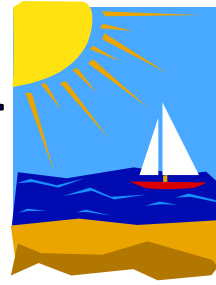


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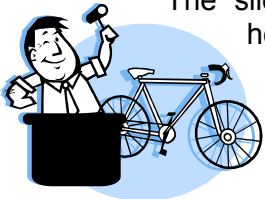
CELEBRATION 2008

Mark your calendar and join us for the Columbia City Celebration on Saturday, September 6, 2008!

We'll start the day with a Strawberry Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Columbia River PUD. Breakfast will be served in the Knapp Social Center, 1925 First Street. The breakfast will include pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, ham, scrambled eggs, juice, tea and coffee. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall ahead of time, or at the door. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for an adult and \$4.50 for children 10 and under.



The silent and oral auctions will be held in the Community Hall, 1850 Second Street. The highest silent bidders will be awarded following the oral auction.



The City was able to put together five great raffle prizes this year with the assistance of Comcast Cable!

1st place: Train Trip to Seattle (Approx. \$802 value)

Includes gift certificates for:
Amtrak Train Fare, Space Needle,
Best Western Pioneer Square Hotel,
Starbucks, Seattle Monorail, Museum of Flight,
Seattle Art Museum, and More??

2nd place: Pandigital 7" Digital Multi Frame (\$170 value)

Digital photo frame with 128MB internal memory,
plus 3 traditional 4" x 6" frames.

3rd, 4th and 5th places:
\$100, \$75 and \$50 Gift Certificates
for Chevron Gasoline

The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale in the Community Hall, the Caples House Museum and store will be open. We'll also be selling copies of the historical book, "Columbia City Days", Columbia City note cards, and a variety of Columbia City T-shirts.

All of the proceeds from the Celebration are used to operate the Columbia City Community Library. We hope to make this the biggest and best Celebration ever!

We need volunteer help with the breakfast, the auctions, and the raffle. The Friends of the Library need help with their book sale. Please, call City Hall to sign up for the job you want. This is a fun time to volunteer and help the Community Library!

THANK YOU

We'd like to extend a very special thank you to:

- Marian Calnon and Vonnie Walker for weeding the flowerbeds at City Hall.
- The St. Helens branch of Wal-Mart for donating camera equipment to the Columbia City Police Department.
- Columbia City School's donation of two picnic tables to the Parks Committee.
- Norm Jones for mowing Datis Park.
- Bernie Albertine, Karin Bates, Marian Calnon, Jean Carulli, Gloria Chinell, Kathy Keudell, Jean Lord, Phyllis Rowley and Vonnie Walker for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in June.

FOUND ITEMS

The following items were found recently and turned into City Hall. Do they belong to you?

- Black empty cosmetic bag
- Paperback book at "C" near Seventh Street

LIBRARY NEWS

The raffle baskets for the Columbia City Celebration are filling up. If you have items you think would work well in one of the raffle baskets, or another great idea, bring them by! If you have books to donate as you are cleaning out your shelves, bring them by. Our closet is filling up so we will have a great selection of books in the book sale. If you are able to help with the book sale for



the City Celebration, contact the library or City Hall. We will need about 10 people to help set up for the sale and to box books afterwards.

Our donated books are overwhelming our ability to get them processed! If you are interested in volunteering in the library, we can use your help!

The Mystery Book Club read books by James Lee Burke and Robert B. Parker. Such differences in style! The library has lots of books by both authors. Both are award winners several times over.

James Lee Burke writes mysteries set in Louisiana, and the stories are permeated with a southern atmosphere. He does a great job of exposing the characters, letting their moods and thoughts build the suspense. The books are well plotted and keep you going through the finale.

Robert B. Parker writes light, fun mysteries. The plots pop along and make sense but there is very little character development. If you like Janet Evanovich's books you will like Robert B. Parker's books.

Summer Activities @ the Library

Storytime: Preschool to 3rd grade on Mondays @ 11 a.m. From July 7 through August 4 we will have a read aloud storytime and short activity, followed by a chance for kids to check out books to enjoy. Hosted by Michelle Tullock.



Bingo: 2nd graders and up. Participants will read from the book choices on their BINGO card; every BINGO gets a prize!!!

Show and Share: Bring something you've read that is worth recommending to others. Be prepared to do a book talk. Bring a sack lunch. Mondays @ 12 noon.



