

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply items can be donated at City Hall during the month of September and will be provided to the St. Helens School District for those in need.



Items requested include backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, colored pencils and spiral notebooks.

SERGEANTS CORNER

School begins. Our last summer holiday will soon be over and school will be back in session. Please start keeping an eye out for the children walking to and from their bus stops throughout our community. Please make sure you give them plenty of room when they are stopped on the roadway with their flashing red lights. We have a wide highway here in Columbia County and all lanes are required to stop for the bus lights unless the highway has a physical barrier dividing the opposing lanes. We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable end to summer.



During July we responded to the following calls and reports: 3 agency assists for DHS: 1 on Tahoma Street, 1 on Belle Street and 1 on Fifth Street, 2 welfare checks: 1 on Fifth Street and 1 on Seventh Street, 1 DUI driver on Hwy 30/ MP 32, 1 theft of vehicle parts (catalytic converter) on Tahoma Street, 2 information reports: 1 on First Street and 1

on Seventh Street, 1 animal complaint, 11 assist persons, 2 behavioral health calls, 3 death investigations, 5 domestic calls, 14 follow up calls, 3 fraud reports, 4 harassments, 1 hit and run, 1 juvenile problem, 1 noise complaint, 56 premise checks, 6 suspicious vehicles, 2 suicide threats, 7 cold thefts, 6 traffic complaints and 1 unwanted person. In all the Police Department serviced 172 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

CITY HALL OFFICE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION & SOFTWARE UPGRADE

City Hall will be closed to the public beginning Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. through Friday, September 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for remodeling to the front office area. Call 503-397-4010 if you have any questions.



LOST AND FOUND

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

- A black cell phone found on Sixth Street, near A Street.
- A necklace near Pacific Athletic Club and Mini Mart.

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

LOOK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS

(Article from Oregon Department of Transportation
Weekly Digest Bulletin)

By intentionally looking for riders, drivers can reduce the potential of a “Looked But Failed to See” crash.

Many drivers state during the post-crash interview that they simply did not see the motorcycle or moped rider. Here are some strategies to help drivers and riders avoid these preventable crashes:



Drivers:

- Specifically search for motorcycles when driving – you “see” what you look for. This also works for “seeing” pedestrians and bicycle riders.
- Know that it may be harder to determine if you have enough time to complete your turn in front of motorcycles due to their size and headlight configuration.
- Minimize distractions while driving, divided attention reduces the likelihood of seeing motorcycles.

Riders:

- Follow the posted speeds to ensure drivers’ expectations and judgements are accurate and to ensure you can stop if necessary.
- Maintain a lane position and following distance from other vehicles that ensures visibility to all drivers.
- Wear protective clothing that contrasts with your background and ensure that your headlight is on.
- Practice your emergency stops, ride within your own abilities and always ride sober.

CAPLES HOUSE – SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Caples Museum Tours

**New at the Museum: Medicine Gardens
and Indian Baskets Display**
Also new train display in the Toy Museum

Hours: Friday – Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$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

Harvest Festival



Sunday, September 25
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy Pioneer crafts, games and a raffle.
Admission is free but the food and raffle have small charges. The event is mostly outside.

Watch For...



Keep your eyes open for the apple signs, when we open up the Orchard for you to pick a bag.



SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

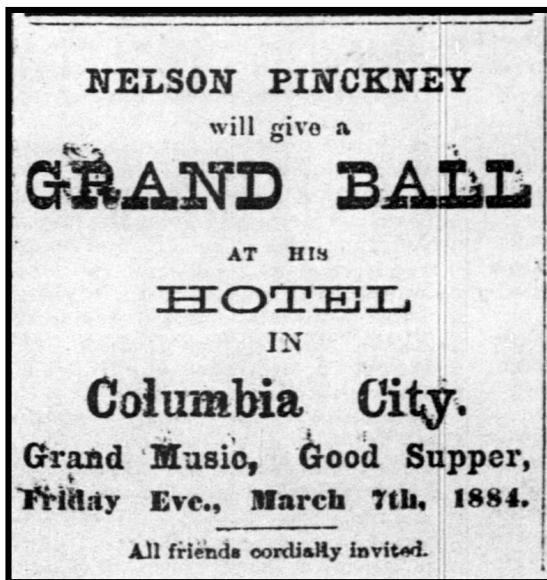
September 5 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Labor Day
September 13 th	2:30 p.m.	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall
September 15 th	6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting at Community Hall
September 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom* Canceled
September 28 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

VIEW INTO THE PAST – THE HOTEL THAT GOT (FLOATED) AWAY

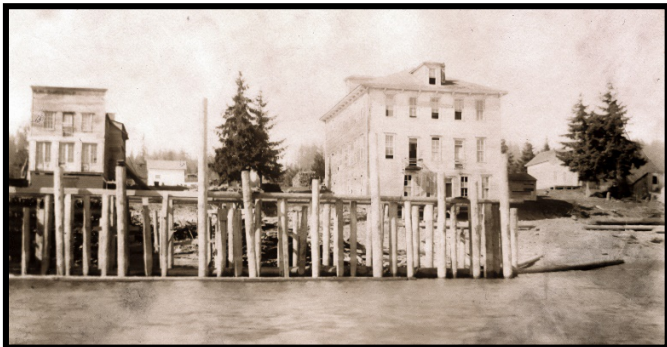
By Mark Stevens

In December 1883, a large 52 room three story hotel was built in Columbia City by a man named Nelson Pinckney from Deer Island. The grand opening was announced in the "Columbian" newspaper on December 28, 1883 and went as follows: "The Christmas Ball given by Nelson Pinckney at the opening of his new hotel at Columbia City is said to have been a grand affair. There were 70 Nos sold, 60 ladies were present. A party present says he never saw so large a collection of youth and beauty as was present. Colvin Bros. were the musicians. The supper was splendid and the whole affair the best of its kind. Frank Foster was one of the floor managers. The hotel is grand in its whole construction and appointment".

Another ad that appeared in the Columbian is as follows:

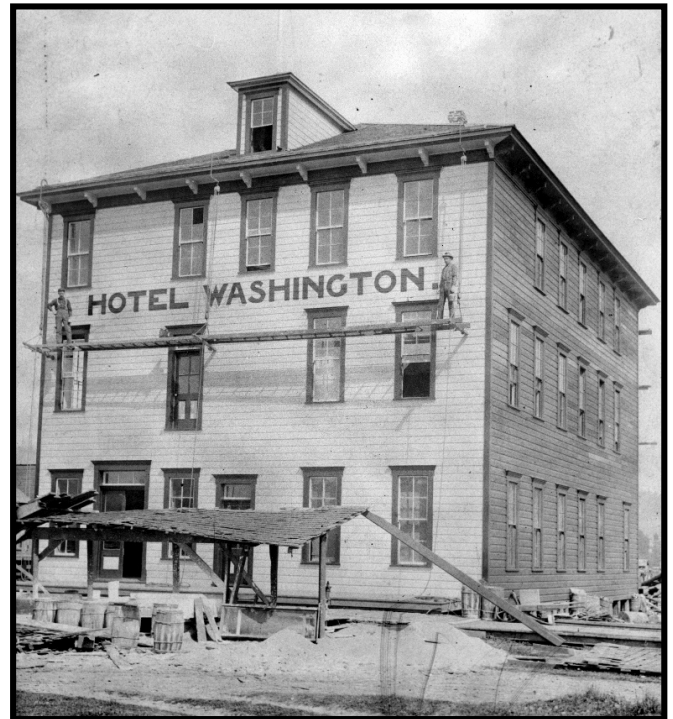


This hotel was located South of the McVey house on the Strand and possibly at the base of I street (see the following photo - credit Columbia County Museum).



The hotel was built on speculation that Columbia City would become a boom town and that the railroad would terminate here where the passengers and freight from Portland would then ferry over to Woodland, where they could continue their journey as far as Seattle. When the railroad decided to continue on to Goble, the dream died and according to pioneer Mary MacClay Whittier the hotel became a boarding house.

During one of the largest recorded floods of the Columbia River in June 1894, the "Washington Hotel" in Kelso was destroyed when it was washed into the Cowlitz River. (Longview Daily News 9/12/1984). The owner, Henry Morris, purchased the old hotel at Columbia City around 1900 and had it barged down the Columbia River to Kelso, Washington where it was renamed the "Hotel Washington". (See the following photo - credit Les Watters via the Cowlitz County Museum)



There have been several scenarios in which this hotel had been barged to Kalama, Kelso, or Longview. Hopefully this will set the record straight. Sadly, the hotel was torn down to build a new Safeway store which is now "Columbia Wellness". The hotel was located at 305 Pacific Ave S. along the Cowlitz River in Kelso, WA.

HISTORY

LIBRARY NEWS

We are drastically increasing our graphic novel collection, with an emphasis on 3rd through 6th graders. We are looking for recommendations! Please email us at ccclibrary@live.com or contact us at the library!

We are also adding many large print books over the coming months – including some current best sellers! Please visit us and check some out.

We are using the Samuel S. Johnson donation to fund the graphic novel and large print books purchases. Thank you!

Columbia City Celebration News. All proceeds from the Columbia City Celebration go to help fund the library. The Columbia City Celebration was a great success this year. It was a nice day and we were busy all day. We had a lot of help, and managers of the events did a great job. So thank you to everyone who helped, everyone who attended, and everyone who spent money to help support our library.

Raffle Winners. Quilt: Judi O. and Beach trip: Janet S.

Meetings:

Friends of the Library: Mon., Sept. 19th at 7 pm
Mystery Book Club: Wed., Sept. 28th at 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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Reach our book catalog:

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE 2022 COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATION!!!

Corporate Sponsors: City of Columbia City, St. Helens School District and Dyno Nobel.

Show & Shine Sponsors: Port of Columbia County and RockAuto.com.

Show & Shine Volunteers: Gordon & Gail Thistle, Roger Rombalski, Simon Ebert, Aaron & Andrea Kennedy, Lowell Bauer, Raetta Grainger, Richard Graiff, Dan Jimerson, Rich Mazzella, Ralph Parker, Pat Valpiani, Bill Mansheim, Buddy Rivers, Ken Aho, Donny Brooks, Chip Gardes, Cris McMann and Karol Wendler.

Show & Shine Band: The Decades.

Baskets: Kit Gardes, Colleen Calkins and others who didn't tell me their names.

Advertising and Publicity: Chip Gardes and Stacey Tinney.

Book Sale: Cathy Lundberg, Kay Brown, Monica Cannon, Colleen Calkins, Sandy McMillan, Kim Karber, Kori Woods, Tiffany Wood, Jane Eggleston, Wendy Wells, Paulette Lichatowich, Dennis

Willson, Sophie Martinson, Frank & Dee Loyd, Barbara Wooton and Lee Phillips.

Raffle Quilt: Novel Quilters, Columbia River Piecemakers Quilt Guild and Cathy Lundberg.

Beach Cabin Donor: Thanks to Paul & Chris Stansbury for donating a weekend at their cabin.

Raffle Sales: Jane Eggleston, Kay Brown and City Hall Staff.

Art Show: Dana Belisle and members of the Art Guild.

Vendors/Craft Fair: Wendy, Katelyn & Addison Wells and Elijah Callow.

Kids Zone: Merrick, Micah and Melinda Gartman, Laura Stroh, Adrian and Parker Burgess, Kat Scott, Gare, Debbie Davis, Margaret Barroso, Stan & Cindy Warby, Amy Swan, Tim Sharp, Missy Andrews, Asonia Fogarty, Troy, Crystal and Hannah Bump, Donny & Karen Brooks.

Breakfast Coffee Donation: Scappoose Starbucks.

Breakfast Volunteers: Jan & John Burdett, Doug & Colleen Calkins, David Markham, Jessica McGlothlin, Leahnette Rivers, Rebecca Pickering and Rob Forman.

Ukulele Players: Thank you to all the members of the St. Helens Public Library Ukulele Orchestra for your performances.

Pre-School Vision Screening: Provided by the Elks.

Columbia City Booth: Sue Ziglinski, Mark & Glorene Stevens, Frank & Kathie Hupp, and Jeff Reinan.

Prepare Fair: Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Mounted Posse, St. Helens Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Columbia Amateur Radio Association, Lion's Club life jacket awareness and Columbia River Fire & Rescue (CRF&R).

Special thanks: Columbia City Staff helped us prep during the day and afterwards to cleanup. Thank you to those we may have missed, we greatly appreciated everyone's help!!!