



# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

## January 2024

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### SHOP WITH A COP

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event was a huge success!! A big thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who participated in granting not only Christmas wish list items, but much needed necessities.

Many thanks to our local Walmart staff for being amazing community partners. Thank you to those Columbia City citizens and others who financially donated to this worthwhile project. Due to such generosity, we were able to sponsor 15 local children this year!

### CONGRATULATIONS NELL HARRISON

In December cherished resident and volunteer Nell Harrison celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open



house at City Hall, over 60 people stopped by. She's a longtime resident and has been an extraordinary member of our community in so many ways. Nell currently serves on the Parks and Audit Committees and has previously served on the Planning Commission and City Council. Nell has also spent **COUNTLESS** hours in our parks. Thank you!

## RECYCLING GUIDE

### RECYCLE CART

Remember Clean Empty Dry

PLASTIC	PAPER	METAL
 Bottles	 Cereal Boxes	 Aluminum, Steel, Tin
 Jugs	 Cardboard/Paperboard	 Aerosol Cans
 Tubs	 Newspaper	 Aluminum Trays

### GARBAGE

Plastic (Bags, Cups, Lids, etc.), Hoses, Clamshells, Styrofoam, To-Go Boxes, Shredded Paper, Paper Towels, Dirty Paper, Cups

### TRANSFER STATION

 Electronics (Laptops, TVs, Monitors, DVD Players)	 Appliances	 Used Motor Oil/Antifreeze
 Paint, Stains, Primers, Varnishes	 Glass Bottles & Jars <b>NO</b> Cookware, Dishware, or Plate Glass	

### HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE (HHW EVENTS)

 All Batteries	 Propane Cylinders	 Chemicals: Cleaners, Detergents, Pool/Spa, Hobby
 Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs	 Mercury-containing Items	 Herbicides/Pesticides

For more information on recycling in Columbia County, visit [www.columbiacountyor.gov/recycle](http://www.columbiacountyor.gov/recycle)

## A VIEW INTO THE PAST

### The Sommarstrom Shipbuilding Company (Part 3)

By Mark Stevens - [markstevens@colcomuseum.org](mailto:markstevens@colcomuseum.org)

The Sommarstrom Shipyard eventually built seven ships between 1918 and 1920. The infrastructure necessary to support a shipyard such as this was considerable. The Sommarstroms had four shipbuilding bays constructed (two of them covered) to build and launch the ships. In addition they had a sawmill constructed to mill the old growth Douglas fir that was used in the ships construction.



If you look closely at this photo of the sawmill (later the Sibley sawmill) you will see some family cottages up on 4th Street. Those cottages were later sold to the railroad and shipped to Warren for their railroad workers. In order to provide housing for the hundreds of shipyard workers, the shipyard had no less than three hotels built.

The shipyard also built a number of homes for their officers and the cottages mentioned above.



Glorene and I live in one of those homes, the home just to the right of the four story hotel. Our home was built in 1918 for the shipyard president. Much of our home was constructed from lumber from the shipyard sawmill. The beams of our home are tapered and we believe they were repurposed ships

beams. Most of the wood in the house is also only milled on one side.

To support all of those worker's needs, a city within a city was constructed complete with a barber shop, a fire pump station, a pool hall, a movie theater, a post office, a grocery store, a mercantile store, and a skating rink. All of this was built between 3rd and 4th Streets and L and M Streets within a two year span.

While I have dozens of photos of the shipyard I have yet to find many of commercial building mentioned above.

Next month we will discuss a little something about the ships that were built.

## CHIEF'S CORNER

**Phone Scams.** We are entering the time of year when we tend to see more email and phone scams. Please pay close attention to any email, text, or phone calls that are not familiar to you. If you are asked to provide any personal information, bank account information, or credit/debit card numbers, send money for a prize, please do not provide that information without verifying who the request is coming from. Once you give it out, it may be very difficult to stop the perpetrator from using it. Please call and report any suspected fraud. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.



During the month of November, the police Department serviced the following calls for service: 1 abuse/neglect, 3 audible alarm, 2 animal complaints, 1 assist agency, 3 assist persons, 1 behavioral health, 6 civil enforcements, 1 CPR/assist fire, 1 criminal mischief, 3 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 1 harassment, 1 hazard, 1 hit & run, 2 motorist assist, 3 parking complaints, 38 premise checks, 1 prowler, 1 suspicious circumstance, 2 suspicious vehicles, 3 traffic accidents/no-injury, 1 trespass, 18 traffic stops and 6 welfare checks. In all the police department serviced 108 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

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all our volunteers who have kept the library running this past year, and for years before that! We are an all-volunteer library, recruited from our friends and neighbors. If you are interested in volunteering, contact us at the library.

Friends of the Library has a new board starting in January. Our officers are: President: Kit Gardes, Vice President: Paulette Lichatowich, Secretary: Wendy Wells, Treasurer: Rachelle Cade, Past President: Kay Brown, Library Director: Cathy Lundberg. Our next meeting is Monday, January 15. Any member (or potential member!) is welcome to attend.

**TAG IT!** Read a good book lately that you would recommend to a friend? When you return it to the library, write a brief description of why you liked the book on a white tag. The librarian will **TAG IT** when the book is re-shelved. Then, when you are looking for something new to read, look for the tags already on books. Enjoy!

**Art in the Library.** It is a new year, and there is a new artist displaying in the library. Columbia City resident Michael Brundage is displaying his beautiful illustrations of animals and birds during January and February. Michael started drawing, or “doodling” as he called it, at an early age.

Inspired by his high school art teacher, he has become a well-known artist in his own right, perfecting the use of colored pencil on suede mat to achieve his lifelike drawings.



**New to the Library.** This month we added 72 titles to the library. 18 were ordered from the Edgar award list, many have arrived and more will be here next month. Edgar awards are for mysteries, and they have lots of categories! Here are some of the new titles:

*The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel (Amazon Top 10 list)  
*King: A Life* by Jonathan Eig (Amazon Top 10 list)  
*Elon Musk* by Walter Isaacson (Amazon Top 10 list)

*Resurrection Walk* by Michael Connelly (recent best seller)

*The Exchange* by John Grisham (best seller)

*Wellness* by Nathan Hill (Amazon Top 10 list)

*The Last Orphan* by Gregg Hurwitz

*Tornado Weather* by Deborah E. Kennedy (Edgar award nominee)

*Holly* by Stephen King (best seller, Amazon Top 10 list)

*How Lucky* by Will Leitch (Edgar award nominee)

*Smoke and Ashes* by Abir Mukherjee (Edgar award nominee)

*The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters (Amazon Top 10 list)

*Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros (best seller, Amazon Top 10 list)

*A Prince Among Frogs* by E.D. Baker (the last in a great juvenile series, The Frog Princess)

*Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs (Juvenile Edgar award nominee)

*Greenglass House* by Kate Milford (Juvenile Edgar award winner)



### Library Hours:

Monday and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 3 to 6 pm

### Storytime:

Every Monday at 11:00 am

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, January 15 at 6:30 pm

### Novel Quilters:

Wednesday, January 17 at 2 pm

### Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, January 31 at 7 pm

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### Reach our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

## 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.

## GOLD STAR FAMILY MARKER

Thank you to those who donated money for the Gold Star Family Marker for Veterans Park. Enough money has been raised and the marker has been ordered!

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY

### Household Hazardous Waste:

- Participate in the Columbia County Transfer Station's Household Hazardous Waste Events for the disposal of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fluorescent tubes and light ballasts, solvents, thinners, gasoline, diesel, fuels, cleaners, detergents, propane cylinders, etc.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., at the Columbia County Transfer Station.
- Substitute less hazardous substances for products you use in your home.

### Car Care:

- Check your car regularly for oil and antifreeze leaks, and repair any leaks quickly.

### Lawn Care and Landscaping:

- Use environmentally sound products on your lawn, garden and landscaped areas.
- If you must use pesticides and/or fertilizers, apply them minimally and properly.

### Pet Waste:

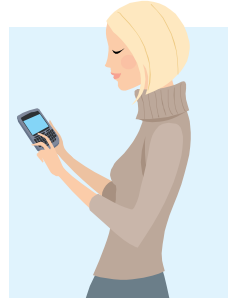
- Promptly pick up pet waste.
- Dispose of pet waste by flushing it or placing it in the garbage.

## REGISTER WITH THE COLUMBIA ALERT NETWORK (CAN)

Upon the request of public safety and emergency response agencies based in Columbia County, Columbia 9-1-1 dispatchers activate a high speed telephone dialing service to notify citizens and businesses of important information such as: shelter in place, boil water advisory, be on the lookout for a crime suspect, severe weather advisory, search and

rescue, etc. This dialing service is called "C.A.N." which stands for the Columbia Alert Network. Notifications are delivered to targeted geographic areas by a telephone call in which a recorded message is delivered and the answering party is prompted to have the message repeated or to acknowledge receipt of the message.

It used to be only land-line telephone numbers were used in public notifications using the C.A.N. system. However, many people use cellular phones for their primary phone communication and do not have land-line telephone service at all.



For that reason, Columbia 9-1-1 added a feature to C.A.N. so that citizens and businesses in the community can register their cell phone number or other alternate telephone number information. Notifications can also be made in text form to

devices capable of receiving text or email messages. The registry includes email/text address options. One cell phone and one other alternate phone number plus one email address may be registered.

Contact information provided in the registry will be included in notifications when a C.A.N. message is sent to an area that encompasses the address specified by the registrant.

It is the responsibility of the individual registrant to assure that registry contact information is kept up to date.

Whether you have a landline phone, or not, you may add or update your cell or alternate phone numbers and email address using the processes described below. There is no need to use the registry for landline phones, notifications will continue to landline phone numbers in the target area without registry. This registry is only for cell phones, alternate phones or email.

**To register or update information: go to:**  
<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085613334/login>

## MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2024

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

