

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER July 2025



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## ← WATER QUALITY REPORT →

Included with this newsletter is the most recent water quality report in a reduced size to be tree friendly. If you would like one in larger print, please reach out to City Hall or view it on our website.



## CHIEFS CORNER

**Nice Weather.** With summer here we are seeing an increase in citizens at Pixie Park and Trestle Beach. Be cautious of the currents and boat traffic in the river and make sure to use a life vest when in the water or near the shore. Take out what you bring in, leaving garbage behind is dangerous. Each year people are injured by broken glass and other sharp objects. If you bring a pet, be sure to clean up after them. These beaches are a great resource for all to enjoy. A big THANK YOU to those who voluntarily pick up what others leave behind. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

**Fireworks.** Just as a reminder, do not use fireworks from out of state. There will be an officer on duty to respond to fireworks calls. Your fireworks may be seized and a citation issued if you are found to be using illegal fireworks. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

The Police Department serviced the following calls during May 2025: 5 audible alarms, 6 animal complaints, 1 assist agency, 2 assist persons, 1 behavioral health, 1 camping, 1 civil complaint, 5 civil enforcements, 2 assists fire/AED calls, 1 criminal mischief, 1 DHS referral, 6 follow ups, 3 cold frauds, 1 hazard, 3 incomplete 911 calls, 1 motorist assist, 3 missing persons, 1 ordinance violation, 2 parking complaints, 47 premise checks, 3 suspicious persons, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 suicide attempt, 1 sex crime juvenile, 2 non-injury traffic crashes, 1 unknown injury crash, 6 traffic complaints, 1 trespass, 22 traffic stops, 1 restraining order violation and 1 warrant service. In all the Police Department serviced 143 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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY-VETERANS PARK

The St. Helens Garden Club works monthly in the Columbia City Veterans Park to help keep the park looking its best. On Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Club will be at the park starting at 10 am. If you are interested in helping, come to the park that morning. Bring gloves and tools for weeding.

## COMMUNITY MEETING – PELLET PLANT

An update to the status of improvements at the neighborhood pellet manufacturing plant will be provided at a meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Hall. Representatives from both Lignetics Group and the Port of Columbia County will be present. Join us for the update and this is an opportunity to ask any questions and voice any concerns you may have.

## LOST AND FOUND

The following items have recently been turned into the city. If you think one of them might belong to you, please contact City Hall: 1) A cell phone was found at Trestle Beach in May; 2) A photo album was found at Hwy 30 and Pacific Street in June.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

At the City Celebration next month there will also be multiple local agencies set up to educate and provide information to assist citizens in preparation for emergencies. Don't miss the opportunity to meet, interact and learn from members of the community who assist in times of emergency.



**Cool Kids Make Crafts.** Include the library in your summer activities. One free Grab & Go craft project for each child when they visit. Many to choose from: painting rocks, kites to fly, create mosaics, fun noodle creations, wind chimes or paper mice. Fun for all ages.



**Summer Crafts For Ages 15+.** Create unique cards for every occasion: birthdays, holidays, or just because (\$2 per card). Make a key chain, bookmark or necklace (\$5 per item). Welcome friends to your home with a beautiful "Home Sweet Home" sign (pre-registration is \$15 per sign / \$20 at the door). Create a wreath to express your personality (pre-registration is \$15 / \$25 at the door). All classes are taught at the library, and everything is included.

July 8<sup>th</sup> - 11 am to 1 pm & July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6 to 8 pm

**Secondhand Prose.** This is the last half-price sale in Secondhand Prose before the HUGE City Celebration book sale on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Come in and find terrific bargains on Biography, Memoir and History books this month. It is not too late to stock up for your summer reading.

**Reader's Recommendation.** *The Strangler Vine* by M. J. Carter is set in 1837 India. This novel blends the history of the British East India Company's authoritarian rule with the story of two unlikely heroes' adventure to find a missing writer. Packed

with vivid descriptions of 19<sup>th</sup> century India, and brutal betrayals, it is a book worth reading.

**Library Raffle Quilt.** This year's quilt is beautiful as shown on the enclosed Celebration flyer! The queen-sized quilt measures 84" x 102" and was designed by Cathy Lundberg. She added double star blocks with sashing and pinwheels, some of the blocks were made by the Columbia River Piecemakers Quilt Guild. It will be shown at City Hall, the County Fair and the Columbia City Celebration. See flyer for ticket prices.

**Storytime:** Mondays at 11 am  
**Friends of the Library:** Mon., July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm  
**Mystery Book Club:** Wed., July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**New to the Library.** 47 new titles added to the Library, here are just a few:

*The Wide Wide Sea* by Hampton Sides (best seller)  
*My Friends* by Fredrik Backman (best seller)  
*Blood Moon* by Sandra Brown (recent best seller)  
*Nightshade* by Michael Connelly (best seller)  
*Now or Never: Thirty-One on the Run* by Janet Evanovich (recent best seller)  
*Problematic Summer Romance* by Ali Hazelwood (best seller)  
*Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry (best seller)  
*Return to Sender* by Craig Johnson (you know you want to read it!)  
*Never Flinch* by Stephen King (best seller)

**Large Print:**

*Toxic Prey* by John Sandford

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### Columbia City Community Library

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### MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JULY 2025

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| July 4 <sup>th</sup>  | CLOSED  | City Hall is closed in honor of Independence Day           |
| July 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:00 pm | Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall                       |
| July 15 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm | Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - <b>canceled</b> |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm | Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall                  |
| July 30 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm | Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting at City Hall           |