YRCA (Young Readers Award) Choice Book

Group: Get to know the 2009 YRCA

nominees. The YRCA have selections for all grades 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. Check with the library for more details. For more information about the YRCA visit <http://www.pnla.org/yrca/index.htm>. Snacks provided. Meets the first Thursday of each month @ 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

DIY - Do It Yourself Book Clubs: Start your own book group for the summer! It's really simple --- a reading group or a book club is just a bunch of friends who decide to read the same book and then get together to talk about it. Advertise and meet at the library.

New at the Library...

We have a lot of new art and craft books recently donated by Melissa Gilbertsen. Learn how to paint, or make shadow puppets. Our non-fiction shelves are fun to browse, both for kids and adults!

Story Time: Every Monday, 11 a.m.

Friends of the Library: August 18, 7 p.m.

Novel Quilters: August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Group: August 27, 7 p.m.

Staffed Library Hours:

Monday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

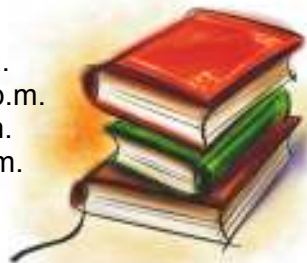
Phone: (503) 366-8020

Address: 205 "I" Street

E-mail: cclibrary@opusnet.com

Website:

<http://www.freewebs.com/cccomlibrary/index.htm>

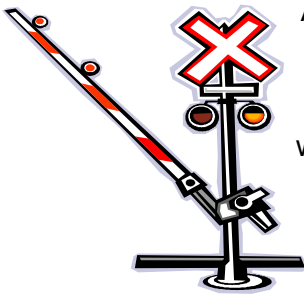


QUIET ZONE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



The City of Columbia City, with the support of the Port of St. Helens, continues to pursue the implementation of a Quiet Zone in Columbia City. The Federal Railroad Administration allows a Quiet Zone to be created under certain conditions. In a Quiet Zone the routine sounding of train horns at railroad crossings is prohibited.

The City Council decided to pursue establishing a Quiet Zone in 2006 at the request of several citizens, and after reviewing the results of a citizen survey on the subject. An increase in train traffic as a result of industrial developments within the County, coupled with the implementation of new horn sounding regulations, have contributed to an increase in noise from train horns in recent years.



All of the crossings within a Quiet Zone must be equipped with flashing lights, gates, constant warning time devices, and power-out indicators. Crossing arms always fail in the down position. Even so, removing train horns will add some risk to each crossing. A diagnostics team met at each of the crossings to identify safety concerns and agree upon mitigation measures. The City has applied for, and is currently awaiting the issuance of, a Final Crossing Order from ODOT Rail. The Final Order will permit the implementation of the following agreed upon mitigation measures:

- Third Street between "E" and "F" Streets (one block) will change to one-way southbound traffic.
- Left turns from Fourth Street onto "I" Street will be prohibited.
- Trucks traveling east on "I" Street from Highway 30 will be prohibited from turning right (south) onto Fourth Street.
- Trucks will not be allowed to enter Highway 30 from "I" Street - instead they must use "E" or "L" Streets for highway access.
- "NO TRAIN HORN" signs will be added to the "E", "I" and Pacific Street crossings.

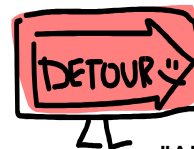
- The signal display at "E" Street on Highway 30 will be changed to include a protected green left-turn arrow for railroad preemption.
- The gravel shoulder area on Highway 30 immediately to the west of the Pacific Street crossing will be expanded to provide an escape/holding area for trucks that might need to pull off of the crossing.

ODOT Region 1 will pay for and complete the gravel shoulder work on Highway 30 at Pacific Street. ODOT Region 1 will also complete the traffic signal hardware upgrade at "E" Street at ODOT Rail Division's expense. The City will bear the implementation costs associated with the remaining items.

"A" STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Bids for the "A" Street Construction project will be opened on August 21, and construction is expected to commence in early September.

The project consists of the reconstruction of portions of "A" Street between Sixth Street and Highway 30 to complete full street improvements to collector standards, and the installation of storm drainage. The project will include curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements, along with the replacement of a sanitary sewer main.



