



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

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CELEBRATION

***Saturday,
August 9th***

- Strawberry Pancake Breakfast 
- Show & Shine Car Show
- Emergency Prepare Fair
- Craft Vendors
- Kids Zone 
- Book Sale 
- Quilt Raffle 
- Live Music
- Willie V's BBQ 
- Art Show
- City History Event/Tours

Lots of fun for the family!

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Benefitting your Library!!

PARK SURVEY

In June we asked residents to complete a survey providing input on our parks as we are updating our Parks Master Plan. A big **THANK YOU** for taking the time to participate, we received 236 complete surveys!

CALLING ALL SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

Do you have professional experience that could benefit Columbia City? Whether you're a current or former grant writer, project manager, IT specialist, or have skills in communications, planning, or finance—we'd love to hear from you! Our small city takes on big projects, and your expertise could help shape the future of our community. Volunteering your time, even just a few hours a month, can make a real impact. It's also a great way to stay involved, connect with neighbors, and give back in a meaningful way. If you're interested in lending your skills, please contact City Hall at 503-397-4010. Let's work together to make Columbia City even stronger!

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 25, 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!



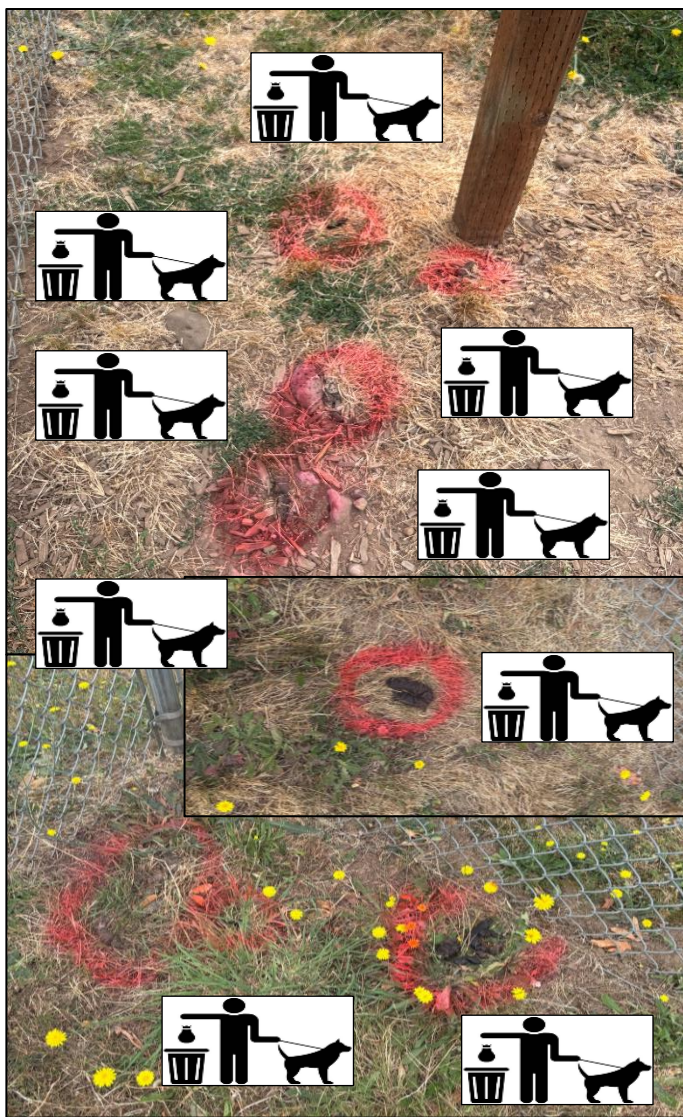
Community Hall - 1850 Second Street
Columbia City OR 97018

**Monday, August 11, 2025
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

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

COLUMBIA CITY DOG PARK – RISKS CLOSURE

The City's Dog Park is once again experiencing large volumes of dog poop making grass maintenance difficult.



Prior to mowing the week of July 21st, Public Works outlined 77 piles of poop that had not been picked up! Thankfully those identified piles were picked up by an unknown female park user. Her extra effort is greatly appreciated but it should not fall on just one person or city employees. The park is stocked with bags and garbage cans so that picking up after your dog is easy and convenient.

This park is such a great asset to the City, please do your part and pick up after your dog, also consider picking up other poop you see left behind in the park to help keep the park open.

