

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

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COLUMBIA CITY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON SURPLUS ITEMS

Columbia City is accepting bids for the purchase of four different items listed below:

1996 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck with Service Body – Minimum bid \$1,500

2WD, regular cab, 5.9L gas engine, automatic, 158,711 miles, 8-foot service body with 6 cabinets and a tool bin. Runs and drives.

1987 John Deere 310C Backhoe – Minimum bid \$2,000

4 cycle diesel engine, 2WD, enclosed cab, 1-yard front bucket, 2 foot digging bucket, 4,794 hours. Transmission is not functioning. Unknown issue. Engine runs, all hydraulics functional, does not drive.

1985 Kubota 305DT Tractor – Minimum bid \$1,500

4WD, 30HP engine, 26hp PTO, 3-Point hitch, front end loader, 2,508 hours. Runs and drives.

To view any of the above 3 items call 503-366-0454 to schedule an appointment.

2010 Chevrolet Tahoe – Minimum bid \$1,500

4 door, V-8, 5.3 liter, automatic, A/C, AM/FM radio, power windows and door locks, tilt wheel with cruise control, 137,339 miles. Runs and drives.

To view the above item call 503-397-4010 to schedule an appointment.

For all items, sealed bids must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28th. Send or deliver bids to:

City of Columbia City
SEALED BID – **name the item of interest**
1840 Second Street
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PELLET PLANT UPDATE

There is positive news to report regarding the progress on improvements at the Lignetics pellet plant. On February 17th the plant shut down and began the process of installing new equipment. These improvements are the ones promised by the company at the community meeting last August and should be complete with the plant resuming operations the first week of March.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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 keep 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.

HELP SHAPE COLUMBIA COUNTY

Columbia County wants to hear from YOU!

They are asking for participation in surveys on things like parks, roads, safety and more – the surveys are fast, easy and totally anonymous!



How it works.

- ✓ Sign up to get short, anonymous surveys.
- ✓ Pick how you want them – email, text or phone.
- ✓ See results in 48 hours and know your voice was heard!

Sign up today, by going to:

www.columbiacounty.info/survey.

Remember, these surveys are for Columbia County and not the City of Columbia City specifically.



In Case You Are Wondering. With the recent snow, we wanted to remind everyone that the library will not be open if the schools are closed. If snow occurs on a Saturday (10 am to 2 pm), please call the library at 503-366-8020 to see if one of our volunteers has been able to open.

25th Annual Columbia City Celebration Coming in August. We need volunteers to help make this event the best one yet. If you have ideas or availability to help with planning or event day activities, send an email to Jazzmin at: joyfullyme100@comcast.net.

Reader's Recommendation: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir. OK Star Trek fans, this is a book for you. Sent into deep space, unlikely astronaut Ryland Grace finds himself tasked with saving planet Earth from extinction. This book is full of quirky humor, alien life forms and seat-of-the-pants inventions.

Secondhand Prose Used Bookshop. Are you itching to get out into the garden and perusing gardening catalogs while waiting for the sun to shine? For the month of March, all gardening and landscape books are half-priced. Pick up a hard back for just \$1 and paperback \$.50. A great selection is in Secondhand Prose, located in the back room of the library.



On the Trail of a Small Dictionary. Kay Brown says, "I picked this dictionary up at a second-hand store in Albany, OR. I do not know the origin. I used it to develop a web site for ODFW retirees called "Ole-Tilukum" which translates to "Old friends"."

Thank you, Kay for this added piece to the journey of the Chinook dictionary.

Monthly Schedule

- **Storytime**—Mondays at 11 am
- **Friends of the Library**—Mon., Mar. 17 at 6:30 pm
- **Mystery Book Club**—Wed., Feb. 26 at 7 pm

New to the Library this month we added 39 titles!
Revenge of the Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell (past best seller)
The Ransomware Hunting Team by Renee Dudley
Killing the Mob by Bill O'Reilly (past best seller)
Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten (best seller)
Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gordon (past best seller)
The Big Empty by Robert Crais (best seller)
The Wedding People by Alison Espach (best seller)
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon (best seller)
All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker (best seller)



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2000 Second Street, PO Box 189
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HOURS: Mon & Sat 10 am – 2 pm
 Wed & Thurs 3 pm – 6 pm

Email: ccclibrary@live.com

Website & Card Catalog:

www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY

The City is looking to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee. The 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.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS



Daylight-saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March. Mark your calendars to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 9, 2025.

A VIEW INTO THE PAST
Remembering Columbia City - A Child's view of
prohibition and the Great Depression—Continued
Written by Carl Sigler - Special to The Chronicle
Annotated by Mark Stevens -
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The men walked down that hill to work. That winter, when we had snow, I found out it was a great place to sled. They always had a big bonfire at the top so we could warm our hands.

Before that, though, came September, and my first grade of school. My sister was ahead of me, and she started in the fourth grade. I went to the first grade in the new school.