During the project, "A" Street will be closed to through traffic, which will be detoured to "E" and Pacific Streets. Local traffic access on "A" Street will be maintained and may be subject to some periodic delays. School buses will turn onto "A" Street from Highway 30, and take Belle Street to "B" Street to access Sixth Street.

We apologize for the inconvenience the construction will cause for our residents and businesses, and we want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

WELL AND SHOP PROJECT UPDATE

We are planning to start up the City's newest groundwater well and put it on-line in mid-August. Final touches to the City shop expansion project are underway, and the Public Works crew is busy "moving in" to the new building. We plan to hold an Open House at the site in September - watch for details in the next issue of the Newsletter!

DESIGN IDEAS WANTED FOR COLUMBIA CITY SIGN

The Parks Committee is still soliciting design ideas for a new Columbia City sign. The sign will be placed on the west side of Highway 30 near "I" and Fifth Streets, where the blackberries were recently removed. If you have a design idea for the sign, please submit it to City Hall. Thank you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A COLUMBIA CITY 4TH OF JULY PARADE?

City Hall was recently approached by a citizen interested in organizing a 4th of July Parade in Columbia City for 2009. Volunteers are needed for the planning process. If you are interested please contact City Hall.

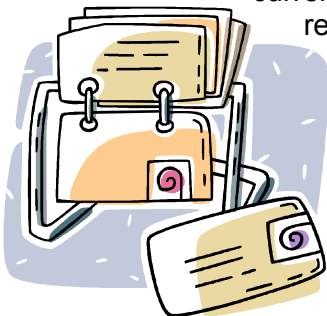


DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

We may need to call you for one reason or another. We might want to:

- let you know about a water leak we discovered while reading your meter, or
- notify you of a temporary street closure that will impact your access, or
- let you know your water will be shut off due to a waterline break or other repair work, or
- let you know your dog was spotted near Highway 30, or
- we may even need to reach you in the event of an emergency.

For whatever the reason, we hope we have your current contact information in our records when we attempt to call you. If your work phone number has changed, or you have a new cell phone or home telephone number, please keep us informed so we can update our records. Thank you!



COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRTS

The new Columbia City T-shirts are available. They are short sleeve, adult size only, Spring Olive in color, with the new logo in black on the front center.

Adult sizes:

Small - X-Large: \$12
 2X: \$13
 3X: \$14
 4X: \$15



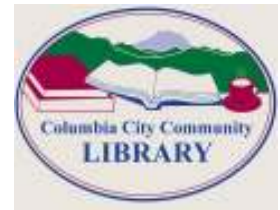
The Columbia City Community Library T-shirts are still available in both child and adult sizes. They are short sleeve, tan in color, with the library's color logo on the front center.

Children sizes:

Small - Large: \$10

Adult sizes:

Small - X-Large: \$11
 2X: \$12
 3X: \$13
 4X: \$14



Columbia City T-shirts are also available for purchase. They are white and available in short or long sleeve with the black and white City logo on left pocket area and a color City logo on rear center.



Short sleeve:

Small - X-Large: \$10
 Sold out of Medium

Long sleeve:

Large - X-Large: \$15
 XX-Large: \$17

CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Two City Council positions will expire at the end of December. These positions will be filled during the upcoming General Election in November. Qualified electors who have resided within the City since November 4, 2007, may run for office. Nominating petitions are currently available at City Hall. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and must be filed with the City Recorder by 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2008. The City Council positions are for a term of four years.

COLUMBIA COUNTY "TIP LINE"

The **Tip Line** may be used to report crimes, possible crimes or suspicious situations. If you have an immediate need for law enforcement, dial 911.

The **Tip Line** can be reached by dialing **(503) 397-0007** or dialing **1 (877) 768-8881** (toll free).

POLICE REPORT - 06/22/08 to 07/21/08

06/22/08 Domestic dispute in the 200 block of "G" Street.
06/22/08 Burglary in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
06/22/08 Public assist in the 200 block of "G" Street.
06/23/08 Alarm at Dixieline Lumber.
06/23/08 Disabled vehicle near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
06/23/08 Suspicious person at the Mini Mart.
06/24/08 Public assist in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street.
06/24/08 Death investigation in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street.
06/24/08 Burglary in the 1800 block of Fifth Street.
06/25/08 Follow-up investigation in the 1800 block of Fifth Street.
06/27/08 Premise checks completed.
06/28/08 Attempt to locate reported drunk driver near Highway 30 and "E" Street.
06/28/08 Agency assist near Highway 30 and Pacific Street.
06/28/08 Traffic accident near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/02/08 Traffic accident near Highway 30 and "A" Street.
07/04/08 Alarm at the Racquetball Club.
07/04/08 Premise checks completed.
07/04/08 Noise complaint near Fifth and Mattie Streets.
07/04/08 Hazard on Sixth Street near "G" Street.
07/05/08 Premise checks completed.
07/05/08 Runaway juvenile report taken in the 200 block of "G" Street.
07/06/08 Suspicious person in the 1300 block of Second Street.
07/07/08 Animal complaint near Sixth and Lincoln Streets.
07/07/08 Alarm in the 1700 block of First Street.

07/07/08 Threats reported in the 2100 block of Third Street.
07/07/08 Agency assist in the 2900 block of Fifth Street.
07/07/08 Premise checks completed.
07/07/08 Attempt to locate reported drunk driver near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/08/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "E" Street.
07/09/08 Burglary in the 1700 block of Second Street.
07/09/08 Found property near Third and "M" Streets.
07/09/08 Domestic dispute in the 2000 block of Sixth Street.
07/09/08 Theft reported in Metlako Way area.
07/10/08 Vandalism reported in the 2000 block of Sixth Street.
07/10/08 Theft reported in Metlako Way area.
07/11/08 Animal complaint in the 400 block of Pacific Street.
07/11/08 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest - attempt to locate.
07/11/08 Premise checks completed.
07/12/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/12/08 Hazard reported near Highway 30 and "I" Street.
07/12/08 Parking complaint in the 2200 block of The Strand.
07/13/08 Agency assist near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/13/08 Trespassing reported near The Strand and "E" Street.
07/14/08 Animal complaint in the 3600 block of Park Drive.
07/14/08 Premise checks completed.
07/15/08 Animal complaint in the 3600 block of Park Drive.
07/15/08 Premise checks completed.
07/15/08 Disabled vehicle near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/16/08 Premise checks completed.
07/16/08 Public assist near Highway 30 and "E" Street.
07/17/08 Agency assist in Metlako Way area.
07/18/08 Vandalism reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
07/18/08 Vandalism reported in the 1700 block of Fourth Street.
07/18/08 Vandalism reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
07/18/08 Suspicious person in Metlako Way area.

POLICE REPORT - 06/22/08 to 07/21/08
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07/18/08 Suspicious circumstances reported in the Ninth Court area.
07/19/08 Vandalism reported in the 1800 block of Fourth Street.
07/19/08 Traffic Complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
07/19/08 Disabled vehicle near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.

07/20/08 Vandalism reported in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
07/20/08 Domestic dispute in the 3600 block of Park Drive.
07/20/08 Suspicious circumstances reported in the 300 block of "A" Street.
07/21/08 Suspicious vehicle reported in the 300 block of "A" Street.
07/21/08 Vandalism reported in the 2500 block of Fifth Street.
07/21/08 Public assist in the 1700 block of Seventh Street.
07/21/08 Premise checks completed.

CELEBRATION AUCTION ITEMS

Don't miss the CELEBRATION AUCTION - September 6, 2008!
Here are just some of the items that will be up for auction!

Tickets to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
18 holes of golf for two and \$25 food certificate at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort
Passes to Oaks Park Roller Skating Rink
Lodging at any Shilo Inns Suites Hotel
Guest passes to the High Desert Museum
Eisenschmidt Pool Passes
Jerry's Rogue Jets gift certificate
Cheryl's Hair Salon gift basket
Admission tickets to the Oregon Coast Aquarium
Pizza and miniature golfing at Family Fun Center & Bullwinkles Restaurant
Passes to Mariner Square
Family pass to the Portland Children's Museum
Admission tickets to the Oregon Zoo
Guest passes to the Columbia River Maritime Museum
Admission tickets to the Pittock Mansion
Admission tickets to the Grotto
Lodging, movie theatre tickets & soaking pool admission at McMenamins Grande Lodge
Movie passes to Cinema 7 in Scappoose
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort lift tickets
Portland Spirit tickets
Passes to the Enchanted Forest
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts certificates
Certificate to Prime Rib and Steakhouse at Lucky Eagle Casino
Garbage, yard debris and recycling service from Hudson
Portland Opera tickets

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2008

August 7	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 12	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall CANCELLED
August 13	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 18	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
August 19	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
August 21	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 28	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall