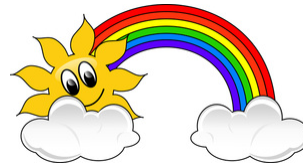


# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

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## SHOULD A FIRE STATION BE BUILT IN COLUMBIA CITY?

The Mayor, City Council, Columbia River Fire and Rescue personnel and City Staff would like to invite you to attend one of two informational meetings in April to seek citizen input about the potential development of a 24/7 staffed fire station within our community.

While this potential project and its location are in very preliminary discussions, your input is desired so the Mayor and City Council can make the best decision for our community. One location that has been discussed as a possible site is Bundy Park, which borders Highway 30. If this project is sited at this location it would require modifications to the park's current footprint.

To ensure that you receive accurate and timely information, and to make sure that your voice is heard, please consider attending one of the following meetings:

- Thursday April 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Columbia City Community Hall, or;
- Thursday April 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Columbia City Community Hall.

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Join us in honoring all American veterans on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to noon at the Columbia City Veterans Park.



More information will be provided in the May newsletter.

## VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

Don't miss out on the opportunity to honor a veteran! There are only 4 bricks remaining.

Also available are "Sponsor" bricks at the base of each 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 so bricks can be engraved before the 2023 Memorial Day Event. (weather permitting)

## SPRING CLEAN UP

The 2023 Spring Clean Up is on Saturday, April 29, 2023. See included flyer for more information.

Handicapped or elderly citizens needing assistance with transporting items to the event site may contact City Hall prior to the day of the event by calling (503) 397-4010.

## BIANNUAL BURN PERIOD

The biannual burn period will **begin on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and end on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The burn period is for yard debris only and it must be a burn day. Burn barrels are prohibited. **Burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits may be obtained online at [www.cfrf.com/burn-information](http://www.cfrf.com/burn-information). **Call (503) 397-4800 for burn day information before you burn.**

## SERGEANTS CORNER

**Spring.** With spring upon us, many of you will be out trimming trees and cleaning up yard debris. It is also a great time to trim back those bushes close to the house that might provide cover to a potential thief or burglar. As you transport the debris away from your residence please make sure to secure the load prior to driving away. Items that fly out could strike another driver causing an accident.



During the month of February we had the following calls: 1 assist fire, 2 audible alarms, 1 panic alarm, 3 animal complaints, 2 assist persons, 2 cold burglaries, 2 civil enforcements, 1 domestic, 1 extra patrol, 2 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 1 hazard, 2 informational calls, 1 juvenile problem, 1 open door at residence, 1 ordinance violation, 1 overdose, 15 premise checks, 1 suspicious person, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 cold theft, 3 traffic complaints, 3 traffic stops, 2 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 54 calls.

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

## CAPLES HOUSE – APRIL EVENTS

### Fireside Chat

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Featuring Beth Lambright from the Oregon Society of Mayflower Decedents

Admission is \$5

### Museum Tours

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

1 to 5 pm

Admission: \$5 Adults / \$4 Children

### Friday Tea

Every Friday Afternoon 2 to 4 pm

In The Cottage

1925 First Street

\$5 for tea and sweets

## CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Accessory structures, sheds, detached garages.** All storage sheds, workshops, garages etc. must obtain, at minimum, a planning review approval before placement. The approved application ensures all ordinance standards are followed. Setback requirements, height and size restrictions and lot coverage guidelines vary from zone to zone.

Any structure over 200 sq. ft. or 10 ft. in height **requires a structural building permit.** There have been multiple times over the years where a resident is looking to place a pre-manufactured or pre-fabricated structure on their property and the structure is over 200 sq. ft. or over 10 ft. in height and they are told by the company selling and/or placing the structure that a permit is not required. Please contact City Hall if you plan to place any structure on your property in order to verify what approvals you need to obtain prior to placement. By doing so you can avoid the hassle of having to move it, take it down or pay extras fees.



\*Reminder: membrane or fabric covered storage buildings or structures are no longer permitted.\*

**Keep grass and weeds cut:** Between April 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> weeds and grass are to be cut and not exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits.

### Attention Dog Owners. Pick up after your pets!!

Use the doggie bags that are provided around town, stop by City Hall for a free roll, or use your own from home. If found guilty of this offense you could be fined up to \$500, each occurrence is considered a separate offense.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Budget Committee meets at least once annually to review the proposed budget, hear public testimony, and approve a budget for submission to the City Council. Budget Committee terms are for a period of three years. Applicants must reside within the City. If interested, please inquire at City Hall.



## A VIEW INTO THE PAST History of the McVey House

By Mark Stevens -

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For those of you that do not know much about the McVey house down on the Strand, I thought this article written by Betty Germer would be of interest. I estimate the house was built in about 1869.



McVEY HOUSE HONORED - The McVey house, built in 1871 in Columbia City, was declared an historical monument by the Daughters of the American Revolution local chapter Sept. 13 in a ceremony, where a marker was placed at the front of the house. A flag salute was given by local Boy Scouts, as local residents looked on.

