



COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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Meet the Mayor

Columbia City has a new mayor:

Alex Reed



“Thank you for electing me as the new Mayor of Columbia City. I am excited to serve. I have been a resident of Columbia City for over 20 years and I am a teacher at St. Helens High School. I enjoy spending time with my family camping, playing at Pixie Park and other outdoor activities. I look forward to my time as Mayor and meeting other citizens of Columbia City.”

Alex is the guest of the Columbia City Library
on
Saturday, January 18th, from 1 – 3 p.m.

Come and enjoy a casual conversation
and light refreshments

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES

The Columbia City Planning Commission held a public hearing in December to discuss proposed changes to the City’s Land Use and Development

Code (Title 7). The Commission recommends the proposed amendments be forwarded to City Council for review and approval.

The amendments are part of the City’s efforts to make regulations more useable for residents, developers and City staff by correcting errors, eliminating text ambiguities and redundancies, and clarifying code text. Amendments are throughout the existing code, including changes to standards related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and manufactured homes consistent with state law. They also include the removal of standards that are not clear and objective from chapter 7.120 Site Development Review. There are changes recommended by the DLCD Oregon State NFIP review of chapter 7.75 Flood Hazard Overlay. Note that the City is not implementing changes to the Flood Hazard Overlay chapter based on the FEMA Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures for Endangered Species Act (ESA) at this time.

The City Council will consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation at a public hearing on January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Columbia City at 1840 Second Street.

Interested persons are invited to attend and present oral and/or written testimony. If you would like to comment but aren’t able to participate in the hearing, you may submit written testimony. It must be received by City Hall no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 16, the date of the hearing. Direct written comments to Office Supervisor, Helen Johnson, at PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, OR 97018, or hjohnson@columbia-city.org. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal on that issue. Only comments on applicable approval criteria are considered relevant evidence.

A complete copy of the proposal record, including the staff report, staff findings and staff recommendation are available at City Hall for viewing and/or purchase at cost.

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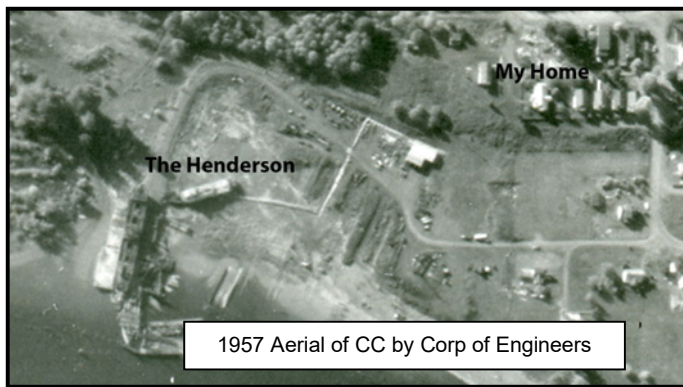
The 16th Annual Columbia City Shop with a Cop event was a huge success!! A big thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who participated in granting not only Christmas wish list items, but much needed necessities.

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 20 local children this year!

A VIEW INTO THE PAST The Henderson

By Mark Stevens - markstevens@colcomuseum.org

When I was a kid I used to play on an old sternwheeler named the *Henderson* that was located on Harvard Andersons property below our house.

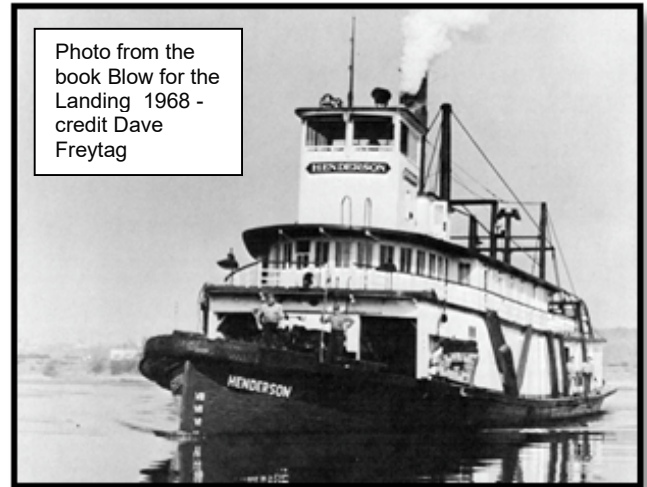


I have many fond memories of walking along the deck and admiring the huge (to me) paddlewheel that I had just climbed. Did any of you walk on the ships deck?



From a plaque at Hood River Oregon - "The 160-foot sternwheeler M. F. Henderson was built by the Shaver Transportation Co. in 1901 as a combination

freighter and tow-boat. In 1911, during an overhaul, she lost the initials "M.F." and became the Henderson. The Henderson enjoyed a long and distinguished career on the Columbia towing log rafts, pushing barges, and tugging ships. By 1950,



the Henderson was one of only two wood-hulled sternwheelers still working the river.

In December 1956, with a grain ship in tow, the Henderson encountered heavy swells near the mouth of the Columbia.



The vessel's hull pounded so hard against the unyielding tow that the crew was forced to beach her near Columbia City. Declared a "constructive total loss," the Henderson languished on the shore until she was burned to salvage scrap metal in 1964."





Celebrating 25 years as a Community Library. 2025 marks our Silver Anniversary as the free library serving everyone in Columbia County. There are a lot of special events planned to showcase our history and hopes for the future.

In addition, we are in the process of updating our kids and youth section of the library. We would love input from patrons about current, popular, educational experiences and/or programs for consideration of this work in progress. You can call or text Paulette at 503-369-6091.



Secondhand Prose Used Bookshop (in backroom of library). January's half price special is "**Historical Fiction.**" We now accept credit card payment for purchases over \$5. There is something for everyone.

Upcoming Events

January 18th, 1 to 3 pm: Meet the Mayor – Alex Reed. Alex Reed will be our guest at the library. Come in and enjoy a casual conversation with him. Light refreshments will be served.

February 22nd, 1 to 2 pm: Meet the Artist – Leslie Karlson. Leslie will talk about her work and creative energy.

Crafts in the Library.



Pals with Paws Album Workshop
Columbia City Community Library

**Thursday, January 9th – 1 to 3 pm and
Tuesday, January 14th – 11 am to 1 pm**

Document your favorite memories of your Pal with Paws with a 6" x 8" album kit. The layout kit comes

with reversible die cuts so you can choose dog or cat focused titles and accents for a quick and easy project. Bring your favorite adhesive and scissors.

Must register and prepay as there are limited kits. Albums are available for purchase at an additional cost. Questions? Call Cathy at 503-369-2559 Email: scrapwithcat@gmail.com - Cost is \$25

Monthly Schedule

- **Closure** – Wed., Jan. 1st
- **Storytime** – Mondays at 11 am
- **Novel Quilters** – Wed., Jan. 15th at 2 pm
- **Friends of the Library** – Mon., Jan. 20th at 6:30 pm – everyone welcome
- **Mystery Book Club** – Wed., Jan. 29th at 7 pm

Books New to the Library. We added 64 titles to the library, look for our most recent books near the front door or we will be happy to help you find a book selection.

- Burning the Books: A History of the Deliberate Destruction of Knowledge* by Richard Ovenden
- Managed Extinction: The Decline and Loss of Wild Salmon and Steelhead in the Pacific Northwest* by Rick Williams and Jim Lichatowich
- Framed: True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham (best seller)
- The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan (best seller)
- To Die For* by David Baldacci (best seller)

Large Print

First Frost by Craig Johnson

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HOURS: Mon & Sat 10 am – 2 pm
Wed & Thurs 3 pm – 6 pm

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MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 2025

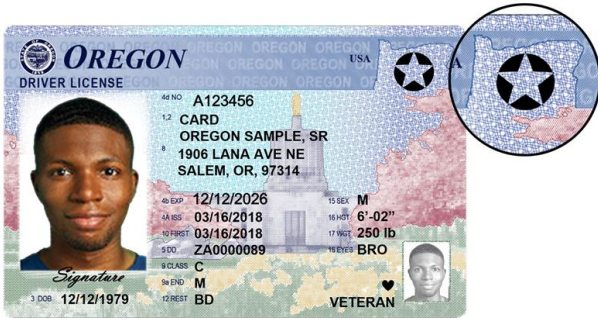
January 1 st	CLOSED	New Year's Day Holiday
January 14 th	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
January 16 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
January 20 th	CLOSED	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 21 st	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
January 29 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Meeting at City Hall



REAL ID - INFORMATION

(information from ODOT Weekly Digest Bulletin
article dated November 12, 2024)

The recent holiday traveling was the last before the May 7, 2025 federal REAL ID deadline. Since Oregon's REAL ID option became available in July 2020, one-third of the state's 3.7 million driver's license, instruction permit or identification card holders have chosen to upgrade to a REAL ID. As the deadline approaches, Oregon DMV is ramping up educational efforts to ensure you know what a REAL ID is, if you need one and how soon you should get it.



As the May deadline approaches, DMV offices anticipate being overwhelmed with applicants. The State Department may also be overcome with applications for passports. You may need to order a certified birth certificate from the state where you were born to apply for a REAL ID card or passport, which can add weeks or more to your application processes. Once you get to DMV and conclude your transaction, there will be up to 20 days or more before the card arrives in the mail. Oregon DMV is urging you to avoid the rush and get your REAL ID sooner rather than later.

Learn more about REAL ID in Oregon at: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/realidtraveler.aspx>.
Learn more about federal requirements for REAL ID at: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Winter Rain. With the recent rains and more coming, the roads are starting to develop standing water areas. If you drive too fast or have tires that are worn, you increase your chances of hydroplaning. When your vehicle hydroplanes, it causes you to lose traction with the road surface, and your vehicle may drift. Do not panic and brake hard or turn your steering wheel. In most cases this is temporary and your best course of action is to remain calm, let off the gas slowly, and continue to steer straight. The vehicle will begin to slow down and regain traction. We hope you all had a safe holiday season.

The Police Department serviced the following calls in November 2024: 1 audible alarm, 2 animal complaints, 1 assist person, 1 behavioral health, 1 civil complaint, 5 civil enforcements, 1 criminal mischief, 6 follow ups, 3 harassment/threats, 1 juvenile problem, 2 juvenile custody disputes, 3 ordinance violations, 2 parking complaints, 54 premise checks, 4 suspicious circumstances, 4 suspicious persons, 2 suspicious vehicles, 2 non-injury traffic crashes, 3 cold theft reports, 1 traffic complaint, 14 traffic stops and 3 welfare checks. In all the Police Department serviced 123 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

A BOOK AND ITS JOURNEY

Additional article from the Columbia City Library

In 1924 a pocket-sized book by Laura B. Downey Bartlett was published in Tacoma, Washington. Titled, *Dictionary of Intertribal Indian Language Commonly Called Chinook*, this original book was given to the Columbia City Community Library by an unknown donor. Chip Gardes, because of his interest in linguistics, bought the dictionary for \$1 and added it to his library.

Recently, the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria opened a new exhibit, *Cedar and Sea: The Maritime Culture of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest Coast*, as well as a companion exhibit, *This is Our Place*, a collaboration with the Chinook Indian Nation to share Chinook maritime traditions and culture as lived today through the photography of Amiran White.

After visiting the museum and seeing the exhibits, Chip donated the dictionary to the museum, and it has become part of their collection.

If any of our readers have more information on the author, family or how the book came to be donated to the library, would you please reach out to us at kitgardes@yahoo.com so that we can add chapters to its history.