

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Columbia City is excited that Michael Allen Harrison will be joining us for our 8th Holiday Concert on Monday, December 9th, 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.

3rd 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. 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 holding steady at around 230. The need is for 16 ounce PLASTIC jars of peanut butter. City Hall in Columbia City will be the drop off site. All donations are greatly appreciated!



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.

FALL BURN PERIOD

Starts at Dawn Nov 2nd / Ends at Dusk Nov 17th

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.CRRFR.com. Call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if burning is allowed that day.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3rd

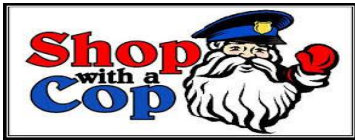


**DONATIONS WELCOMED!
NOMINATIONS NEEDED!**

The Columbia City Police Department is hosting its 16th annual Shop with a Cop program.

We are accepting nominations for families in need until Monday, November 25th 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 of this rewarding program!



CHIEF'S CORNER

Studded Tires. As of November 1st you may use studded tires again for your winter traveling. Studded tires help provide extra traction during winter weather, but there is a cost to all of us for those that use them. It is estimated that studded tires cause about 8.5 million dollars of damage to Oregon roads and highways each year. There are several local tire dealers that you can consult with to determine your best option. Regardless of your tires, always reduce your speed and increase your following distance when driving in inclement weather.

The Police Department serviced the following calls during September 2024: 2 abandoned vehicles, 4 assist fires, 1 panic alarm, 8 animal complaints, 1 assist agency, 1 burglary in progress, 1 civil enforcement, 4 follow ups, 4 cold frauds, 1 harassment/threat, 5 hazards, 2 motorist assists, 3 ordinance violations, 1 parking complaint, 79 premise checks, 1 subject stop, 2 suspicious circumstances, 2 suspicious vehicles, 2 traffic crashes, 1 cold theft, 4 traffic complaints, 32 traffic stops and 2 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 169 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

LEAVES, GRASS & DEBRIS ON STREETS



Please be advised that purposely blowing, raking, sweeping, etc. your leaves, grass and other debris into the public right-of-way is considered a violation of City Ordinances.

DOG PARK CONCERN

Public Works employees are once again experiencing large volumes of dog poop making park maintenance difficult and unsanitary.

Pick up after your dogs! Bags and waste receptacles are provided for your convenience at the park. The City may consider CLOSING the Dog Park, if the poop doesn't get scooped!



1925 First Street

Museum Tours

by appointment only
\$5 adult / \$4 children

Teas and Sweets

In The Cottage
Friday, November 15th & 22nd –only
2 to 4 pm
\$5 for tea and a homemade dessert

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 8th
Saturday, November 9th
9 am to 5 pm
Free Admission

With a variety of vendors providing handmade crafts, artwork and photography, you are sure to find that special gift for someone on your list, or maybe something for yourself. There will also be a literacy promotion offering free books for children & adults, Tap Into Wine will be onsite offering wine tasting and you can participate in raffles and contests for great prizes.

LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to encourage you to suggest books the library should have. We try to add in books published within the last five years. It is your library!

We have all of Oregon's Battle of the Books selections; a great assortment of books for your children to read, from third grade through high school!

Novel Quilters. The Novel Quilters will be reading *Esme Cahill Fails Spectacularly* by Marie Bostwick.



This is a delicious novel about family, friendship, and finding your true path in life. And lucky for us, Esme unearths a trove of museum-worthy art quilts! Our next meeting will be

in January so we can all read the book.

Start your holiday shopping early. Visit our used book shop to find great bargains. Diana is constantly upgrading our selection of almost new and gently used books for sale. Secondhand Prose is in the backroom of the library.

Second Hand Prose's special for November is Juvenile and Young Adult books, 50 cents each!

Pumpkin Carving in October. The pumpkin carving last month was wonderful and a lot of fun! Look at these creative kids and the pumpkins they carved.



New to the Library. In the last month we added 90 titles to the library, including the following:

Ghosts of Honolulu by Mark Harmon (nonfiction best seller)

The Oregon Trail by Buck Rinker (for the history buffs)

Esme Cahill Fails Spectacularly by Marie Bostwick (Novel Quilters selection)

Somewhere Beyond the Sea by T J Klune (best seller)

The Good Turn by Dervla McTiernan (suggested by a patron)

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty (best seller)

Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb (suggested by a patron)

Dead Fall by Brad Thor (thriller, recent best seller)

Graphic Novels:

Marshmallow & Jordan by Alina Chau

Tales of a Seventh-Grade Lizard Boy by Jonathan Hill
Lo & Behold by Wendy Mass

Children's Books:

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs by Pam Munoz Ryan



Storytime:

Every Monday at 11 am

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Club:

Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm

Library CLOSED

Thursday, November 28th

Columbia City Community Library

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

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**ASBESTOS & LEAD TESTING DROP BOX
ST. HELENS TRANSFER STATION**

Did you know that the Columbia County Solid Waste Department earlier this year added a new drop box at the St. Helens Transfer Station to test for asbestos and lead? The drop box offers county residents a convenient and affordable way to access comprehensive testing services.

For more information about these services or to schedule a test, please contact Jacob Anderson, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 503-397-7259 or jacob.anderson@columbiacountyor.gov.

**A VIEW INTO THE PAST
Our First Gas Station**

By Mark Stevens - markstevens@colcomuseum.org

Several years ago a friend of ours, Jennifer Shoemaker, was helping someone get their home ready to sell when she noticed some documents and photos in the trash. With the permission of the owner she was able to retrieve them and two years ago I scanned them for the museum.

One of these photos was of the “Columbia City Gasoline Station”



I had no idea of where the photo was taken... until last week as I was driving down First Street I happened to look at an older home that looked very much like the one in the photo (although somewhat changed).

I looked up the Lot # in the Deed books and discovered that it had been purchased by Fred Caples on 3/30/1913. Looking closer at the photo I realized that it was Fred Caples at the wheel of an early Ford Model T car.

First Street was then known as St. Helens Road and was the main road between St. Helens and Columbia City.

It all made sense now. Fred saw a need and an opportunity and decided to venture into the sale of gas in the burgeoning days of cars in Columbia City. I looked back through Fred’s photo album and the house and building were visible in several of his photos taken on the Caples property, but the gas station sign was gone. Fred sold the property to Herbert McBride Wharton on 4/6/1918.

Another mystery solved thanks to the foresight of Jennifer to save what someone else had considered trash.

A few weeks ago Kay Brown shared some more photos and documents that she found in her mother’s things. One of the items was a photo taken in 1909 of two of my Grandparents, Hugh Caples and his father Hezekiah Caples.



It just goes to show you that you never know where we might find little treasures. If you have any old photos or documents that may pertain to Columbia City or Columbia County, please let me know as they may just contain a missing piece of the puzzle from our Counties history.

MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2024

November 2 nd	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 6 th	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
November 11 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
November 17 th	dusk	Last day of open burn period
November 19 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting – Canceled
November 21 st	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 28 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 29 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving