

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING DATE ENDING SOON

Three City Council positions (Mayor and two Councilors) go to voters during the November General Election. Interested candidates who have resided within the City since November 5, 2023, may run for office. Nominating petitions are available at City Hall. Petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors and must be submitted to the City Administrator for verification in enough time to be completed prior to August 27, 2024 (the filing deadline). The Councilor positions are for four-year terms. The Mayor position will serve the remaining term of Sue Z's four year term through 2027.

VETERANS PARK CLEANUP

The St. Helens Garden Club works monthly in the Columbia City Veterans Park to help keep the park looking its best. On Monday, August 26, they will be there starting at 9 a.m. If you're interested in helping, join them that morning. Bring gloves and tools for weeding. They'd love to see you there!

MEETING TO DISCUSS DUST POLLUTION





Coordinated by resident Jan from Lower Columbia City
Are you a Columbia City resident who continues to be negatively impacted by the pollution from the Lignetics pellet plant? If so, please attend the next community meeting with Lignetics representatives on August 27th in the Community Hall at 6 p.m.

At previous meetings Lignetics presented their improvement plans, which were to be completed by September. This has been pushed out and doesn't include an additional important upgrade that needs to be made. The meeting is our opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns and explore actions to be taken.

If you don't like breathing and living with this pollution you need to be at this meeting on August 27th. Let them know it is important to you.

CELEBRATION

***Saturday,
August 10th***

- Strawberry Pancake Breakfast 
- Car Show 
- Prepare Fair
- Craft Vendors 
- Kids Activities
- Book Sale
- Quilt Raffle 
- Beach House Stay Raffle
- Live Music by "The Decades" 
- Art Show 
- City History Event/Tours

Lots of fun for the family!

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Benefitting your Library!!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Raffle Quilt is being displayed at the Library until our big event. It is beautiful with a beautiful backing too. Tickets are available in the Library and at City Hall. We also have raffle tickets for the beach cabin getaway!

Columbia City Celebration Planning. The Columbia City Celebration is set for Saturday, August 10th. There's still time to clean out your bookcases and donate to the Library! We will check for books we can use in the Library collection, 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 9th at 3 p.m. We plan to take books to other appropriate places afterwards, such as Little Libraries, Top Notch thrift store, the Columbia County 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 to make arrangements or if you would like to help.

Don't forget the Show and Shine car show! Let's hope for great weather in order to attract lots of beautiful cars!

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.

Volunteer Opportunity. It is hard to believe that school will be starting again in a month. Your Library needs a volunteer to work with teachers, the PTO, pre-school and after school recreation programs to help students make use of our excellent collection of children's books. Please contact Kit Gardes for more information.



kitgardes@yahoo.com

Secondhand Prose. Barbeques, potlucks and picnics, oh my! Summer is the time for

experimenting and sharing new recipes. Secondhand Prose has a huge selection of cookbooks to tickle your taste buds and impress your friends. Gobble up these great deals during the month of August. A special table will be set up at the City Celebration.

New to the Library. This month we added 68 titles to the library, here are just a few:

Everything I Know About Love by Dolly Alderton (best seller)

Blood Lines by Nelson DeMille

The Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley (recent best seller)

Not in Love by Ali Hazelwood (best seller)

Swan Song by Elin Hilderbrand (best seller)

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas (5 book series on the best seller list, high demand)

The Housemaid is Watching by Freida McFadden (best seller)

Large Print:

Think Twice by Harlan Coben (best seller)

Library Hours:

Mondays & Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm

Wednesday & Thursdays 3 – 6 pm

Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

Friends of the Library:

Monday, August 19th at 6:30 pm

Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, August 21st at 2 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, August 28th at 7 pm



Columbia City Community Library

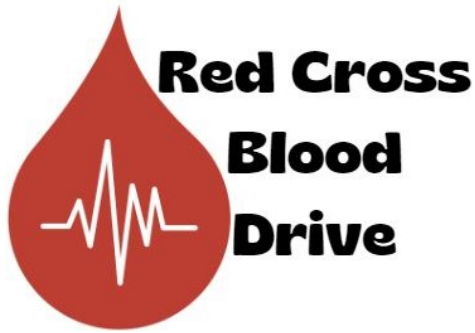
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Website: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>



Community Hall - 1850 Second Street
Columbia City OR 97018

Monday, August 12, 2024
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please visit www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: ColumbiaCC

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 them 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 expected to participate every month.

