

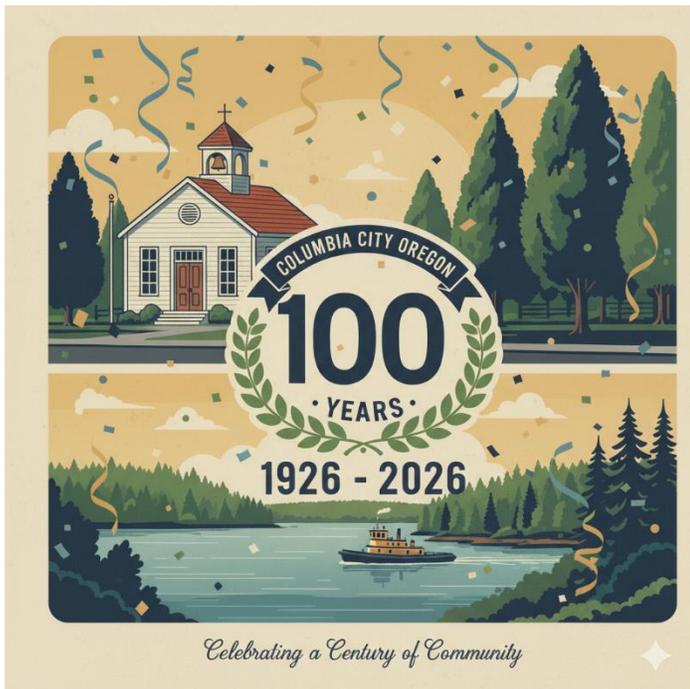
COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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A CENTURY IN THE MAKING: COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



Get ready to party like it's 1926! On **Saturday, June 6th**, we're throwing a centennial bash you won't want to miss. *Step Back in Time* at the Caples House Museum with old-school lawn games and vintage photo ops. Hop on a bus for *History in Motion*, providing a guided tour through the City's storied past. *Live Music* with the Horn Dawgs taking the stage. Commemorative t-shirts and a coloring contest for the kids. Keep your eyes peeled for the official flyer in next month's newsletter-let's make history together!

We'd love your help! If you're interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please reach out to City Hall at 503-397-4010 or email markham@columbia-city.org.

OPEN BURNING SET FOR APRIL

The next biannual burn period will begin on Saturday, April 4th and end on Sunday, April 19th. More details in next month's newsletter.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE!

The City is accepting SEALED BIDS for the pile of firewood in the southeast corner of Jim Bundy Memorial Park parking lot. Access to the parking lot is off C Street. **SEALED BIDS must be submitted to City Hall by 9 am on Monday, March 16, 2026.** Mark envelopes with "SEALED BID" and include your name, contact phone number and bid amount. For additional information, please contact City Hall - (503) 397-4010.



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Now is the time to start thinking about getting rid of 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 18th, 2026, 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. Also, Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be onsite to receive gently used residential building materials, appliances, fixtures and home furnishings.

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).

DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS

The "long" days are back! Daylight Saving begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Don't forget to adjust your clocks ahead one hour before you hit the hay on Saturday night March 7th.



COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FREE PROPERTY RECORDING ALERT SERVICE

The Clerk's Office has launched a new free service to help property owners monitor land records and protect against potential fraud. The Property Recording Alert Service (PRAS) notifies subscribers by email whenever a document is recorded and indexed under a monitored name.

Signing up is quick and easy. Residents can register one or more names to be monitored, and the system will automatically send an email notification if a matching document is recorded in Columbia County.

To learn more or sign up for the Property Recording Alert Service, visit:

www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/CountyClerk
or contact the Clerk's Office at 503-397-3796 or recording-clerk@columbiacountyor.gov.



Address: 1925 First Street / PO Box 263
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Website: www.CaplesHouse.com

Email: Caples.House@OregonDAR.org

Phone: 971-203-3533

Monthly Sunday Afternoon Tea March 1st / April 12th / May 3rd

Enjoy your choice of two cozy seating times (2 or 3 pm) for tea and treats. You are invited to take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful grounds and explore the historic Caples House Museum Complex property. For an additional \$5 per person, hear the fascinating story of the Caples family brought to life during a guided tour. For reservations or more information visit our website or use this QR code. You can enjoy tea and treats for \$15 per person.



MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Join us in honoring all veterans on Monday, May 25th starting at 11 am at the Columbia City Veterans Park. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

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 27, 2026, so bricks can be engraved before the 2026 Memorial Day Event. (weather permitting)

CHIEF'S CORNER

Hazardous driving. With all this wet weather, be cautious when out driving around. There could be standing water in the roadway causing you to hydroplane or splashed on your windshield limiting your visibility briefly. Both conditions can cause drivers to panic and swerve. The best practice is to remain calm and hold your vehicle steady. Each event should be brief, and you can drive safely through it. There could also be various spots of debris on our roadways that were carried into the driver's pathway by the high water. Trees and branches are also known to come down during these winter events. Slow down and give yourself a little extra time for your trips and you should have safe travels.

The Police Department serviced the following calls during January 2026: 1 assist fire, 6 assist persons, 1 cold burglary, 5 civil enforcements, 1 criminal mischief, 1 DHS referral, 11 follow ups, 1 cold fraud, 4 incomplete 911 calls, 1 juvenile problem, 1 open door/window, 47 premise checks, 2 suspicious persons, 3 suspicious vehicles, 2 out with suspects, 1 juvenile sex crime, 15 traffic stops, 4 welfare checks and 1 warrant service. In all the Police Department serviced 115 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

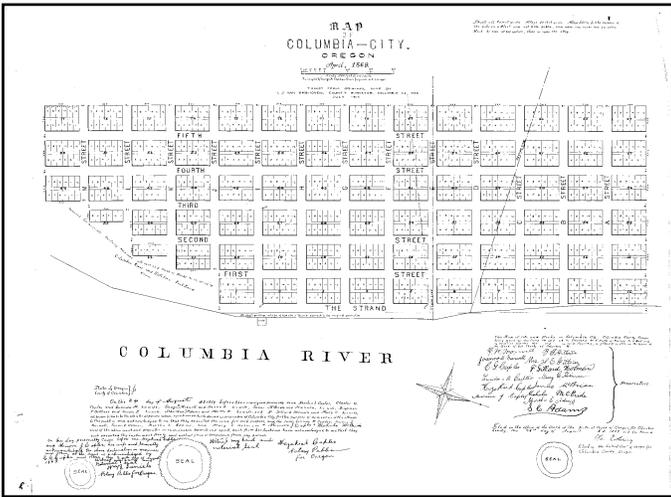


**A VIEW INTO THE PAST
1926 Was a Memorable Year**

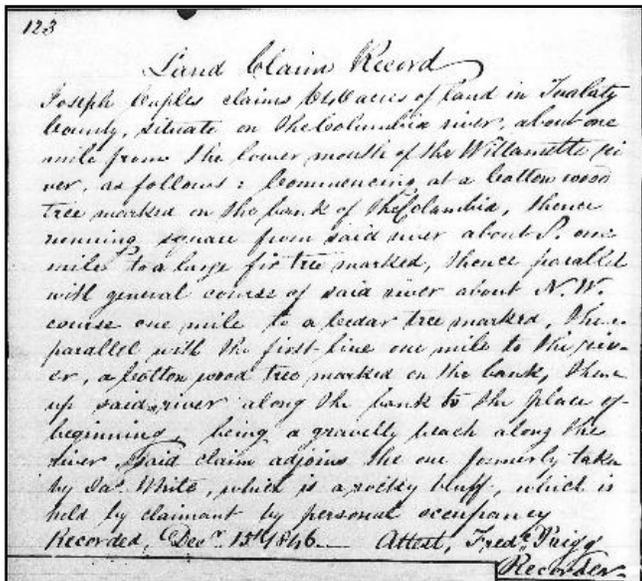
by Mark Stevens - markstevens@colcomuseum.org

On March 30, 1926, voters within the boundaries of Columbia City voted to incorporate the City of Columbia City, and on May 29, 1926, the first mayor and city officers were elected. This June 6th the City will celebrate our 100-year anniversary!

While this will mark our 100-year anniversary as an incorporated city, it must be remembered that the City was platted and got the name of Columbia City on August 24, 1869 by our founding families.