Then the next two years, I went to the little school up by the bridge, then back to the big school for fourth through eighth grades. My mother kept all eight of my report cards. I still had them until they built the new school and library, when I donated them to the library.

My first grade teacher was Mrs. Veeze, second and third grade was Mr. Conlogue, fourth was Mrs. Rambolski, fifth and sixth was Mrs. Colvin, and seventh and eighth was Miss Lear.



Columbia City Grade School 1931 – Carl Sigler 4th row, 2nd from left. My mother, Gladys Davey, Top row, 3rd from left.

To get back to my story, when I was in school I could see this old man go by every day with a wheelbarrow. I later found out he was carrying the

mail to the Maclay Store and Post Office. Yes, we had a train station. There was a waiting room where people, mostly loggers, would catch the train to Astoria.

They had a hook that they would hook the mailbag to and then catch it on the fly. The depot was down by where the stop light is on the east side of the highway now.

The old man lived on the other side of the highway and would come and pick up the mail and take it to the post office, where Mary and Nora Maclay would sort it out. The mailman's name was Mr. Maxwell.

At the lower end of town (before the mill was built) there was a gravel road that went all the way along the river, to where it came to the underpass onto Highway 30. The older people called it Lovers Lane, and we called it River Road. We could go down to where there was a parking area and a wooden stairway went down to the river and a nice sandy beach. There we could go swimming. We had a diving board on pilings. This beach, on Sundays and holidays, would be what we imagined was Coney Island, where families could come and swim and picnic and fish. The mothers could take care of the food, the fathers could fish and the kids could play in the sand or swim.



I never did know who built the stairs, but if I remember correctly, there were 72 steps. The rumor was that it was built by bootleggers, bringing whisky down from Canada and unloading it on the beach. They had pulleys to pull it up, where they could load it onto cars and distribute it to the sellers.

To be continued....

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Join us in honoring all veterans on Monday, May 26th starting at 11 a.m. at the Columbia City Veterans Park. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

OPEN BURNING IN APRIL

The next **biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 5th and end on Sunday, April 20th.** More details in next month's newsletter.

COLUMBIA CITY DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2025

The recent work on updating the City's Development Code has been approved and the changes will go into effect on March 23, 2025.

If you have any questions about the changes contact City Hall or check the City's website after March 23rd to see the updated code.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Email Fraud. Email fraud is on the rise. Please pay close attention to who is sending you emails. If you do not know who the sender is, do not open the email. If it appears to be from your bank, a toll bridge charge or other inquiry that you feel might be true, call the bank or company before you open the email. We can always assist you with confirming the legitimacy of the information if you need assistance. Just call the non-emergency number 503-397-1521.



The Police Department serviced the following calls in January 2025: 1 assist fire, 1 animal complaint, 4 assist persons, 2 behavioral health, 1 cold burglary, 4 civil enforcements, 1 criminal mischief, 3 domestics, 10 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 2 incomplete 911 calls, 6 information calls, 1 noise complaint, 1 ordinance violation, 1 parking complaint, 56 premise checks, 2 promiscuous shootings, 3 suspicious circumstances, 2 suspicious persons, 2 suspicious vehicles, 2 out with suspect vehicles, 1 adult sex crime, 3 cold thefts, 6 traffic complaints, 15 traffic stops and 3 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 145 activities.

The Police Department would like to request 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

VETERANS PARK – BRICKS AVAILABLE

All bricks on the upright sections of the five memorial walls are engraved, but there are still bricks available for engraving on the flat areas in front of each wall. This is a great way to honor or remember anyone whether it be a veteran, someone special, a pet, a business or your family.

All bricks are \$75. Proceeds are used to maintain the park. Order forms are available at City Hall or at our website. Please turn in order forms by Monday, April 28, 2025 so bricks can be engraved before the 2025 Memorial Day Event. (weather permitting)

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to starting thinking about getting rid of that junk - old appliances, scrap metal, yard debris, old furniture, bulky waste, unwanted items, etc. The annual Spring Clean Up Day will be held on **Saturday, April 26th, 2025, from 8 am to noon** at the Columbia City School. You can drop off your first two loads of yard debris, trees and limbs for FREE! Extra bulky waste or hard-to-dispose-of items, such as old furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, etc., and extra loads of yard debris will be accepted for a fee. A flyer will be included in next month's newsletter.

AUTO-RENEWAL SCAM

There are so many different scams out there these days. One can occur when a company or individual falsely claims to be a legitimate service provider, sending deceptive renewal notices or emails that appear to be from a known company. They pressure you to provide your credit card information to "renew" a subscription you may not even have. Often they will outline inflated prices or hidden terms, essentially stealing your money without your full knowledge or consent. These scams often use tactics like urgency, fake deadlines and misleading language to trick people into paying for unwanted services. Don't click on any links! Move the email to your junk folder & contact the company using numbers found online at the company's website or on a billing statement if you have questions about the renewal's validity.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2025

March 11 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
March 18 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
March 20 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 26 th	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall