







COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

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CELEBRATION

***Saturday,
August 12th,***

- Strawberry Pancake Breakfast 
- Car Show
- Prepare Fair 
- Craft Fair
- Vendors 
- Kids Activities
- Book Sale 
- Quilt Raffle
- Beach House Stay Raffle
- Columbia Arts Guild Art Show
- Live Music by "The Decades" 
- Ukulele Players 

Lots of fun for the family!

PROPOSED FIRE STATION – ON HOLD

Mayor Sue Ziglinski would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend meetings, submitted surveys and signed a petition in regards to the possibility of placing a fire station in Columbia City's Bundy Park. This last meeting was well attended with different people sharing their opinions. A petition opposing the use of Bundy Park for the proposed Fire Station was received and added to the City's research. Thank you to those involved in obtaining signatures and bringing community concerns to the City Council.

At this time, the City has made no commitment to allow the Fire District to place a new fire station in Columbia City. It was decided at this last meeting to put the research of this project on hold.

CITY ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

On July 21st, the City said goodbye to our City Administrator, Michael McGlothlin. He began his career here in 2009 as our Chief of Police and in 2019, he transitioned into the role of City Administrator/City Recorder. He has accepted a City Administrator position in Redington Shores, Florida. We wish him well in his new adventure.

Stepping up as Interim City Administrator is our own Kim Karber. She has been our Finance Officer and head of the Water and Sewer Department since 2017. She stepped into leadership when she became our office manager at the beginning of 2022. We are excited to have her at the helm during this transition time.

NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
no matter how small
IS EVER WASTED

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Raffle Quilt is being displayed at the Library until our big event. It is beautiful front and back. Tickets are available in the Library, and also at City Hall. It was displayed at the county fair and won a blue ribbon! Raffle tickets are also available for a beach cabin getaway!

Columbia City Celebration Planning

The Columbia City Celebration is set for Saturday, August 12th. Remember to clean out your bookcases before the event and we will check for books we can use in the library and the rest will go in the book sale.

If you want to have a vendor booth, applications are still available at the Library and at City Hall, but spaces are filling up!

We are looking for volunteers to help both before and after the book sale. We will be setting up Friday, August 11th at 3 p.m. We want to take books to other appropriate places afterwards, such as Little Libraries, Top Notch thrift store, the jail and the St. Helens Senior Center. If you'd like to help, or if you have an organization that would like books, we plan to pull books for whoever needs them after the sale ends. Contact us at the Library.

Don't forget the Show and Shine car show! Let's hope for great weather!

Artist at the Library. Marnita Bahmer will be the featured artist for August and September in the Library. On **Saturday, September 2, 2023** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Marnita Bahmer will be teaching a



junk journal class. Class is limited to the first six people. \$25/per person, pre-pay at the library cash or check. Bring your junk mail and a pair of scissors, the rest will be provided. Questions, contact: marnitabahmer@gmail.com.

Kids Craft Kits. The grab and go kids kits are still available in the Library through August! Bring your kiddos in, enjoy storytime at 11 a.m. on Mondays, and check out some books.

Lions Eyeglass Bin. The Lions are collecting eyeglasses in a bin in the Library. Bring your old glasses and let someone else see!

New to the Library. This month 72 items were added to the Library, some include:

The Wager by David Grann (best seller)
Mary Engelbreit's Mother Goose: One hundred best-loved verses (read-aloud books)
Dinoblock (a board book with amazing (real!) dinosaur names)
Cajun Kiss of Death by Ellen Byron (award winner)
Going Rogue: Rise and Shine Twenty-nine by Janet Evanovich (recent best seller)
Yellowface by R. F. Kuang (best seller)
The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese (best seller)

Large Print:

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker (past best seller)
As Night Falls by Jenny Milchman

Meetings:



Storytime: Every Monday at 11 a.m.

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library:

Monday, August 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, August 30th at 7 p.m.

Library Hours:

Mondays & Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursdays 3 – 6 p.m.

Columbia City Community Library

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Website: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

A VIEW INTO THE PAST
Columbia City during the Depression – from a
little girls point of view
By Mark Stevens -

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In December 1988 Jean LeMont sat down and interviewed Jean Schell (formerly Imogene Bergman), daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hank Bassine Sr. (9/4/1914-2/28/2005)



A twinkle in her eyes and a big smile across her face came when I asked Jean Schell if she would share her memories of Columbia City.

One of her first responses was the parties and dances that were held at the Community Hall. She explained that entire families attended. At times the kids lined the benches along the wall, but everyone joined in the fun and dancing. They shared their dinner there at night. She said there used to be some "good" fights there, too - mostly among the young men. She remembered walking paths around the City, and one led to the Community Hall!

She does not remember paved streets, but there was a plank road to the logging camp on the hill. In the summertime, when it was "barefoot weather," she remembers her brothers coming home with some of the worst slivers from that plank road. The road went across where the highway is now and way up the hill; it led to the River where the logs were dumped into the River. She said they had been instructed not to play on that plank road, but they did anyway; it was exciting for them. Looking back, she realizes it was dangerous. She also remembered a lighthouse by the road that went to the River. She said there was an old ex-sea captain who lit the lamp every night.

She recalls playing in the World War I Shipyards, and there was a plank road in that area also. Another favorite play area was an old abandoned school near the Community Hall. There were blackboards left in the building which they especially enjoyed. (This is probably the site of the Academy located at Second and "J" Streets.) She said no doubt Columbia City was a booming area during World War I.

She confirmed reports the Bassines had the first crystal radio in Columbia City, and neighbors congregated at their home to listen to it. She gave credit to Charles Hofer, who she remembers as a genius who lived somewhat in seclusion at the top of the hill, for putting it together and giving it to Hank Bassine Sr., her stepfather. She recalls the neighbors and her family took turns using the ear phones to listen to this "prized" radio at the Bassine home. She said Mr. Hofer had a radio at this time, but he and his wife and son lived so far back in the woods that it probably wasn't considered as living in Columbia City. *To be continued...*

Do you enjoy stories like this as much as I do?

Would you be interested in joining a new "Columbia City Heritage Committee" to try and save stories like these before they are lost to time?

My thoughts are we could meet once a month virtually and maybe once a quarter in person. Please contact me at the e-mail listed at the top of the article if you would be willing to help preserve the history of Columbia City.

Glorene and I will also be helping out at the Columbia City Booth during the City Celebration on Saturday August 12, 2023 and would love if you could stop by and chat.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Park maintenance volunteers: The City is always seeking volunteers to help maintain the City parks. If you like being outside and gardening or working in the yard, this might be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Pick up a volunteer application at City Hall.



Utility Billing and Newsletter: Monthly the City solicits volunteers to fold utility bills along with the newsletter and stuff into envelopes. We call them our **Fold And Stuff Team (FAST)**. If you would be interested in helping, please contact City Hall. We have a list of volunteers we reach out to each month and would love to add you to the list. Please note, you are not expect to participate every month.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Saturdays: Feb. 25, Jun. 10, Aug. 26, and Oct. 21 8 am - 2 pm
Columbia County Transfer Station - 1601 Railroad Ave., St. Helens

BRING to HHW Events:

- Lawn / Garden Chemicals
- Herbicides / Pesticides
- Pool / Spa Chemicals
- Light Ballasts
 - remove from light fixture
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Art / Hobby Chemicals
- Solvents / Thinners
- Items Containing Mercury
- Propane Cylinders
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Batteries
 - all types and applications
- Cleaners / Detergents
- Poisons
- Ammunition
- Fireworks / Flares
- Gas / Diesel / Fuels

Bring product in original container
and **Secure Your Load**

For All OTHER MATERIALS:

including Commercial Generators (CEG) and liquids in containers larger than 5 gallons: call Mark Haynes with ACT Enviro (971.303.2979) at least 2 weeks prior to an event for an appointment.

REMOTE

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events:

- April 22, 2023 - Vernonia
- May 20, 2023 - Rainier
- October 7, 2023 - Clatskanie

SATURDAYS, 8 AM - NOON

Call **Jake Anderson**, Solid Waste Coordinator,
at **503.397.7259** for additional information



DO NOT BRING to HHW Events:

- Asbestos
- Garbage / Trash
- Liquids in Containers **Larger Than 5 Gallons**
- Unwanted / Unused Medicines or Pharmaceuticals
 - drop off at the County Sheriff's Office

RECYCLE these items at the Transfer Station (during business hours):

- Latex and Acrylic Paint, Oil-Based Paint, Enamels, Stains, Laquers, Shellacs, Varnishes, and Primers
- Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Electronics
 - TVs, computers, monitors, etc.

MEDICAL SHARPS:

must be in sealed, OSHA approved, puncture-proof containers.
(available at the Transfer Station scale house)

avoid taking glass items onto the beach, broken glass is an extreme hazard to both animals and other people visiting. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable visit to the local beaches.

The police Department serviced the following calls for service during June 2023: 1 abuse/neglect call, 3 audible alarms, 6 animal complaints, 5 assist persons, 2 civil complaints, 3 civil enforcements, 1 assist fire (AED), 1 DHS referral, 2 domestic calls, 1 extra patrol, 4 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 2 harassments, 2 hazard calls, 1 informational call, 3 motorist assists, 2 noise complaints, 6 ordinance violations, 2 parking complaints, 19 premise checks, 1 lost/found property, 1 prowler, 3 suspicious circumstances, 3 suspicious persons, 2 suspicious vehicles, 1 suicide threat, 2 non-injury crashes, 4 cold thefts, 7 traffic complaints, 19 traffic stops, 1 unwanted, 3 violation of restraining order calls and 6 welfare checks. In all there were 137 activities for the month of June.

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 ~ Chief Jerry Bartolomucci

CHIEFS CORNER

Summer. With summer in full swing the beaches at Pixie Park and Trestle Beach have been busy. Please keep safety in mind when visiting. Make sure you lock your vehicles and don't leave out any items of value in plain view. If you take items to eat or drink onto the beach, please take your garbage out with you. Do not leave left over food as there are many dogs that visit the beach and human food products are not recommended for them. Please

FOOD HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST

- 3rd – National Watermelon Day
- 4th – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 6th – National Root Beer Float Day
- 10th – National S'mores & Banana Split Day
- 20th – National 'Bacon Lovers' Day
- 21st – National Sweet Tea Day
- 24th – National Peach Pie Day
- 27th – National Burger Day
- 31st – National Trail Mix Day

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2023

August 10 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 12 th	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Strawberry Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Show & Shine Car Show in the School field
	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Prepare Fair on front lawn area of School
	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Craft Fair, Vendors, Art Show, Kids Activities.....
August 15 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee at City Hall
August 15 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting – cancelled
August 17 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 23 rd	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall