

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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NEW WATER RATES

The City Council approved a water rate increase following a public hearing in March. The rate increase took effect on March 26, 2008, and is reflected on the April 26, 2008 billings.

For a residential customer within the City limits, the new rates include a \$.65 increase in the minimum monthly charge, a \$.10 increase in the first volume charge, and a \$.05 increase in the second volume charge, for an overall average increase of 2%.

Residential Customer In Columbia City	New Rate 3/26/08
Minimum charge - less than 500 cubic feet of usage	\$30.00
For each additional 100 cubic feet, but usage less than 1,000 cubic feet	\$3.60
For each additional 100 cubic feet	\$4.50

The rates for commercial, industrial and outside City water users received similar adjustments. For detailed information about other rate classes, please contact City Hall by calling (503) 397-4010.

REMINDER FOR ALL PET OWNERS

We'd like to remind pet owners that the City's Animal Control Ordinance prohibits animals from running at large. Pet owners are required to have control of their pet at all times when it is off of their private property. 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.



ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET WEEK

Mark your calendars; the Rose Festival Fleet Week is June 4th through June 8th, 2008. See June's newsletter for additional information.

FINDING YOU WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

Can emergency responders find your home or business?

In a recent press release from Columbia County the seriousness of having your address properly posted was discussed.



You know where you live; however, those that need to find you during an emergency situation and in hurry may not. Police, fire and medical response times are crucial in saving lives, but if your address is not properly posted, so that it is highly visible, it could cost you. Remember, seconds count!

Having your address properly posted is also a tremendous benefit for delivery companies such as UPS or FEDEX and or utility service providers such as those providing your water, phone, power and cable service.


Having your address properly posted is the law!

Please take a moment and check to see that your address is properly and clearly posted

THANK YOU

- We'd like to extend a very special "thank you" to:
- ❖ Judy Anderson, Karin Bates, Jean Carulli, Kathie Fellows, Dolores Heinz, Betty Jensen and Phyllis Rowley for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in March.
 - ❖ Norm Jones for mowing Datis and Pixie Parks.
 - ❖ Shelia Bauer, Naomi Calkins, Stan Hopkins, Jack & Molly Hruska, Sally Ann Marson and Buddy Rivers for their assistance with the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day.
 - ❖ ODOT and Columbia County Community Corrections Crew for clearing the undeveloped right-of-way area between Fifth Street and Highway 30 south of "I" Street.

PLEASE - DO NOT FEED WILD ANIMALS!

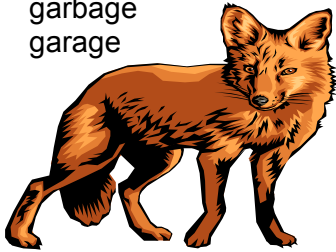
 Providing artificial food sources may lead to unnaturally large concentrations of animals and increase the spread of disease.

- Raccoons can acquire canine distemper, a viral disease that infects foxes, coyotes, skunks, and unvaccinated dogs. The disease does not affect humans.
- The disease is more likely to occur when raccoon populations are large or concentrated. Not all raccoons get the disease and many do survive these outbreaks.



To discourage wild animals, remove attractants from your yard.

- Feed pets indoors. If you feed outdoors, bring in feeding bowls right after pets have eaten.
- Make sure garbage cans are secure and can't be knocked over or their lids removed. Put garbage cans in a closed garage or storage shed. You can also secure them by tying them to a stable object or by putting a long stake through the handle and driving it into the ground.
- If you have a compost pile with fruit and vegetable scraps, make sure the compost is securely covered in bins that raccoons can't access.



For current information regarding problem raccoons or other wildlife, contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 503-621-3488 (Sauvie Island).

PLEASE KEEP THOSE GRASSES AND WEEDS CUT!



Between April 15th and September 30th 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.

TEN WAYS TO SAVE WATER

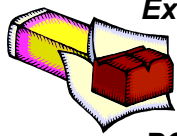


1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. **Saves 750-1,500 gallons** per month. Better yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose. And best of all, convert your lawn to native plants.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. **Saves 20 gallons** per day for every leak stopped.
3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. **Saves 150 gallons** each time. For a two-car family that's **up to 1,200 gallons** a month.
4. Install water-saving showerheads or flow restrictors. **Saves 500 to 800 gallons** per month.
5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. **Saves 300 to 800 gallons** per month.
6. Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can **save up to 700 gallons** per month.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. **Saves 150 gallons** or more each time. At once a week, that's **more than 600 gallons** a month.
8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. **Saves 400 to 600 gallons** per month.
9. Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on houseplants or your garden. **Saves 200 to 300 gallons** per month.
10. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there. **Saves 500 gallons** per month.



DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE CLEANUP

Please join us for the eighth annual "Down By the Riverside" project in Columbia City! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with this project in Pixie Park and Datis Park on Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be removing blackberry bushes, morning glory, ivy and debris, as well as planting, painting, and sprucing up the parks as needed. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact City Hall, or just show up at one of the parks!



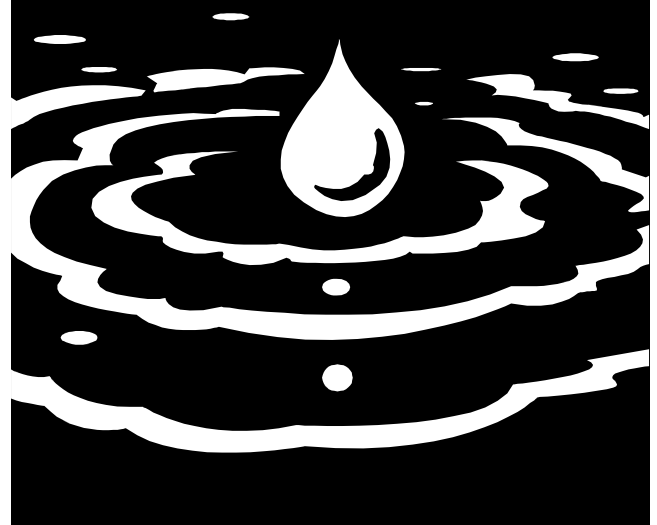
Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate. Author unknown

POLICE ACTIVITY 02/23/08 – 03/28/08

02/23/08 Suspicious circumstances checked in the river near Pixie Park.
02/26/08 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and "L" Street.
02/26/08 Citizen assist at the City Hall.
02/27/08 Traffic complaint in the area of Sixth and "A" Street.
02/27/08 Disabled vehicle at the Mini Mart.
02/27/08 Public assist in the 3500 block of Fifth Street.
02/27/08 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and "L" Street.
02/29/08 Public assist at City Hall.
02/29/08 Assault investigation at the Columbia City Sports and Recreation Club.
03/01/08 Premise checks completed.
03/04/08 Suspicious circumstances in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
03/04/08 Suspicious circumstances in the 3000 block of Fifth Street.
03/05/08 Premise checks conducted.
03/05/08 Nuisance call reported in the 1800 block of Third Street.
03/07/08 Hazard checked in the area of Highway 30 and Pacific Street.
03/08/08 Premise checks conducted.
03/12/08 Domestic dispute reported in the 2900

block of Sixth Street.
03/12/08 Residential burglary reported in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
03/14/08 Premise checks completed.
03/16/08 Premise checks completed.
03/16/08 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and "A" Street.
03/17/08 Premise checks completed.
03/17/08 Suspicious vehicle at the Caples House.
03/17/08 Open door at a residence in the 1800 block of Sixth Street.
03/18/08 Theft report taken in the 1600 block of Ninth Street.
03/20/08 Premise checks conducted.
03/21/08 Public assist at City Hall.
03/21/08 Premise checks conducted.
03/22/08 Animal complaint in the area of Fourth and "L" Street.
03/22/08 Animal complaint in the 3500 block of Sixth Street.
03/22/08 Incomplete 911 call in the 1700 block of Seventh Street.
03/22/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
03/22/08 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "A" Street.
03/27/08 Suspicious circumstance in the 400 block of Weown Court.
03/28/08 Premise security checks completed.

Water Conservation Tip of the Month



Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket and a quick hose rinse at the end.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have a couple of new volunteers who have started working at the Library. We are so thankful for them! If you are interested in volunteering, we can still find plenty for you to do, and days for you to volunteer. Stop by the Library to get an application form and arrange training.

We had a full building for the Rummage and Book Sale. We had many many donations the week before the sale and tables were overflowing. It was a lovely day, so business was a bit slower than usual, but it was fun! The sale brought in \$250 for Friends of the Library. Thanks for all the wonderful book donations. We keep finding great books to add to the Library!

The Novel Quilters are reading "The Book of Bright Ideas" by Sandra Kring for our next quilt. "Bright Ideas" should be a little lighter fare than "The Maltese Falcon" and "March". Now if you want mysteries – join us for mystery book discussions on the 4th Wednesday of each month. A new book group has just started and we'd love to have you there!

New at the Library...

The Poisoned Rose by D. Daniel Judson

Trouble always seems to find Declan MacManus... and it finds him again one rain-swept October night when the part-time P.I.--and full-time outsider--gets caught in the middle of a brutal homicide. To the rich and untouchable of Southampton, longtime locals like MacManus are little more than background scenery. Set up to take the fall in a nasty case of double-dealing and multiple murder, Mac follows a serpentine trail that leads through the murky waters of his past--and into the twisted heart of a prominent East End family he once knew well. As the lines between past and present, rich and

poor, right and wrong begin to blur, a decades-old secret emerges from behind the closed doors of the Hamptons' moneyed enclaves--and a town sworn to protect its own declares open season on anyone who stands in its way. Mac is first in line...

Life by Gwyneth Jones

"Life" is a richly textured fictional biography of the brilliant Anna Senoz, a scientist who makes a momentous discovery about the X and Y chromosomes. Anna's discovery provokes widespread sexual rage and impacts cruelly on her career, her marriage, and her child. Ultimately, Anna faces a challenge that the practice of science alone cannot meet.

Story Time: 11 a.m. every Monday

Friends of the Library Meeting: 7 p.m. on May 19

Novel Quilters Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on May 21

Mystery Book Group: 7 p.m. on May 28



Staffed Library Hours:

Monday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Address: 205 "I" Street

Phone: (503) 366-8020

E-mail: cclibrary@opusnet.com

Website:

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

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR MAY 2008

May 1 st	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 8 th	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 13 th	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
May 15 th	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
May 17 th	9:00 a.m.	Riverside Cleanup at Pixie and Datis Parks
May 19 th	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
May 19 th	7:30 p.m.	Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 20 th	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
May 22 nd	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
May 26 th	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Memorial Day

