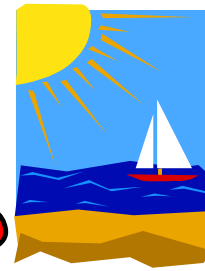


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\$100 REWARD OFFERED FOR MISSING SIGN

A handcrafted "Welcome to Columbia City" sign was recently stolen from its posts near Highway 30 and "E" Street in Columbia City. The wooden sign was made by former Mayor Herbert J. Sandstrom, who served as Mayor from January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1964. The sign measures 4 feet wide and 3 feet tall, is double-sided with hand painted white lettering, and is decorated with flowers and a sailboat.

The City of Columbia City is offering a \$100 reward for information that leads to the safe return of the sign and the apprehension of the suspect(s). Please contact Columbia City Hall, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon, phone (503) 397-4010, or e-mail colcity@columbia-city.org.

ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET



The Rose Festival Fleet Week is June 4 through June 8. Ships from the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and the Canadian Maritime Forces sail in from around the world.

Fleet visitation has been an annual tradition for nearly 70 years. The ships usually sail by Columbia City the first two days of that week, but there are no specific times for their arrival.



Please.....

Put grease in the can! Cooking oil and grease can cause line blockages and treatment problems!

Don't flush plastic tampon products! Plastic products cause pumps to malfunction and cause treatment problems!

Important note: Violators may be subject to civil penalties, suspension of service, damages, court costs, attorney fees and more!

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 will be available at the City Hall beginning

June 9, 2008. The nominating petitions must be signed by 20 qualified electors, and must be filed with the City Recorder by 5:00 pm on August 21, 2008. The City Council positions are for a term of four years.



LOOKING FOR CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS!!

The Columbia City Celebration will be Saturday, September 6, 2008 and we are looking forward to our best Celebration ever. We need your help! We are looking for a few people who would be able to solicit local businesses, gather donations and sell raffle tickets. These activities are such a vital part of the success of the auction and raffle. All proceeds from the Celebration go to our local library. If you are interested, please contact Helen at City Hall at (503) 397-4010.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We're currently collecting items to auction during the Columbia City Celebration in September. Gift certificates for services and products and handmade items are just a few examples of items that are popular during the auction. All of the auction proceeds are used to fund the Columbia City Community Library. If you'd like to donate an item for the auction, please give us a call at (503) 397-4010 or stop by City Hall. Your donations are appreciated!

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Anytime, Anywhere, Anyplace . . .

READ!!!



This summer's reading program is **Anytime, Anywhere, Anyplace . . . READ!** Our read aloud time will focus on books that are set in different places: the farm, the mountains, the beach—**ANYWHERE!!**

- Story time (Preschool-3rd grade) – Mondays 11:00 AM-NOON (**July 7 through August 4**)

Each week we will have a read aloud and short activity, led by Michelle Tullock, followed by a chance for kids to check out books to enjoy.

- Anytime, Anywhere, Anyplace . . . Bingo! (independent readers – 2nd grade and up) – Win prizes!

Participants will read from the book choices on their BINGO card; every BINGO gets a prize!!! Begins first week after school gets out—June 16.

Anytime, Anywhere, Anyplace . . . Book Clubs!

It's fun to get together and talk about books we've read. Sign up at the library.

- *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 pm.
- *YRCA (Young Readers Choice Award) 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 @ 2pm – 3 pm.
- *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...

Altered Carbon by Richard Morgan

Phillip K Dick award, Best Novel 2003 (Science Fiction)

Four hundred years from now mankind is strung out across a region of interstellar space inherited from an ancient civilization discovered on Mars. The colonies are linked together by the occasional sub light colony ship voyages and hyper spatial data casting. Human consciousness is digitally freighted between the stars and downloaded into bodies as a matter of course. But some things never change. So when ex-envoy, now-convict Takeshi Kovacs has his consciousness and skills downloaded into the body of a nicotine-addicted ex-thug and presented with a catch-22 offer, he really shouldn't be surprised. Contracted by a billionaire to discover who murdered his last body, Kovacs is drawn into a terrifying conspiracy that stretches across known space and to the very top of society. For a first-time SF writer to be so surely in command of narrative and technology, so brilliant at world building, so able to write such readable and enjoyable SF adventure, is simply extraordinary.

The Sea by John Banville

Booker Prize winner 2005 (Contemporary fiction published by UK authors)

In this luminous new novel about love, loss, and the unpredictable power of memory, John Banville introduces us to Max Morden, a middle-aged Irishman who has gone back to the seaside town where he spent his summer holidays as a child to cope with the recent loss of his wife. It is also a return to the place where he met the Graces, the well-heeled family with whom he experienced the strange suddenness of both love and death for the first time. What Max comes to understand about the past, and about its indelible effects on him, is at the center of this elegiac, gorgeously written novel, among the finest we have had from this masterful writer.



COMMUNITY LIBRARY INFORMATION cont.

Story Time:

Every Monday, 11 am

Friends of the Library: June 16, 7 pm

Novel Quilters: June 18, 6:30 pm

Mystery Book Group: June 25, 7 pm

Staffed Library Hours:

Monday, 10 am – 2 pm
Wednesday, 4 pm – 8 pm
Thursday, 2 pm – 6 pm
Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm

Phone: (503) 366-8020 **Address:** 205 "I" Street

E-mail: cclibrary@opusnet.com

Website:

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

THINK GREEN! REMOVE YOURSELF FROM JUNK MAILING LISTS!



According to an article in *The Oregonian*, you can remove yourself from junk-mail lists.

Send your name and complete address with a \$1 check to: Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service, PO Box 282, Carmel, NY 10512, or download the online form at

<https://www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailing>.

PLEASE KEEP THOSE GRASSES AND WEEDS CUT!

Between April 15 and September 30 of any year, weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits. Additionally, blackberry bushes cannot extend across property lines or into the City's right-of-way, including streets, alleys and sidewalks. Property owners or other persons in charge of the property must keep weeds, grass and other noxious growth, such as poison oak, cut and maintained to prevent them from becoming unsightly and a fire hazard, and to prevent them from maturing and going to seed.

Violators can be cited into Municipal Court. Additionally, the City may abate the nuisance and lien the property for the costs. To report violations, please contact City Hall.



THANK YOU

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

- ❖ Bernie Albertine, Dolores Heinz, Betty Jensen, Jean Lord, Vera Moeller, Phyllis Rowley and Debbie Virts for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in May.
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- ❖ All About Mail, Bemis Printing, Beaver Bark, Columbia County Community Corrections Department, Columbia County Land Development, Domino's Pizza, Figaro's Pizza, Hudson Garbage Service, Hudson Portable Toilet Services, Les Schwab Tire Center, Red Apple Market, Waste Management Columbia County Transfer Station, St. Helens School District, South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Stan's Refrigeration, Scappoose Community Club, Scappoose School District, Scappoose Grocery Outlet and St. Helens Band Patrons for sponsoring the Spring Clean-Up event.
- ❖ Stan Hopkins, Sally Ann Marson, Nathan Nagy, Heather Bee, Marian Calnon and Robert Schmor for participating in the SOLV Down by the Riverside Clean Up Event at Datis and Pixie Parks.
- ❖ Vonnie Walker for weeding and working in the flowerbeds at City Hall.
- ❖ Peggy Artman for donating some stuffed animals to the Police Department.
- ❖ Rob Stewart and Stan Hopkins for picking up trash around the city.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REMINDER

Planning to hire a contractor to help you with a project around the house this summer? If so, please be sure to make sure the contractor has a current business license to do work within the City of Columbia City.

Also, whether you're hiring a contractor or planning to do the work yourself, please remember that many types of projects require a permit. For building, plumbing and mechanical permit information, call City Hall at (503) 397-4010. For electrical permit information, contact Columbia County Land Development Services at (503) 397-1501.

REMINDER FOR PET OWNERS



Pet owners are prohibited from allowing their pets to deposit waste upon property not under their ownership. If their pets do deposit waste on property other than their own, they are required to immediately remove it.

THE 4TH OF JULY IS COMING!

And that means the annual fireworks display will light up the night! These fireworks are brought to you with the help of volunteers who donate their time to send letters and make phone calls requesting donations, plan the event, and orchestrate the display. It is not too late to help with a donation!



The fireworks committee website is continuously updated with the latest information on what is going on and where the committee will be: please visit www.sainthelensfireworks.org. Also check the website for donation locations. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing each one of you at the river front on July 4th!

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Columbia City Planning Commission met on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

At this meeting the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding an application for a variance to place an accessory building in the front yard of a residence located at 2240 The Strand as applied for by Mike and Michelle Langdon. The Planning Commission approved the request with conditions.

The Planning Commission also approved an application for a 23-lot subdivision on 15.5 acres of vacant property located to the north of Ninth Street, west of Sixth Street, and south of "E" Street. Subsequently, an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision was filed, and the City Council will consider the appeal during a public meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The appeal will be confined to the prior record, and there will be no public hearing. Following their review, the City Council may affirm, reverse or modify the Planning Commission's decision on the subdivision application.

Additional information about the application may be obtained at City Hall.

STORM WATER PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

What is storm water pollution? Rainwater or even runoff from sprinklers or hoses carries contaminants - such as litter, animal waste, automobile fluids, fertilizers and pesticides - into the storm drains and pollutes the City's neighborhoods, creating health risks for children and polluting our waterways.

What can I do to prevent storm water pollution? Here are a few tips that can help improve our storm water quality and protect our environment:

- **Don't put anything in the storm drains but rainwater.** Storm drains can carry surface runoff directly to streams and rivers without treatment. Make sure runoff carries only rainwater.
- **Remove litter from the street.** Trash-laden gutters increase neighborhood pollution and clog drains, which may lead to street flooding.
- **Pick up after your pet.** Animal waste, when left on the ground, washes down storm drains and contaminates waterways and beaches.
- **Recycle your motor oil.** The Columbia County Transfer Station, along with many gas stations, auto parts stores and repair shops will collect and recycle used motor oil.
- **Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste.** Soggy yard waste is a major contributor to clogged storm drains.
- **Be smart when you apply pesticides or fertilizers.** Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before it rains. Not only will you lose most of the chemicals through runoff, but you will also be harming the environment. Do not over-water after application. Read the label and do not apply more than recommended.
- **Don't wash dirty paintbrushes under an outdoor faucet.** This dirty rinse water flows into the street and down the storm drain.

POLICE REPORT - 04/01/08 TO 05/22/08

04/01/08 Nuisance call in the 1200 block of Fourth Street.
04/02/08 Animal complaint in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
04/03/08 Public assist at City Hall.
04/04/08 Parking violation in the 300 block of Pacific Street.
04/05/08 Premise security checks conducted.
04/06/08 Premise security checks conducted.
04/07/08 Hazard call near Highway 30 and "A" Street.
04/08/08 Public assist at City Hall.
04/10/08 Theft reported in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
04/10/08 Suspicious vehicle reported near Fourth Place and "L" Street.
04/11/08 Parking violation in the 2800 block of Fifth Street.
04/11/08 Parking violation in the 2700 block of Fifth Street.
04/12/08 Parking violation reported near "E" Street and The Strand.
04/12/08 Premise security checks conducted.
04/13/08 Traffic complaint reported near Highway 30 and "E" Street.
04/13/08 Disabled vehicle checked on Highway 30 near Milepost 30.
04/14/08 Theft reported in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street.
04/16/08 Vandalism call in the 3000 block of Fifth Street.
04/17/08 Threats call reported on Metlako Way.
04/17/08 Warrant served in the 400 block of "C" Street.
04/17/08 Nuisance call reported in the 2100 block of Third Street.
04/18/08 Premise security checks conducted.
04/19/08 Suspicious person checked in the 2700 block of Sixth Street.
04/19/08 Premise security checks conducted.
04/22/08 Threats call taken in the 1300 block Fourth Street.
04/22/08 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
04/22/08 Welfare check in the 1600 block of First Street.
04/25/08 Animal complaint in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
04/25/08 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
04/25/08 Animal Complaint in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
04/26/08 Premise checks completed.

04/21/08 Premise checks completed.
04/28/08 Suspicious person reported near Jim Bundy Memorial Park.
04/28/08 Juvenile problem reported on Metlako Way.
04/30/08 Public assist at the Post Office.
04/30/08 Suspicious circumstances at the Columbia City Mini Mart.
04/30/08 Theft reported in the 1800 block of Ninth Street.
04/30/08 Juvenile problem at Harvard Park.
05/01/08 Harassment reported in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
05/02/08 Premise checks conducted.
05/02/08 Juvenile abuse in the 400 block of Penn Street.
05/03/08 Prowler call reported in the 400 block of "C" Street.
05/03/08 Premise checks conducted.
05/04/08 Audible alarm checked in the 1200 block of Second Street.
05/05/08 Disabled vehicle near Highway 30 and Pacific Street.
05/05/08 Suspicious circumstances in the 300 block of "A" Street.
05/05/08 Disabled vehicle near Highway 30 and "L" Street.
05/06/08 Public assist in the 1800 block of Second Street.
05/06/08 Traffic complaint near "A" and Sixth Streets.
05/07/08 Public assist at the Columbia City Mini Mart.
05/08/08 Juvenile abuse in the 3600 block of Tahoma Street.
05/10/08 Welfare check in the 300 block of Mattie Street.
05/10/08 Premise checks conducted.
05/10/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "I" Street.
05/11/08 Premise checks conducted.
05/11/08 Welfare check in the 300 block of Mattie Street.
05/13/08 Theft call in the 1600 block of Sixth Street.
05/14/08 Suspicious person near Second and "L" Streets.
05/15/08 Premise checks conducted.
05/16/08 Public assist on Metlako Way.
05/16/08 Suspicious person at Dixieline Lumber.
05/16/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "E" Street.
05/16/08 Suspicious vehicle at the Columbia City Mini Mart.

