra for raffles and food. Start your shopping with 2 floors and a porch of vendors from all price points. Last year Colleen Menze and The Cottage got 5 stars on Google for their food! You won't go hungry. Wine tasting on Sunday by Dauntless Wines. Wines made by Veterans! Profits go to them.

Fireside Chat – Second Edition

Tuesday, November 15th
7 p.m.

Historian Brandon Sundeen is gracing the Knapp Center this month. He'll be talking about philanthropist John Gumm. This is not to be missed.

Harvest Tea

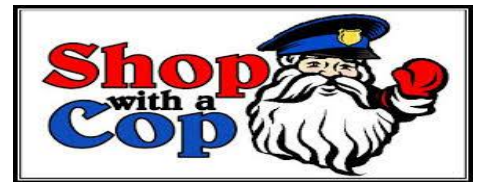
Sunday, November 20th
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's theme is Autumn Friendship – so bring a friend, or family or a loved one. High teas and lots of fun. This is our most popular event. We've been taking reservations since summer so call now and get your seat. Price is \$30 per person. Call ahead for reservations at 503-397-5390.

DONATIONS WELCOMED! NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

The Columbia City Police Department is hosting its 14th annual Shop with a Cop program.

We are accepting nominations for families in need until Monday, November 28th at 5:00 p.m. Please fill out the form included with last month's newsletter or contact City Hall to obtain



a nomination form if you have a family in mind.

We are also accepting donations to help support this year's program. If you would like to help, please send your donation to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018. Please be sure to identify the donation for Shop with a Cop. Thank you for your support to this rewarding program.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our Second Hand Prose selection! We've been refilling the shelves after our big book sale and you might want to start your holiday shopping there! Second Hand Prose is open any time the library is open.

Art in the Library.

You are invited to stop by and meet Kory Dollar, owner and artist of Marvelous Mosaic. Thursday, November 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Light refreshments will be provided.



Novel Quilters. Our next book is *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore. Our next meeting will be in January, with our quilt reveal in April. I haven't read the book yet, so can't give you a review, but it is apparently funny!

New to the Library. We've added 60 new items to the library in the past month.

Oregon's Main Street: US Highway 99, "The Folk History" by Jo-Brew Edwards

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel (audiobook)

Verity by Colleen Hoover (best seller)

Hell and Back by Craig Johnson (best seller and local favorite author!)

Billy Summers by Stephen King (best seller)

Grey Bees by Andrei Kurkov (set in Ukraine in 2014)

The Mask of Zorro (video)

The Princess Bride (video)

Graphic Novels

The Wolf in Underpants at Full Speed by Wilfrid Lupino

Agent Moose: Operation Owl by Mo O'Hara

Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song

Large Print

The Lioness by Chris Bohjalian

Brotherhood in Death by J.D. Robb

Girl, Forgotten by Karin Slaughter

Artist Reception: Kory Dollar

Thursday, November 10, 4:30 to 6 pm

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, November 21 at 7 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, November 30 at 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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LOST AND FOUND

The following items were recently found and turned into City Hall:

- A bracelet found in the area of Fourth and L Streets.
- A cell phone in the area of Sixth and Pacific Streets.

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

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2022

November 5 th	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 11 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 15 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting - canceled
November 17 th	6:30 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 20 th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 22 nd	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
November 24 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 25 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving

**VIEW INTO THE PAST –
The Caples Family Part One
By Mark Stevens**

I am sure many readers are familiar with the name



Caples and have visited or driven by the Caples Museum on Second Street that was built by Dr. Charles Caples.

But did you know that not one, but seven Caples families moved and settled in the Northwest.

The most familiar family is Joseph Caples along with his children Charles, Hezekiah and Joanna. Joseph, who was a widower, and his family left St. Joseph Missouri on the Cornelius Gilliam wagon train in May of 1844 and reached the Marcus Whitman Mission near present day Walla Walla in December of 1844. Joseph and family continued on to Salem in early 1845 and wintered over there before traveling to Clatsop County where Joseph was a sheriff there from 1846 to 1847. Joseph applied for a Donation Land Claim (DLC) in what was to become Columbia City and soon built a cabin along the banks of the Columbia River on December 1, 1847.

Joseph's brother Jacob Green Caples joined Joseph in September of 1850 and applied for a DLC at the north end of Columbia City on December 12, 1850.

By March of 1860 Jacob had sold off all of his property and disappears. Cousin Don Caples mentions that he had heard that one of Joseph's brothers had drowned in the river at Columbia City and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery but there are no records to substantiate this.

Another of Joseph's brothers, William Caples, came to Oregon in 1849 and filed for a DLC in what was to become St. Johns on November 26, 1850. William was a prominent Physician in St. Johns.

A third brother of Joseph's was Kenzie Caples who came to Oregon in 1850 and filed for a DLC near Woodland, Washington. Kenzie fell off a dock in St. Helens in 1853 and drowned and is buried at the Masonic cemetery. Could this be the brother that Don Caples mentioned?

Joseph's sister Mary was married to a Phillip Laffer and they immigrated to Oregon and filed for a DLC near Scappoose on August 20, 1852.

Two of Joseph's cousins, Henry Laffer Caples and John Fletcher Caples also came to the Northwest. Henry took up a DLC at Woodland on December 25, 1852 and by 1865 was living in Portland. John F Caples was a soldier in the civil war and immigrated to Portland in 1865. All were prominent lawyers.

In the next installment I will go more in depth on the early years of Joseph Caples and his family.

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Friends of the Columbia City Community Library

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

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Return to: The Library or City Hall**

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