"The land was deeded by Joseph Caples to George Maxwell and wife who built the two-story building as a store with living quarters on the upper floor. The Maxwell's had the Williams Brothers put in a wharf in 1870 and then sold the property to the Williams Brothers in January, 1871. The River was deep close to shore here and the steamboats could stop here to get wood to keep their boilers operating. Also, most freight and passengers going to and from Portland and other ports along the River, utilized the facilities. It was generally considered safer and more comfortable to travel by boat. On December 19, 1872, a Petition in Bankruptcy was filed by Wadhams, Inc. (Wadhams Wholesale Grocers), and others. Wadhams took over the property and business and sold it to Joel Hamilton in September of 1875 for \$700.00. Hamilton then



First Car in Columbia City a 1910 Model White Steamer Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Mc Vey in the front seat in back seat their son John W. Mc Vey and Nora Mc Clay Jordan

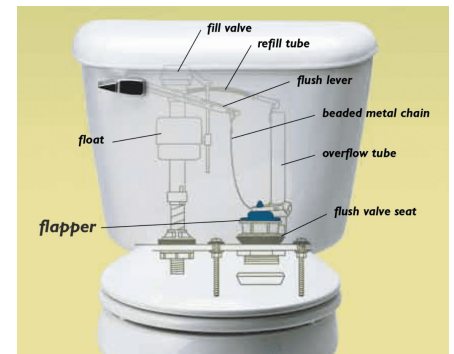
sold it in two months, November, 1875, for \$2,500.00, to Dennison Bugbee. Bugbee operated the store and wharf until 1879 when he sold to Jacob Beusch, a Spiritualist, for \$2,000.00. On April 1, 1883, Beusch sold to Elijah McVey and his two cousins, J. Wharton and E. Wharton, for \$2,300.00. Elijah McVey operated the store and was able to buy out the two Wharton brothers during 1890 and 1891 - Also, in 1891 Mr. McVey was appointed Postmaster of Columbia City by President Benjamin Harrison, and the Post Office was added into the store.

During the time that McVey had the store, the following was written in the front of one of the account books: "Dock raised off from foundation May 31st, 1894 - June 2nd, 1894 - Columbia City, Oregon at 4:30 o'clock P.M. this town was swept with a terrific gale from the Southeast carrying away my dock with about one hundred cords of wood, and many houses and barns in the neighborhood. During the storm which lasted about 75 minutes the rain poured in torrents and the Columbia River at this time was at the highest point ever known and still raising about 8 in. per day."

## LEAKY TOILET FLAPPER

### What's a flapper?

A toilet flapper is a rubber mechanism in your toilet tank that's the moving part of the flush valve. A flapper seals water into the tank and allows water to exit the tank when you flush.



### Why do you need to check your flapper?

Flappers deteriorate over time as a result of in-tank cleaning products and chemicals used by utilities. That's why they need to be checked every year to make sure they're fitting tightly over the flush tube. Otherwise, you end up with a leaky toilet that can waste a lot of water and seriously increase your utility bill.

### How much water does a bad flapper waste?

Depending on the extent of the leak, a warped or poorly fitting flapper can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day and may cost you hundreds of dollars a year.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Starting April 1, we will be opening the library on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 pm! This is great news, as we start trying to expand to our pre-covid hours. We are actively looking for additional desk volunteers so that we can also open on Tuesdays. Contact the library if you are interested!

### Friends of the Library Planning Monthly Update.

We have made progress in reorganizing the front room of the library. Please stop by and see our reconfiguration for community use of the library. Other action of the board was the decision to remove Bundy Park from consideration as a possible site for building a new library. The Board meets the third Monday of the month and welcomes public participation.

**Display in the Library – Willemse Glass.** Pamela Willemse Weber will be presenting a slide show about

her father, Bert Willemse at the Columbia City Library on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 5 to 6 pm to talk about her father's legacy as a stained-glass artist.



**New to the Library.** This month we added 64 titles to the library, some include the following:

*25 Ways to Sew Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes & Charm Packs* by Brioni Greenberg

*You Are Not Alone: The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health* by Ken Duckworth

*Beyond the Wand* by Tom Felton (of Harry Potter fame)

*Blind Tiger* by Sandra Brown

*Target Acquired* by Don Bentley for Tom Clancy

*Desert Star* by Michael Connelly (best seller)

*The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley (best seller)

*Murder Your Employer* by Rupert Holmes (best seller)

*Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Reid Jenkins (best seller)

*The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes (best seller)

### Large Print:

*Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes (best seller)

### Graphic Novels:

*Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker

### Library Hours:

Monday and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 6 pm

### Willemse Glass Presentation

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

### City Celebration Planning

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

### Friends of the Library

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm\* Time Change!

### Novel Quilters

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

### Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

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

### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - APRIL 2023

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	dawn	First day of open burning season
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Proposed Fire Station Information Meeting at Community Hall
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	dusk	Last day of open burning season
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting at City Hall
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Proposed Fire Station Information Meeting at Community Hall

\*Contact City Hall for Zoom link information.