

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Columbia City is excited that Michael Allen Harrison will be joining us for our 7th Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6 pm in the Community Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 per person and go on sale November 1st at City Hall. Seating will be limited.



Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase. Proceeds from this year's concert will go towards the Community Hall's ongoing maintenance.

2nd ANNUAL PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

The St. Helens School District Backpack Weekend Food Program is again conducting a peanut butter drive during November. The mission of the Program is to help ensure that no child goes hungry. Those in need are given a bag on Friday with food for two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, plus fruits and a snack. The desire is to send peanut butter once a month as a good protein source. All food is purchased with funds from individuals and business donations, and food bags are prepared by volunteers from the First Methodist Church, the St. Helens Lions Club and other local groups. The number of bags distributed per week is still around 225! They would greatly appreciate 16 ounce PLASTIC jars of peanut butter. City Hall in Columbia City will be the drop off site through the end of November.



CHRISTMAS HOT MEALS

Troop 106, sponsored by American Legion Post #42, will be providing a hot meal to be delivered on December 22nd 2023. This hot meal program has grown from serving only one family of 4 in the first year to over 680 individuals. The Troop receives assistance from many businesses, churches, service organizations, individuals and families from all over Columbia County in order to make this event a success.



For ways you can get involved or contribute, contact Bill Reese, Scout Troop 106, PO Box 216, Columbia City OR 97018, 503-410-4824, forsettoday@outlook.com.

FALL BURN PERIOD

Starts at Dawn Nov 4th / Ends at Dusk Nov 19th

Reminder that burn permits are required prior to burning! They are available at City Hall, any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District, or on-line: www.CRFR.com. Call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if burning is allowed that day.

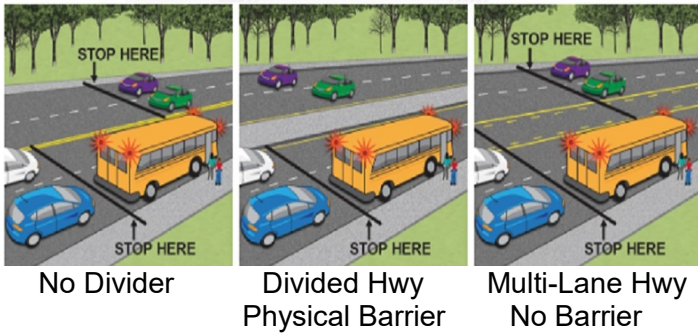
BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is currently an opening on the Budget Committee. They meet 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5th



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REMINDER



No Divider

Divided Hwy
Physical Barrier

Multi-Lane Hwy
No Barrier

PARKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you looking for a way to get involved in our City? Consider serving on our Parks Committee. 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 City 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 Interim City Administrator Kim Karber at kkarber@columbia-city.org or City Hall at 503-397-4010.

GOLD STAR MARKER



In June of 2022, the idea of having Highway 30 in Oregon be dedicated as part of the National Gold Star Highway was presented to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

On August 29, 2023, a Gold Star Marker was dedicated at Ontario, Oregon and on November 11, 2023 there will be a Marker dedicated at the terminus of Highway 30 in the Astoria area. This will allow Highway 30 to become a completed portion on the National Gold Star Memorial Highway.

With the Veterans Memorial Park in Columbia City overlooking Highway 30, it was fitting to seek approval of the City Council to place a Gold Star Family Marker at the park. The marker costs

approximately \$2,500 including manufacturing, shipping, installation and landscaping. The St. Helens Garden Club has already received some funds from individuals, and we will be seeking additional funds from businesses and individuals in the South Columbia County area.

Gold Star families are those who have lost a family member in military service to our country and there are several located here locally.

We invite members of our local community to join us by donating to make this special tribute a reality. If we raise the needed funds before January 1, 2024, the order can be placed before the costs increase.

You can donate by sending a check payable to St. Helens Garden Club and mail to PO Box 933, St. Helens OR 97051-0933, please indicate Gold Star Marker on the subject line. If giving a cash donation, please place it in an envelope with your mailing address and place it in the donation jar at City Hall in Columbia City at 1840 Second Street. The St. Helens Garden Club is a 501(C)(3) not for profit organization. Donator's of \$500 or more will have their names engraved on the marker.

What better way to honor the families who are living the Gold Star Family motto: HONOR, HOPE, HEALING.

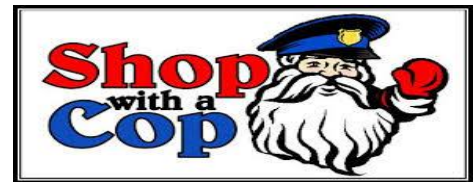
~Lynn Chiotti, St. Helens Garden Club

DONATIONS WELCOMED! NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

The Columbia City Police Department is hosting its 15th annual Shop with a Cop program.

We are accepting nominations for families in need until Monday, November 27th at 5:00 p.m. Forms are available

online or at



City Hall if you have a family in mind.

We are also accepting donations to help support this year's program. If you would like to help, please send your donation to City Hall, PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018. Please be sure to identify the donation for Shop with a Cop. Thank you for your support to this rewarding program.

Food Drive



Please help us **Feed the Need** by bringing your donations of boxed and canned foods to City Hall

during the month of November. The most in-demand foods items are: canned meats-tuna, chicken, salmon, beef, corned beef, canned soup or chili, peanut butter, almond butter, canned fruits, canned vegetables, packaged self-stable food items including but not limited to: pasta, rice, cereal, canned beans, etc.

Also accepted: unexpired baby food and formula, personal care items, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent and dryer sheets.

All of the collected goods will be given to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in St. Helens. Other ways in which you can help may be found on the Columbia Pacific Food Bank website: www.cpfoodbank.org.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Fall Season. With fall upon us it is a good time to start thinking about personal safety within your vehicle. Have your tires and brakes checked so they are in proper working order. Make sure all your lights are up to par so you can see at night and be seen by other drivers. Create a safety kit to carry inside your car in the event you become stranded. You will need the necessary items to stay warm, hydrated and nourished. If you plan to travel over any of the mountains it would be a good idea to make sure you have chains in your car. We can see snow on the upper elevations at any time this time of year. It is always a good idea to let someone else know when you plan to travel and what route you are going to use to get to your destination. We are looking forward to everyone having a safe and pleasant fall season.



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

CAPLES HOUSE – OUR COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Teas and Sweets - in The Cottage
Every Friday Afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
\$5 for tea and a homemade dessert

No Tea on Friday, November 24th

As winter approaches, the museum changes from scheduled open hours to on-demand services. Call

971-203-3533 to get a tour of the museum, or to reserve space for meetings, weddings, family gatherings or other events. Even if you have a last-minute need for a large kitchen or have family in town who want to see the museum, just give a call.



Old Family Photo Contest. Caples House Museum has a collection of photographs dating back to the mid-19th century. Does your family have old photos that show how people lived in the past? Thousands of photos were taken of Civil War soldiers in their uniforms... that are now tucked away in storage chests. Did your great-grandfather take a picture of his brand-new Model A Touring Car? How 'bout a picture of your family on vacation on the Columbia with the biggest fish they'd ever caught.

Bring your pictures to the museum! We will put them on display in the lower level of the Knapp Center until November 19th. Also, during the viewing period, some of the pictures from the museum archives will be pulled from storage and displayed. Each submission will be given a certificate for entering the contest, and the most interesting, amusing, and artistic photos will be given special recognition. Even if you don't submit a picture of your own, come out to the museum to see what memories are sparked by these old photos.

To sign up for the Old Family Photo Contest, call 971-203-3533.

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas is Coming. Do your Christmas shopping early and support a good cause. Secondhand



Prose has hundreds of gently used books for sale between \$1 - \$2. Children's books are half that. Many of our sale books are like new, with dust jackets and with no "library" stamps. Shop early for the best selection.

Novel Quilters. Continuing our animals theme, we will be reading *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, recalls his journey to deliver South California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo in 1938.

Reader's Recommendation from Kit Gardes.

Britt-Marie Was Here by Henrik Backman. Socially challenged Britt-Marie goes to the tiny town of Borg to be the caretaker of a recreation center. The town is doomed to disappear due to the financial crisis. Only the children playing soccer on a gravel driveway with pop cans as goal markers give the town hope.

New to the Library. In the last month we added 99 titles to the library, some include the following:

Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou (past best seller)
Cult of Glory: Texas Rangers by Doug J. Swanson

American Prometheus: J. Robert Oppenheimer by Kai Bird (best seller)
An Immense World by Ed Yong (best seller)
Outlive by Peter Attia (best seller)
The Closer by Mariano Rivera (baseball)
Clive Cussler Fire Strike by Mike Maden (best seller)
Code Red by Vince Flynn (best seller)
Icebreaker by Hannah Grace (best seller)
The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger (best seller)
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett (best seller)
Dead Mountain by Douglas Preston and Lee Child (best seller)
After That Night by Karin Slaughter (best seller)

Large Print:

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride (best seller)

Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, November 29 at 7 pm

Library CLOSED

Thursday, November 23rd

Saturday, November 25th

Columbia City Community Library

Mon. & Sat. 10 – 2 pm / Wed. & Thu. 3 – 6 pm

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Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2023

November 4 th	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 10 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 16 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 19 th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 21 st	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*
November 23 rd	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 24 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving

*for Zoom information contact City Hall