CHIEFS CORNER

Dry Weather. With all the dry weather we have been having, the fire danger is extremely high. Please be cautious when using hot equipment around dry grass. Be sure to have a hose nearby when you are out using any equipment with an exhaust that may cause sparks of any kind. And don't forget about yourself. Make sure you take plenty of breaks and drink more water to prevent dehydration. Enjoy the sun but be careful.



The Police Department serviced the following calls during June 2024: 1 audible alarm, 1 animal complaint, 1 agency assist, 4 assist persons, 7 behavioral health, 1 burglary in progress, 1 criminal mischief, 1 criminal mischief in progress, 5 DHS referrals, 2 disturbance fights, 1 domestic, 1 DUII, 2 extra patrols, 8 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 1 fireworks, 1 hazard, 1 incomplete 911, 2 juvenile problems, 4 juvenile runaway calls, 3 motorist assists, 1 noise complaint, 1 parking complaint, 47 premise checks, 1 promiscuous shooting, 6 suspicious circumstances, 3 suspicious vehicles, 2 suicide attempts, 1 non-injury traffic crash, 2 cold thefts, 2 traffic complaints, 21 traffic stops and 2 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 148 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 ~ Chief Jerry Bartolomucci

2024 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

Saturdays: Mar. 2, Jun. 8, Aug. 24, and Nov. 2 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
 - limit of 5 large (>1lb.) cylinders
 - limit of 10 1lb. cylinders
- Batteries
 - all types and applications
- Cleaners / Detergents
- Poisons
- Ammunition
- Fireworks / Flares
- Gas / Diesel / Fuels

DO NOT BRING to HHW Events:

- Asbestos
- Garbage / Trash
- Ethyl / Ether
- Liquids in Containers Larger Than 5 Gallons
- More than 25 Gallons of Liquids
 - per household (excludes paint and oil)
- 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, Lacquers, Shellacs, Varnishes, and Primers
- Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- Electronics
 - TVs, computers, monitors, etc.

- Bring product in original container and Secure Your Load -

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

For All OTHER MATERIALS including materials from Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs, <220 lbs./mo.) and liquids in containers larger than 5 gallons, call Marc Winkler | ACT Enviro (916.693.4496) at least 2 weeks prior to an event for an appointment.

REMOTE HHW Collection Events:

Vernonia	Rainier	Clatskanie
April 13, 2024	May 18, 2024	October 5, 2024

SATURDAYS, 8 AM - NOON

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



This event is only for Columbia County residents. Proof of residency may be requested before any waste is accepted. Columbia County may limit the amount of waste collected. No commercial or other organizational waste will be accepted.

A VIEW INTO THE PAST Columbia City Celebration Walking Tour

By Mark Stevens - markstevens@colcomuseum.org



would just like to take the tour on your own you can do it two ways. With your mobile phone you can scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the map. For those with a computer I have imbedded a link on the image that you would need to type into your web browser. The link is also below:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1MzSy5j0WoxUIB4Wx_IR-miGK_w4cD10&ll=45.88890157348248%2C-122.81078836723145&z=16

Each of the points of interest have photos and a little information about the location.

I will be updating the tour on a regular basis to add new points of interest and additional information.

I was excited to discover that I had recently acquired an actual photo of the Columbia City Academy from Fred Caples material (courtesy of Bill Martini). Prior to this all I had was a newspaper clipping. The photo must have been taken just prior to the building being torn down in July of 1935 as the windows and the door have been removed. It just goes to show you that you never know when new information will show up! Hint Hint – if you have any old photos or documents that might possibly be related to the City I would love to take a look at them. They may be very important.



I created the above walking tour for the Columbia City Celebration. If you are not able to make it or

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2024

August 8 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 10 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 13 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee at City Hall
August 15 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting cancelled
August 28 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall
August 27 th	6:00 p.m.	Community Meeting to discuss Lignetics at Community Hall