

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2023

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### A VIEW INTO THE PAST - Columbia City History Timeline Newly Created History Webpage

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Looking down from the Water Tower - 1970

Last month I made a short presentation at the Columbia City Library on the historic timeline of Columbia City.

We had an attendance of 46 people, but I know many couldn't make it, so I am presenting the timeline here.

### Columbia City Oregon Historic Timeline

- Pre-European - Native American
- 1846-1853 - Land Claims
- 1847 - Joseph Caples builds his cabin
- 1855-1856 - The Indian Wars
- 1869 - The McVey House is built
- 1869 - The City is Laid Out
- 1870 - The Charles Caples House is built
- 1883 - Giltners Addition is laid out on N end of the City
- 1884 - The 1st School House is built on 4th & L
- 1884 - The Railroad at Columbia City
- 1894 - The 1894 Columbia River Flood
- 1908-1925 - The Steamers Ottawa & Metlako
- 1914 - The grounding of the SS Santa Catalina
- 1915 - Highway 30 is established
- 1918 - The Sommarstrom Shipyard is built
- 1919 - The Furniture Factory starts business
- 1919 - The William Maclay Water System begins
- 1926 - The 2nd Grade School is built on 2nd St.
- 1926 - The City is Incorporated
- 1926 - The operation of the Sibley Sawmill
- 1945 - The Rendova Aircraft Carrier runs aground

- 1948 - The 1948 Columbia River Flood
- 1964 - The 1964 Columbia River Flood
- 1980 - Mt. St. Helens Eruption
- 1996 - The 1996 Columbia River Flood

### Population Growth

- 1930 Population 310
- 1940 Population 327
- 1950 Population 405 - Post War Boom
- 1960 Population 423
- 1970 Population 537 - Lower North Side Expansion
- 1980 Population 678 - North & Hillside Expansion
- 1990 Population 1003 - North & Hillside Expansion
- 2000 Population 1571 - River Club Estates
- 2010 Population 1946 - Continued North expansion
- 2020 Population 1949

The presentation encouraged me to create a webpage dedicated to the history of Columbia City. It is just in its infancy but I invite you to watch it grow at: <https://sites.google.com/colcomuseum.org/columbiacityhistory/home>

You will see a menu at the top to various subjects that I will be adding more information to in the future.

### DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS



Daylight-saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 12, 2023.

### OPEN BURNING IN APRIL

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.** More information in next month's newsletter.

## CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM – MARCH EVENTS

### Fireside Chat

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Featuring Chip Bubl from the OSU Extension Service  
Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring  
Cost \$5

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

\$25 for adults / \$5 for kids

Reservation only - 503-397-5390

Join us for great dinner and  
sing-a-long of Irish songs.



### Friday Tea

Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m.  
to 4 p.m.

At the Caples House Cottage  
1925 First Street

\$5 for tea and sweets

### Caples House Museum Tours

Starting Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. until October 31<sup>st</sup>

Admission: \$5 Adults / \$4 Children

## SERGEANT'S CORNER

**Spring.** With this last blast of winter not many people are thinking about spring yet, but we should be. It won't be long and we will need to remove our studded tires. The last day we can have them on is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Some may need to budget new tires or place an order so they are here before the last day to use your studded tires. If anyone has yard debris that needs to be removed after this last storm, please cover up your load as you transport it away from your property. We don't want to damage someone else's car by having part of the debris blow off and hit the car behind us. We thank you all for taking the time to be safe.

During the month of January we had the following calls: 1 assist fire, 1 audible alarm, 1 school fire alarm, 1 animal complaint, 1 assist persons, 1 behavioral health, 10 civil enforcements, 1 DHS report, 2 domestic disturbances, 1 extra patrol, 2 follow ups, 1 fireworks call, 1 harassment/threat, 1 incomplete 911 call, 1 marine patrol request, 1

overdose call, 1 prowler, 1 suspicious circumstance, 4 suspicious vehicles, 5 suspicious persons, 1 suicide attempt, 2 unknown injury crashes, 4 traffic stops, 1 drug call, 1 cold theft and 3 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 61 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

## LIBRARY NEWS

We got our new cabinets installed! They'll help us contain all the clutter associated with the library, and they look very sleek and neat. Another step accomplished on making our front room warm, welcoming and uncluttered.

**Display in the Library – Willemse Glass.** Pamela Willemse Weber's father, Bert Willemse, was a Stained Glass artist who started Willemse Glass, now located in Scappoose. The display will show the history of his stained glass creations and locations of many of his stained glass installations in the area. From the first of March to the end of April you may visit the library to view it. Pam will be at the library April 6, 2023 from 5 to 6 pm to talk about her father's legacy.

### Library Hours:

Monday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Thursday 3 to 6 pm



### Novel Quilters

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

### Friends of the Library

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

### Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

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### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2023

March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall

March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting - **Canceled**