CHIEFS CORNER

Fire Hazard. The current dry conditions have made outdoor fires very dangerous. During recent walks on Trestle Beach, I have found several spots where fires have been left with hot embers still burning. If one of these fires were to ignite surrounding vegetation and start a fire, it would spread very quickly and put many homes and citizens in danger. Whoever leaves a fire like this can be held responsible for criminal and civil penalties, so do not light any fires on the beach this time of year. Also carry out what you bring in. Do not leave used diapers, broken glass, paper wrappers, or other discarded items of trash behind. This could lead to the access points being closed for good.



The Police Department serviced the following calls during June 2025: 7 animal complaints, 4 assist persons, 1 attempt to locate, 2 behavioral health, 1 criminal mischief, 2 domestic disputes, 1 extra patrol, 3 follow ups, 2 harassment/treats, 1 hazard, 1 hit & run non injury, 2 juvenile problems, 2 motorist assists, 1 noise complaint, 3 ordinance violations, 1 overdose, 1 parking complaint, 37 premise checks, 1 lost/found property, 1 prowler, 1 subject stop, 3 suspicious circumstances, 2 suspicious persons, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 cold theft, 5 traffic complaints, 1 trespass, 21 traffic stops, 1 unwanted person and 3 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 122 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

LOST AND FOUND

A second grade class photo from 1976-77 was found on Spinnaker Way on July 13, 2025, and turned into City Hall. If you think it's yours please contact us.

WHERE TO FIND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CITY

The City primarily uses our website and Facebook page to communicate any Breaking News or Hot Topics. Below you will see snippets of each of those pages for reference.

On the website, check under "City News" for urgent communications or flyers for upcoming events etc.



A VIEW INTO THE PAST

Remembering Columbia City - A Child's view of prohibition and the Great Depression - Part 6
Written by Carl Sigler Annotated by Mark Stevens - markstevens@colcomuseum.org

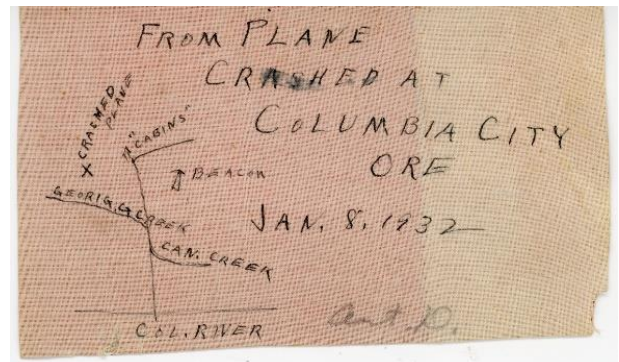
I remember Mrs. Condon at the store one Halloween had us little kids paint her windows with soap so the big kids wouldn't use wax on them. After Halloween, she got us little kids to help wash the windows. That soap came right off easier than wax, so then she gave us a lot of penny candy.

There was a shingle mill for a while down by what is now Pixie Park. A man and his wife ran it for a while until they ran out of cedar. Then they moved across the river to Kalama.

How did we get honey back then? Well, one day a hunter came to see Mr. Morgan and told him where he had seen a bee tree. Mr. Morgan got a couple of his boys, and my dad, and a couple of the Lusk boys. I went along with my dad. We had to hike in about two miles to where we found the tree. It was a big tree, so they had to fall it. When we got it down, Mr. Morgan could go right in, because bees wouldn't sting him. We carried out all that honey and most everyone in town had some honey to put on their biscuits the next day.

Maxmire Logging had a camp up what is now Smith Road. They had a cookhouse and about three bunkhouses, but they ran out of timber and had to shut it down.

We had an airplane crash near the old camp. My family and I were at my cousin's house one Saturday night to play pinochle, and when we got ready to go home we stepped outside and could hear a plane. In those days there were not too many around.



(Don Caples visited the crash site as well and collected a piece of fabric from the plane. The crash occurred on January 8, 1932 and was flying at night using beacons to guide it and apparently miscalculated and crashed into a large fir tree.)

It sounded like this was lost and then we heard a crash. The next morning I got up real early and got my best friend and we went to find the plane. We went up the logging road that went up the hill where the stoplight is now, that comes out on Smith Road. We hiked until we found the wreck. The state police were already there and had taken the pilot and another man out.

About the bridge across the railroad tracks: this was a good place for us kids to have some fun and for the engineer to have his fun also. We would all congregate on the bridge when the train was due.

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We could see the train come around the corner, and I swear I could see that old engineer laughing as he came straight at us.

When he got directly under the bridge, he would shoot off steam and blow the whistle. It seemed like



we could hear him chuckle as he went down the track. I know when he came around

that corner and didn't see any kids when we were in school, it was a big disappointment to him.



Let's Party. Columbia City Celebration is on Saturday, August 9th. Start with the pancake breakfast at the Community Hall between 7 and 10 am. Then come and see the Show & Shine car show featuring classic, futuristic, and many other great cars. Have your kids visit the Kids' Zone for a fun crafting experience, and venture into the school auditorium for craft vendors and the HUGE book sale. This all goes to fund your library for the coming year.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Friends of the Library has an opening for Treasurer. Due to a move out of state, our current Treasurer will no longer be able to serve in that position. So, if you, or someone you know, have bookkeeping experience and can be the FOL Treasurer, please contact me directly at kitgardes@yahoo.com. Join a great team and help your library to thrive.

Crafts in the Library. On Tuesday, August 5th, Saturday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 30th create your own cards. Everything from Birthday, Holiday, Special Occasion and more. All supplies provided. \$2 per card, or 6 for \$10.

Catalog System Upgrade. Our cataloging system has been upgraded by our vendor, Follett. Things will look different when you access it from home. The last line of the screen will be "Columbia City Community Library". Click on that to go to our site. That will take you to our catalog. If you are asked to log in, go down two lines to where it says "guest". Call the library if you need help during open hours. You can also access the catalog from our web site: www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

Reader Recommendation: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. This is another excellent book by Swedish author Fredrik Backman. It is the story of four friends during the summer before their 15th birthdays. This tale of hard scrabble lives and the power of friendship takes the reader on a journey through that pivotal summer and its effect on a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

Storytime: Mondays at 11 am

Columbia City Celebration:

Saturday, August 9th 7 am to 3 pm

Friends of the Library: Mon., Aug. 18th at 6:30 pm

Novel Quilters: Wed., Aug. 20th at 2 pm

Mystery Book Club: Wed., Aug. 27th at 7 pm

New to the Library. 37 new titles added to the Library this month! Some of the added titles are:

The Joy of Hobby Farming by Michael Levantino

Quilty Fun: Lessons in Scrappy Patchwork by Lori Holt

The Librarian Spy by Madeline Martin

The Heart of Winter by Jonathan Evison

Table for Two by Amor Towles

Board Books:

Moo, Baa, La La La by Sandra Boynton

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Where's Spot by Eric Hill

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Wed 12 – 6 pm

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MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2025

August 6 th	6:00 p.m.	Streets Committee Meeting at City Hall
August 9 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 12 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee at City Hall
August 14 th	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting – cancelled
August 21 st	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 27 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall

HUDSON GARBAGE - EXPANDS RECYCLING

July 2025 the curbside recycling program has been expanded to include additional items on the Uniform Statewide Collection (USC) List, see the list below:

Corrugated cardboard (uncoated and recycle-compatible coated; clean pizza boxes OK)		All kraft paper (brown paper bags, mailers)	
Paperboard packaging (e.g., cereal, cracker and medicine boxes)		Molded pulp packaging (e.g., egg cartons, but not food serveware or flower pots)	
Polycoated cartons (e.g., milk cartons), aseptic cartons.		Tissue paper used as packaging (not facial or sanitary tissue)	
Non-metalized gift wrap (no ribbons or bows)		High-grade office paper (e.g., white and colored ledger)	
Newspaper/newsprint		Magazines, catalogs and similar glossy paper	
Telephone directories		Other printing and writing paper (e.g., envelopes, "junk mail", cards)	
Paperback books		Aluminum food and beverage cans	
Steel cans, including empty/dry paint cans		Scrap metal less than 10 pounds in weight and 18 inches in length; excluding sharp items and "tangles" (e.g., bicycle chains, wire)	
Plastic tubs (e.g., cottage cheese) larger than 2 inches in two dimensions, made of PET (#1), HDPE (#2), or polypropylene (#5)		Plastic bottles larger than 2 inches in two dimensions, made of clear PET (#1), natural or colored HDPE (#2) or clear or colored polypropylene (#5) (caps OK if screwed on)	
Plastic buckets, pails, storage containers and other bulky HDPE (#2) or polypropylene (#5) plastic packaging that fit loosely in the provided on-route collection container		Nursery (plant) packaging: HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) only	

2025 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

Saturdays: Mar. 1, Jun. 7, Aug. 23, and Nov. 1

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

- Bring product in original container and Secure Your Load -

Please note: Containers used to transport liquids for disposal will not be returned.

This streamlines the process and keeps everything running smoothly, minimizing wait times.

Thank you for your understanding!

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 12, 2025	May 17, 2025	October 4, 2025

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.