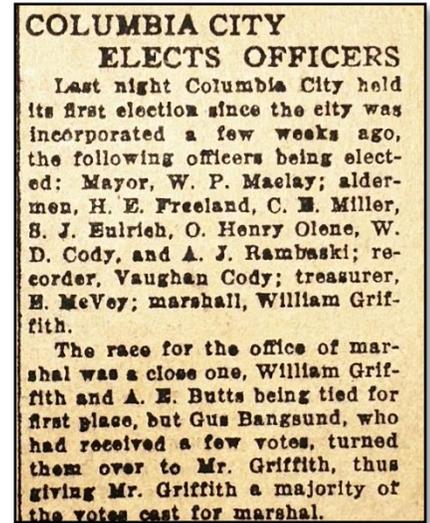
Furthermore, the City's real beginnings started almost 180 years ago when Joseph Caples filed an Oregon Provisional Land Claim at Oregon City on December 16, 1846.



I bring all this up as a reminder that Columbia City has a long, rich history.

In future newsletters I will be sharing with you some of the events that took place in that pivotal year 1926, and what were some of the factors that may have led to the decision to incorporate.

However, right now, I would like to reach out to you and request that you come forward with any memories and photos that your family might still have of the past 100 years and earlier. I would love to share those memories with everyone in future newsletters and possibly display some of them at the 100th Year Anniversary Celebration.



Along those lines, it would be interesting to find out how many folks in our community had family living here in 1926 when the City first incorporated.

If you had family here, or have memories that you can share, please reach out to me at the e-mail above, or drop the information off at City Hall, so I can put together some memories, photos, and a list of names of early families to display at the 100th Year Celebration.

For those interested in who the early residents were, I have created a webpage on Google Drive with all of the censuses from 1920 through 1950 for your viewing pleasure. You can see them by typing the following into your web browser:

<https://sites.google.com/colcomuseum.org/columbiacityhistory/home?authuser=1>



LOST AND FOUND

There was a ring found in the wooded area of the Port of Columbia County's office off E Street. If you think it might be yours, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.





MONTHLY RECYCLING TIP
Everything Must Be Clean and Dry



Scrap Metal – items less than 10 pounds in weight and 18 inches in length; excluding sharp items and “tanglers” (e.g., bicycle chains, wire).



We’ve received so many great books at the library lately! We had some great donations of very current books from some of our patrons. We encourage you to donate books to the library. We want books in good condition, and fiction sells better than non-fiction. We always check to see if we can use them in the library.

We’ll be holding a pop-up book sale in the library on Saturday, March 28 from 10 am to 2 pm. Take home some of the new donations!

Spring Break! Looking for a family get-away to Astoria? Remember that as a patron you can check out a pass for up to 7 days to visit the Maritime Museum at no cost.

Visit the library for books to read during spring break this month. How about *Mr. Popper’s Penguins* by Richard Atwater? It is a great book to read aloud after dinner, or while you’re in the car. For middle school readers, how about *A Wizard’s Guide to Defensive Baking* by T. Kingfisher? Check it out before I do!

Rainy day activity for youngsters. Come in and see what is on the Grab & Go shelf. New crafts for kids are available while supplies last.

Secondhand Prose – Celebrating Women. This month all our non-fiction books about women’s adventures and issues are on sale for half price. We have searched all the genres – autobiographies, biographies, health, family, travel, politics – in our collection and have put together a large selection of some of the finest writing on the topic. We are looking forward to seeing you in the back room.

Also, there are a few Blind Date bundles still available at Secondhand Prose Book Shop. You get 3 books for the price of one. Come take a look and fall in love.

New to the Library. This month we added 43 new titles, some of them are:

- Breath* by James Nestor (nonfiction best seller)
- The Woman in Me* by Britney Spears (recent best seller)
- Racing the Light* by Robert Crais
- The First Time I Saw Him* by Lara Dave (recent best seller)
- Dungeon Crawler Carl* by Matt Dinniman (best seller)
- The Devil’s Weapons* by W. E. B. Griffin and Peter Kirsanow
- You Like It Darker* by Stephen King (stories, past best seller)
- The Last Letter* by Rebecca Yarros (recent best seller)

Large Print:

- Anatomy of an Alibi* by Ashley Elston (recent best seller)

Storytime: Mondays at 11 am

Friends of the Library: Mon, March 16 at 6:30 pm

Novel Quilters: Wed, March 18 at 2 pm

Mystery Book Club: Wed, March 25 at 7 pm

Book Sale: Sat, March 28 from 10 am to 2 pm

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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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - MARCH 2026

March 10 th	6:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall - canceled
March 17 th	6:30 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - canceled
March 19 th	6:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
March 31 st	6:00 p.m.	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall