

COLUMBIA CITY

Newsletter - October 2026

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COLUMBIA CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The City has one candidate running for Mayor and two candidates running for two open City Council positions on the November ballot. Below is some information submitted by our candidates.



Mayor: Alexander Reed. I have called Columbia City home for over two decades, teaching U.S. History, Civics, and Economics at St. Helens High School since 1999. As mayor, I will bring the same steady, hands-on leadership to City Hall — keeping town services reliable and government running smoothly for every resident.

City Council: Logan Gilbert-Renner. I am running for Columbia City Council to help ensure our town remains a safe, vibrant, and fiscally sound place for everyone. Serving on both our Budget Committee and Hazard Mitigation Committee has given me direct insight into the practical needs of our community—from responsible spending to proactive planning. Professionally, my work supporting local students and individuals with disabilities has reinforced my commitment to clear communication, accessibility, and listening to diverse perspectives. If elected, my focus will be on preserving our parks, supporting neighborhood safety, and ensuring that City Council decisions reflect the everyday voices and values of Columbia City residents.

City Council: Michael Raszewski. With my parents moving here in 1995, I have had the privilege of growing up in Columbia City and developing a deep love and appreciation for the area. At times, life has taken me elsewhere, but when I wanted to put down roots for my own family, the specialness of our town brought me back. With my past managerial experience in both the auto sales and trucking industries, I believe I can be a valuable asset to the City Council and will work tirelessly to foster and protect the community that has meant so much to me throughout the years. In

my free time, I enjoy mowing my lawn, working on my house, and spending time with my wife and pets.

MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Michael Allen Harrison will be returning for his Holiday Concert in Columbia City on Monday, November 30th, at 6 pm. Tickets go on sale October 19th at City Hall.



Community Wildfire Protection Plan Engagement Survey Columbia County, OR



Residents who were unable to attend one of the community meetings can still share their input through the online survey by using the above QRCode. The survey will remain open through **October 31, 2026.**

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of ear buds were found around Third Street and L Street in mid-September. If you think they might be yours, contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.



Reader Recommendation. *The Prince of the Skies*, by Antonio Iturbe – This book is based on the extraordinary life of Antoine de Saint-Exupery, author of *The Little Prince*. Saint-Ex, as his friends called him, loved to fly. It is an exciting tale of what it was like to push the boundaries of possibilities during the early years of flight. Along with two other French pilots, and during the period between the two world wars, they helped establish airmail routes around the globe. It was the ambitious and audacious start to world-wide airmail service.

Secondhand Prose Book Shop. The shelves are full. October is a spooky time of year; the monthly special is Mysteries. Hardbacks \$1, Paperbacks \$.50.

Upcoming Activities & Events

Friday, October 2nd – Senior Safety Workshop #2: Steady as You Go: Join us for a practical and encouraging workshop focused on staying steady, confident, and safe on your feet. From: **1 to 2 pm**.

Friday, October 23rd – Senior Safety Workshop #3: Nourish & Flourish: Learn simple, practical ways to nourish your body and support healthy aging. From **1 to 2 pm**.

Saturday, October 24th – The Great Library Pumpkin Paint Day: Get creative and show your pumpkin-painting skills! Join us for two sessions: **10:30 to 11:30 am & 1 to 2 pm**. This will be a fun-filled time of fall painting and creativity.

All activities are free. Please pre-register for a spot at ccclibrary@live.com or 503-366-8020.

Novel Quilters. On **Wednesday, October 21st at 2 pm** the Novel Quilters meet to display their quilts based on *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We invite you to join us!

Storytime: Mondays at 11 am
Friends of the Library: Mon, Oct 19th at 4 pm
Novel Quilters: Wed, Oct 21st at 2 pm
Mystery Book Club: Wed, Oct 28th at 7 pm

New to the Library. 40 new titles were added to the library this month! Some of the added titles are:

Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know by Adam Grant (best seller)
Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi (large print, Carnegie award longlist)
God's Country by William Kent Krueger (best seller)
The Unknown by Riley Sager (recent best seller)
The Secrets We Hide by Karin Slaughter (best seller)

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

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STOCK THE SHELVES EARLY: HOW OCTOBER DEALS HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY

As we prepare for our annual November Food Drive and Peanut Butter Drive, we want to remind you of opportunities to maximize our impact before the events begin. Some of our local grocery stores run excellent buy-one-get-one (BOGO) specials in October, making this the perfect time to stock up on high-impact donation items.

Peanut butter remains one of the most requested items, because it is shelf-stable, nutrient-dense, and packed with protein for families with children. By taking advantage of any October grocery sales, you can double your contribution without changing your budget.

When you see a BOGO deal over the next few weeks, consider grabbing a few extra jars of peanut butter, canned goods, or boxed meals to set aside for our collection bins next month. Your early preparation ensures that when November arrives, our community will be fully equipped to support neighbors in need through the holiday season. Keep an eye on weekly store circulars this month and thank you for your ongoing generosity!



CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Animal Nuisance. Under the City's Animal Control Ordinance (Ord. No. 387) Section 4 states Public Nuisances as:

- a. Makes loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, safety or peace of others;
- b. Injures or kills another animal which does not belong to its owner or custodian;
- c. Bites a person;
- d. Chases vehicles or persons;
- e. Damages or destroys property of persons other than the owner or custodian of the animal;
- f. Scatters garbage.

Report violators to City Hall by calling 503-397-4010 or after hours to the non-emergency dispatch at 503-397-1521.

CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS EXTRA NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Don't forget!! Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-1534.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Make sure your address is current with DMV. Have you moved recently? You are legally required to update your address with DMV within 30 days of moving. This helps them send important information to the right address and protect your online DMV account against fraud. Updating your address with DMV does not update it with other state or federal agencies, you need to contact each agency separately.



Changing an address online at DMV2U is the easiest and fastest way to update your record. You can also call Customer Service or visit a DMV field office.

Contact the DMV to learn more. Visit their website: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/dmv/pages/dv/chgaddr.aspx>, call Customer Service at 503-945-5000 or email oregondmv@odot.oregon.gov.

CHIEF'S CORNER

Halloween Season. It is that time of year again as the days are getting shorter and the time of darkness is increasing. Halloween Town in St. Helens has kicked off, and we will see an increase in local foot traffic around the area. Many of these folks will be dressed up in Halloween costumes making it more difficult to see them in the low light conditions. We also have plenty of kids waiting for buses near the roads in the early morning. So please drive carefully while you're out in areas where pedestrians are likely to be.



The Police Department serviced the following calls during August 2026: 2 animal complaints, 1 agency assist, 3 assist persons, 4 civil enforcements, 2 details, 1 DHS referral, 3 domestics, 3 follow ups, 1 fraud, 2 harassment/threats, 2 motorist assists, 1 ordinance violation, 35 premise checks, 2 lost/ found properties, 4 suspicious vehicles, 1 traffic crash non-injury, 6 traffic complaints, 2 trespasses, 12 traffic stops, 4 welfare checks, and 1 warrant serviced. In all the Police Department serviced 95 activities.

The Police Department requests 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

**NEXT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
(HHW) EVENT
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24TH**



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

OPEN BURNING PERIOD IN NOVEMBER

Columbia City's burn period is scheduled to begin **Saturday, November 7, and end Sunday, November 15.** Permits are required.

**WHERE TO FIND WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN THE CITY**

The City primarily uses our website and Facebook page to communicate any Breaking News or Hot Topics. Below you will see snippets of each of those pages for reference.



On the website, check under "City News" for urgent communications or flyers for upcoming events etc.



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- Unique arts and crafts
- Wide Variety
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**FRI - SAT
OCTOBER
9 & 10**

10AM- 4PM

**Free lunch for
First Responders, Active
Military, and Veterans
on Saturday
in commemoration of
the 25 anniversary of
9/11.
Thank you
for your service!**

- Raffles
- Free Books
- Great fun!

Museum
Tours
11:00 &
1:00, \$5

- Free parking & admission

For more information:
dar.rebeccataylor@gmail.com



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OCTOBER 2026 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

October 8 th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court at City Hall
October 13 th	6:00 pm	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
October 15 th	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 20 th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall - canceled
October 27 th	6:00 pm	Hazard Mitigation Planning Group Meeting at City Hall

