

# COLUMBIA CITY

## Newsletter - June 2026



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### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Join us on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - Columbia City is turning 100! Activities are from 4 to 7 pm and include games, photos, food, history, ice cream and live music.

Also available for purchase at the event are new one-of-a-kind commemorative coins created to mark the City's centennial. Get yours at the event or City Hall, \$20 each while supplies last.

### NEW CITY T-SHIRTS RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS



The new T-shirts will be available at the Centennial event or City Hall. Shirts are available in either blue, grey or red for \$15 each. There are limited quantities and sizes available.

### LOST AND FOUND

A bracelet was found at Second and K Street. If you think it might be yours, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

### WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING – JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

The Council will be holding a public hearing on the above date to accept testimony about proposed adjustments to the current water and sewer rates. The new rates are anticipated to generate additional revenue of approximately 5% in water and 6% in sewer. If approved, the new rates will take effect on June 26<sup>th</sup>, and changes will be seen on the July 26<sup>th</sup> bill. For additional information or questions contact City Hall.

### 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.



**FREE**  
Mattress  
Recycling

**Saturday, June 13**  
**8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Columbia County's  
Mattress Recycle  
March Event**

Columbia County Transfer Station  
1601 Railroad Ave Street  
St. Helens, OR

Call (503) 397-9811 for details

**5 Unit Maximum**

Mattresses and Box Springs Only.  
No Other Bedding-Related Products.




Un programa de Mattress Recycling Council®

### ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK

Since 1907, visiting ships have made their way to Portland's waterfront. This year the ships will be open for public tours June 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The arrival of Fleet Week vessels will be announced on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, for more information visit: [www.rosefestival.org](http://www.rosefestival.org)

**NEXT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
(HHW) EVENT  
SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

8 am to 2 pm  
Columbia County Transfer Station  
1601 Railroad Avenue - St. Helens OR 97051





**Library News.** We'd like to acknowledge Paulette Lichatowich for pursuing grant opportunities for the library. Last month we received a grant from the Jerome S. and Barbara Bischoff Library Subfund of Oregon Community Foundation which we can use for library operations.



Come into the library on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 7 pm and participate in the Centennial Celebration's **ID ME Quiz**. There will be 1920s objects on display throughout the library. Identify all

correctly and have your answer sheet entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from the Real Deahl Home and Garden. (You don't need to be present to win!)

**Secondhand Prose.** Summer is just around the corner. Stock up on your favorite CRAFT BOOKS to keep yourself and the kids busy this summer. A lot to choose from for only \$.50 or \$1.

**Novel Quilters.** Our next book is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet next for a book discussion on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Read it and join us, whether you quilt or not!

**New to the Library.** This month we added 58 new titles, some of them are:

- The Outlaw Ocean* by Ian Urbina (Carnegie award nominee, nonfiction)
- Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci (large print)
- Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan (Booker award)
- Portrait of a Thief* by Grace Li (Edgar award nominee)
- We Speak in Storms* by Natalie Lund (Thriller award nominee)
- Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips (Carnegie award nominee)
- Colored Television* by Danzy Senna (Carnegie award nominee)
- Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead (Booker award nominee)
- An Inside Job* by Daniel Silva (past best seller)
- Obsession* by Stuart Woods (large print)

**Storytime:** Mondays at 11 am  
**City Celebration Planning:** Tue, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (via Zoom)  
**Friends of the Library:** Mon, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
**Novel Quilters:** Wed, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
**Mystery Book Club:** Wed, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

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**Columbia City Community Library**

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

**Phone:** 503-366-8020 **Email:** [ccclibrary@live.com](mailto:ccclibrary@live.com)

**Website & Card Catalog:**

[www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com](http://www.columbiacitycommunitylibrary.com)

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**CHIEFS CORNER**

**Fraudulent Text.** Over the last few weeks, we have received several calls from our residents reporting fraudulent text messages. One is a request for you to go to a site called (Vet.org), and they want you to provide a great deal of personal information! This is a scam, DO NOT provide any information. The other one is a flyer type text from the court requesting money in leu of being arrested. This too is a scam, and the courts will never send such a text asking for money or be arrested. If you receive any suspicious texts, please contact us and we can assist you with verifying the sender prior to you answering them.

**Fireworks.** With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up we wanted to once again remind you, in Oregon, the only legal fireworks are non-explosive, non-aerial devices that stay on the ground and travel less than 12 feet horizontally and must be purchased from Oregon-licensed retail locations.

**KEEP IT LEGAL, KEEP IT SAFE**

**LEGAL  
 FIREWORKS  
 IN OREGON**

- Includes:**
- Novelty Device
  - Wheel
  - Flitter Sparkler
  - Fountains
  - Smoke Device
  - Ground Spinner



Fireworks that fly in the air, explode, or behave unpredictably are not allowed in Oregon. Possessing or using illegal fireworks, or using fireworks improperly can lead to penalties, including

finances, civil liability, and potential criminal charges. Specifically, using fireworks on prohibited lands or violating specific regulations can result in fines up to \$500, while illegal fireworks can lead to a class B misdemeanor with fines up to \$2,500. Columbia City will have an Officer on duty July 4<sup>th</sup> to help monitor the use of fireworks. Please be safe and make wise choices when using fireworks.

complaints, 1 open window/door, 2 ordinance violations, 1 parking complaint, 18 premise checks, 1 lost/found property, 2 suspicious circumstance, 1 unknown if injury traffic crash, 1 cold theft, 2 traffic complaints, 1 trespass, 7 traffic stops, and 1 welfare check. In all the Police Department serviced 140 activities.

The Police Department serviced the following calls during April 2026: 1 abuse/neglect, 1 assist fire, 3 animal complaints, 1 agency assist, 4 assist persons, 4 civil enforcements, 2 DHS referrals, 2 domestics, 4 follow ups, 1 hazard, 1 information, 1 juvenile problem, 1 juvenile runaway, 2 noise

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

**MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - JUNE 2026**

June 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Columbia City Centennial Celebration
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
<del>June 16<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>6:30 pm</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting - canceled</del>
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Offices are closed for the Juneteenth Holiday
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall

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**CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY**

**Columbia City provides a range of services to the community. We'd like to ask you to please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Your input is important to us, and we look forward to hearing how we might better serve you. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, and you need not answer all questions.**

*Please return completed surveys to City Hall during the month of June*

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**Question 1:**

A. In the past year or so have you or anyone in your household had direct contact with a representative of the City Hall Office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (if No skip to Question 2)

B. If you answered yes to Question 1A, please indicate the nature of the contact(s) and rate your satisfaction (circle one):

	1=not at all satisfied			5=very satisfied	
_____ Water or Sewer Utility Payment or Inquiry	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Municipal Court Issue	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Building, Plumbing or Mechanical Permit	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Nuisance/Code Violation Complaint	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Land Use Related	1	2	3	4	5
_____ Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5

C. Additional suggestions or issues not specifically covered in question 1B: \_\_\_\_\_

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