

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COLORING & ESSAY CONTESTS

To celebrate Columbia City's Centennial, a coloring contest is being held for children up to the fourth grade. Entries will be displayed at the Centennial Celebration on June 6, 2026, in the Community Hall. Color sheets can be picked up at City Hall or at the Columbia City Community Library. Please return entries by Friday, May 15th for judging.

For grades five through twelve, there will be an essay contest with three different topics:

1. My life in Columbia City.
2. If I ran the City....
3. Columbia City in 2126.

Entries will need to be submitted to City Hall by Friday, May 15th for judging. Check our Columbia City website for more information.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Join us in honoring all veterans on Monday, May 25th from 11 am to 12 pm at the Columbia City Veterans Park.



More information will be provided in the May newsletter.

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 wonderful 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 on our website.

Please turn in order forms by Monday, April 27th, 2026, so bricks can be engraved before the Memorial Day Event. (weather permitting)

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT

The Spring Clean Up Event is on Saturday, April 18th, starting at 8 am. See included flyer for more information.

COLUMBIA CITY LOCATION ONLY - the St. Helens Lions Club will be collecting: Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Sneakers, Hiking Shoes, and Non-Metal Cleats (Clean, Like-New or Gently Used).

VETERANS PARK CLEANUP

The St. Helens Garden Club helps in the Columbia City Veterans Park by working to keep the park looking its best, especially for the Memorial Day event. Monday, April 13, 2026, the Club will be at the park starting at 10 a.m. If you are interested in helping out, come to the park that morning. Bring gloves and tools for weeding. They would love to see you there! If it rains, they will NOT be working.

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

Address: 1925 First Street / PO Box 263
Columbia City OR 97018

Website: www.CaplesHouse.com

Email: Caples.House@OregonDAR.org

Phone: 971-203-3533

Monthly Sunday Afternoon Tea April 12th / May 3rd

Caples House Museum Complex is having a Sunday Afternoon Tea on April 12, 2026, with a presentation on Women of the Revolutionary War. Seating times and/or tours are available at 2 or 3 p.m. Cost for Tea is only \$15; tours are available for an additional \$5.

On April 26, 2026, Caples House Museum Complex is holding their Spring High Tea from 2-4 p.m. A Celtic harp will be played by Marcia DeFrancesco. Admission is \$60.

Reservations for either date can be made at: Caples.House@OregonDAR.org

**SPRING BURN PERIOD
April 4th to April 19th**

The biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 4th, and end on Sunday, April 19th. The burn period is for yard debris only and it must be a burn day. Burn barrels are prohibited. **Burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits may be obtained online at www.cfr.com/burn-information. **Call (503) 397-4800 for burn day information each day before you burn.**



Library News. Book sales are such fun to do! We still have plenty of books for sale, and even more on the shelves to check out!

Secondhand Prose. More than 600 books were donated in January and February, so there is a wide selection of books in very good condition. A new shelf is set up with series Romance and Mystery novels. The April Half-Price Special is on popular and productive authors like Baldacci, Clancy, Cornwell, Cussler, Donnelly, Evanovich, Grafton, Grisham, Macomber, Patterson, Roberts, Sparks, Steele and more. Make your way to the back room and peruse the options!

Activities for youngsters. Easter eggs are at the library – what could be inside? Come in and see

what is on the Grab & Go shelf. New crafts for kids are available while supplies last.

Novel Quilters. We will be showing our quilts based on *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Join us on Wednesday, April 15 at 2:00. We will also be finding out what our next book is...Stay tuned!

New to the Library. This month we added 91 titles to the library, some of them are:
Hunt, Gather, Parent by Michaeleen Doucleff (recent best seller, nonfiction)
Fastest Things on Wings: Rescuing Hummingbirds in Hollywood by Teresa Masear
Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton (recent best seller, nonfiction)
Twice by Mitch Albom (requested, was on best seller's list)
Woman Down by Colleen Hoover (best seller)
Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden (best seller)
Bonded in Death by J. D. Robb
Large Print:
The Crossroads by C. J. Box (best seller)

Storytime: Mondays at 11 am
Novel Quilters: Wed., April 15th at 2 pm
Friends of the Library: Mon., April 20th at 6:30 pm
Mystery Book Club: Wed., April 29th at 7 pm

Columbia City Community Library
2000 Second Street, PO Box 189
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NEW HOURS: Mon, Tue & Sat 10 am – 2 pm
Wed & Thurs 10 am – 6 pm
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www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - APRIL 2026

April 4 th	dawn	First day of open burning season
April 9 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
April 10 th	4:00 pm	City Council Workshop at City Hall
April 14 th	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
April 16 th	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
April 18 th	8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Spring Clean Up Event at Columbia City Grade School
April 19 th	dusk	Last day of open burning season
April 21 st	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - canceled
April 28 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting at City Hall