

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2022



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### COLUMBIA CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The City has one candidate running for mayor and two candidates running for two open council positions on the November ballot. Below is some information on our candidates.



**Mayor-elect Ziglinski:** Sue, a resident of the City since 1993, has served on the City Council since January 2019 and is also the Chair of the City's Hazard Mitigation Planning Group. She is the mother of two sons and now the proud grandmother of three grandchildren.

Sue, having attended both Portland Community College and Portland State University, started out as a medical assistant in Portland and had the opportunity to start the Oregon Drug and Alcohol Information Center, which is still operating today.

Currently she volunteers as a board member for the Native American Rehabilitation Center (a position held for over 35 years), the Stumptown Stages (musical theater), and the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. Sue also serves as a consultant for the U.S. Dept. of Justice and the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. One of her goals for the future is to encourage open communication between residents and the City, fostering a teamwork environment.

**City Council-elect Thistle:** Gordon Thistle and his wife Gail moved to Columbia City in the fall of 2009 after living and traveling in an RV for 6 years. During their RV travels they would spend 2-3 weeks in Columbia City each fall and decided to settle here after they were over the "travel bug."

In the summer of 2013 a neighbor, Chip Gardes, asked him if they could organize a car show to bring more interest and people to the Columbia City Celebration. With the help of another neighbor, Simon Ebert, many volunteers plus some very generous

commercial sponsors, the car show has grown to be a key part of the Celebration each year.

Gordon's involvement with the City Council started in the fall of 2014 when he filled in to finish the term of a council member who resigned. His first elected term started in January 2015, then again in January 2019 and now in January 2022, if elected.

Gordon's interests and goals are to see that Columbia City continues to be one of the best places to live in the Pacific Northwest.

**City Council-elect Forman:** Rob Forman is a Financial Analysis Manager in the Insurance industry who specializes in audit and debt management. He is a father and husband who enjoys gardening, walks with his family and watching his favorite sports teams. Rob grew up in St. Helens, graduated from SHHS in 2010, and has since earned his B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Portland in 2014. Since then, he's bought a home to settle down in and is now looking forward to helping our city maintain its charm and keep our shared spaces thriving.



The Snowman Foundation was founded by Michael Allen Harrison in 1999 to ensure that all children have access to music. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing instruments, instruction and inspiration to deserving children.

Michael Allen Harrison has been donating his time to raise money for our local causes for the last six years. As a thank you to him we are donating the profits from his Holiday Concert in Columbia City to the Snowman Foundation. Be sure to join us on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for this special event.

## LOOKING FOR A NEW PARKS MEMBER

Are you looking for a way to get involved in our City? We still have a vacancy on our Parks Committee and are looking to fill the spot as soon as possible. The committee meets every other month April – September and quarterly October – March. 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](mailto:mmcglathlin@columbia-city.org) or City Hall at 503-397-4010.

## CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS EXTRA NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Don't forget!! Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-1534.



## OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS COMING IN NOVEMBER

Columbia City's burn period is scheduled to begin **Saturday, November 5, and end Sunday, November 20.**

Burning is restricted to yard debris only (lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings/pruning, sawdust and wood scraps). It is **not** for dirt/gravel, paper/plastic, metal, rocks/bricks, sod or food waste. Burn barrels are prohibited!

**Burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits are free and can be obtained at City Hall, any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on their website: [www.CRFR.com](http://www.CRFR.com). Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day and follow all regulations outlined on the permit.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Event on **Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 8 am to 2 pm.** For a complete list visit the following link from the Columbia County Oregon website:

<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/household-hazardous-waste-1>

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Fall.** We have reached the time of year when the weather starts to become chilly, and soon the rain will be returning. The leaves on the trees will soon be falling and covering the roadways. Once they become wet they are very slippery and contribute to motor vehicle crashes. Please watch the roadways and constantly evaluate the surfaces you are traveling on. The days are also becoming shorter so be sure and check your lights to make sure all are in working order so you can be seen at night.

**Shop with a Cop.** It is time once again for the Columbia City Police Department's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Shop with a Cop Program. We need your help! We need assistance in selecting needy families within the Columbia City community. Our goal is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities and yes Christmas wish list items for the nominated family. If you know of a local family you would like to nominate, please complete the nomination form included in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed or drop it off at City Hall. Donations are always appreciated to help support this event.

The following is a list of crimes reported in Columbia City from 07/19/2022 to 08/15/2022: one information report on First Street, one ordinance violation on First Street, one assist DHS on Third Street, one death investigation on Sixth Street, one theft of services on A Street, one theft on Mattie Street, one stolen vehicle on Metlako Way, one theft of catalytic converter on Metlako Way, one warrant arrest on Penn Street, one information report on Tahoma Court and one hit & run on Tahoma Street.

The Police Department requests 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 – OCTOBER EVENTS

Caples Museum Tours  
Hours: Friday – Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Final day for 2022 is October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Featuring Indian Baskets  
Model Train Displays  
\$5 adult / \$4 children

Teas and Sweets – in the Cottage  
Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
\$5 for bottomless tea and a dessert plate  
October theme: All Things Pumpkin

**New Monthly Evening Series**  
Model Trains  
Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Only \$5

Please consider the Caples House for your  
upcoming Holiday Parties.  
Call 503-397-5390  
For availability and pricing

### VIEW INTO THE PAST – A Little Background on the Author By Mark Stevens



I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as you may be wondering exactly what my background on Columbia County and specifically, Columbia City is.

Three of my mother's grandparents came over the Oregon Trail in 1866 and settled in the Clatskanie area. On my father's side his family settled in Yankton in 1900 starting the first commercial strawberry farm in Columbia County.

My families association with Columbia City started in 1925 when my great-grandmother, Ida Armstrong, married Hugh Caples. My grandfather Arnold Davey was a commercial fisherman who fished in Alaska every summer so his family used to travel to Columbia City to stay with Hugh and Ida during that time. In 1930 my mother Gladys Davey along with her family arrived at Columbia City on the steamer "America" where it docked at the Sibley Sawmill (where the current Riverview Estates are



located). (Shown is the "Metlako" which was based at Columbia City) They unloaded their belongings along with their cow "Molly" and settled into a log cabin near 3rd and L Street. Around 1931 they rented one of the homes built by the Sommarstrom Shipyard on 3rd Street where they stayed until 1937 when they moved down to 2nd Street near the grade school. It was here that mom caught a ride to the paper mill with Millard Stevens and from there a romance blossomed and they married in 1945. My grandparents bought the home on 3rd and M Street in 1943 and mom and dad



rented the home next door in 1945. It happened to be the same home that my mom's family had rented in 1931. In June of 1954 my folks swapped homes with my grandparents to accommodate their growing family of myself and my brothers Wayne and Dennis and as the saying goes, the rest is history as the home has stayed in the family ever since. My childhood years were spent "exploring" the woods and fishing and "boating" on the Columbia River (I built my own boat once which promptly sunk). Those memories are very dear to me and that is why I love this city so much. My wife Glorene and I are busy restoring the home so it can hopefully stay in the family for another 100 years.

So as you can see I have deep roots in Columbia County. My wife and I are both historians and genealogists working as volunteers for the Columbia County Museum Association and very much enjoy our time spent doing research on Columbia County.

In future columns I will discuss the Caples Family and the Sommarstrom Shipyard mentioned above.

I would like to take this opportunity to request others with similar roots in Columbia County to contact us as we would love to hear about your family so we can help to preserve your family's legacy.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

We have set up a Little Library at the Port of Columbia County by the dog park. Thanks to Kay Brown, our Friends of the Library President, for



making the Little Library! The boy scouts helped her put it up. There was even an article in the Spotlight about it!

**Art in the Library.** It's back! Our October/November artist is Kory Dollar. Kory, who lives in Columbia City, is the owner and artist of Marvelous Mosaic Fine Art. She teaches workshops at Deer Island Manor and has a storefront in Rainier.

Glass workshops with Kory Dollar are being brought to a whole new level focusing on all aspects of glass on glass, cutting, color theory, composition and design. Marvelous Mosaic Fine Art is bringing innovated designs incorporated with fusion inclusions and new themes. <https://marvelousmosaic.com/>

**Reader's Recommendation by Kit Gardes.** *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Ruteldge. This is a wonderful novel based on the true story of the cross-country road trip from New York to San Diego by America's first giraffes in 1938. It is also the fictional story of a teenage dust bowl survivor, Woody Nickel, who becomes the driver for the journey. Colorful characters and a compelling story to brighten your day.

**New Books in the Library.** We added 120 books to the library in the past month. Many of them are graphic novels (encouraging reading at the grade school level) or large print.

## Graphic Novels

*The Weirn Books* by Svetiana Chmakova  
*Witches of Brooklyn* by Sophie Escabasse  
*Diana: Princess of the Amazons* by Shannon Hale  
*Shadow of the Batgirl* by Sarah Kuhn  
*Pawcasso* by Remy Lai  
*Soccer Sabotage* by Liam O'Donnell  
*Agent Moose* by Mo O'Hara  
*All My Friends are Ghosts* by S.M. Vidaurri

## Large Print

*Shadows Reel* by C.J. Box  
*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks  
*All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers  
*Sparring Partners* by John Grisham  
*The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand  
*Shattered* by James Patterson  
*Abandoned in Death* by J.D. Robb  
*What Happened to the Bennetts* by Lisa Scottoline

## Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, October 17 at 7 pm

### Novel Quilters (Reveal!)

Wednesday, October 19 at 2 pm

### Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, October 27 at 7 pm

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Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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## Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>



## OCTOBER 2022 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

October 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Municipal Court via Conference Call*
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
<del>October 18<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>6:30 PM</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom - canceled</del>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	City Council Meeting at Community Hall
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

\*for conference call information contact City Hall