

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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### OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> BURN PERMITS NOW REQUIRED

Yard debris may be burned outdoors beginning **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and ending Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Burning is restricted to yard debris only, and burn barrels are prohibited. Yard debris is lawn clippings, leaves, brush, trimmings/prunings, sawdust and wood scraps. It is **not** dirt/gravel, paper/plastic, metal, rocks/bricks, sod, or food waste.



**Burn permits are required prior to burning!** Permits may be obtained at City Hall or at any Fire Station within the Columbia River Fire & Rescue District. Please remember you will also need to call the "Burn Line" at (503) 397-4800 each day to see if it is a burn day.

You must follow these basic rules for proper open burning:

- ❖ You must have a garden hose, or a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water at all times, and the fire must NOT be left unattended at any time until out.
- ❖ Yard and garden trimmings must be cut and piled no larger than 6 feet wide by 4 feet high.
- ❖ The ground must be cleared not less than 10 feet around the burning area. There must be a separation of 50 feet between the burn pile and any structure, trees, vehicle or property line if the burn pile is greater than 3 feet in diameter; and a 25 foot separation if the burn pile is less than 3 feet in diameter.
- ❖ The fire must not adversely affect neighbors (smoke).
- ❖ It must be daylight hours during a designated burn day.

Have questions? Please call Bill Goodwin, Fire Marshall, at 503-397-2990 Ext. 17.

### COUNCIL DEVELOPS POLICING POLICY AND CONSIDERS SERVICE LEVELS

The City Council will consider the adoption of a Public Policing Policy during their November 6, 2008 City Council Meeting. The City Council developed the draft policy during a September 9th work session led by Rod Brown of The Legacy Consortium LLC consulting group.

The draft policy consists of a list of nine philosophical statements of policing principles for Columbia City. It also formally refines the Council's expectations by characterizing the Police Department's personality with a number of defining terms.

A copy of the draft Policy is available for public inspection at the City Hall and on the City's website at: [www.columbia-city.org](http://www.columbia-city.org). Draft Policing Policy – NEW.

During the September workshop Rod Brown also assisted the City Council in the establishment of policing service level objectives, taking into consideration the wants and needs of the community, along with the financial affordability of each level of service.

This information will be helpful to the Council as they move forward with their review of various police protection options and make a decision about how to best provide police protection services to the community.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

On November 5<sup>th</sup> (the first Sunday in November), clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time.



## RECENT COUGAR SIGHTING

A resident reported a recent sighting of a mature cougar in the residential area around Second and "L" Streets. The cougar reportedly walked up from the area of "M" and Second Streets, crossed "L" Street and headed through residential yards towards 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. If you see the cougar, please contact the following agencies **immediately**:

- Oregon State Police - (503) 397-3131
- C-COM (Dispatch) - (503) 397-1521
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife - (503) 621-3488.

After the sighting, please leave paw prints and other signs undisturbed if possible.

**Identifying characteristics:** Adults of both sexes have light tan coats and long black-tipped tails, with black coloration on the backs of their ears. Adult males may exceed 8 feet in length, from nose to the end of their very long tail, and weigh between 130 and 170 pounds. Adult females can be 7 feet long and weigh between 75 and 105 pounds.



**Safety precautions:** The potential for human/cougar interactions has increased in recent years. However, more people are injured or killed by deer, bees, dogs and spiders than by cougars. If you are concerned about safety, familiarize yourself with the signs of cougar and their habitat and follow these suggestions:

- **Keep an eye on your children.** Don't let your children play unattended in the backyard, especially when cougars are known to be in the area. You also want to keep your children away from dense brush, which the cougar may use for cover.
- **Be cautious at dusk and dawn.** Contrary to popular belief, most predators are most active at

dusk and dawn. This is a time to be especially cautious.

- **Don't leave food or garbage outside.** The strong smell of food or garbage may attract a cougar into your yard.
- **Keep your pets indoors.** While you may have left your pet in the backyard in the past, you may want to start bringing it indoors with a cougar in the area. Cougars can easily kill the largest dog and leaving your pet out may prompt an attack. Don't feed pets outside as this can attract cougars and their prey.
- **Don't feed wildlife.** By feeding deer, raccoons or other wildlife in your yard, you may inadvertently attract cougars, which prey on them as a food source.
- **Do not hike alone.** Go in groups, with adults supervising children.
- **Do not approach a cougar.** Most cougars will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- **Do not run from a cougar.** Running may stimulate the instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. If you have small children with you, pick them up so they don't panic and run. Try to pick them up without bending over or turning away from the cougar.
- **Do all you can to appear larger.** Raise your arms, open your jacket, and throw stones or whatever you can without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak in a firm, loud voice. Fight back if attacked, and remain standing and face the attacking animal. Use rocks, sticks, jackets, garden tools, camping gear and your hands to fend off the attack.

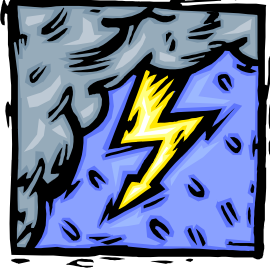
Did you or someone you know lose a coffee mug outside the Community Hall? If so, we may have it at City Hall.

## "A" STREET TRAFFIC DETOURS PLANNED

Kuenzi Communications LLC recently started work on the "A" Street reconstruction project, and "A" Street traffic between Belle Street and Sixth Street will be closed to through traffic in early November. Access to the Columbia City Sports Club, the Columbia City Mini Mart, and all of the residences on "A" Street will be maintained throughout the project, but may be subject to periodic delays. Other through traffic will be detoured to "E" and Pacific Streets.

## HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing technical assistance to Columbia City to facilitate the preparation of a natural hazards mitigation plan. The plan will identify hazards, such as flood, severe weather, and earthquake. The plan



will also identify the people and facilities potentially at risk and ways to mitigate hazards.

The purpose of the project is to ensure that the City is eligible for mitigation project funding in the event of a declared disaster.

The City's Hazard Mitigation Planning Team has been working closely with URS Corporation consultants who are providing technical assistance to the City throughout the course of the project.

The Team has come up with the following draft mitigation goals for inclusion in the plan:

- ❖ Goal #1: Reduce the Threat to Life Safety. Enhance life safety by minimizing the potential for deaths and injuries in future disaster events.
- ❖ Goal #2: Protect Critical Facilities and Enhance Emergency and Essential Services. ♦Implement activities or projects to protect critical facilities and infrastructure. ♦Seek opportunities to enhance, protect and integrate emergency and essential services. ♦Strengthen emergency operations plans and procedures by increasing collaboration and coordination among public agencies, non-profit organizations, business and industry.
- ❖ Goal #3: Reduce the Threat to Property. ♦Seek opportunities to protect, enhance and integrate emergency and essential services. ♦Strengthen emergency operations plans and procedures by increasing collaboration and coordination among public agencies, non-profit organizations, business, industry and the citizens of Columbia City.
- ❖ Goal #4: Create a Disaster Resistant and Disaster-Resilient Economy. ♦Develop and implement activities to protect economic well-being and vitality while reducing economic hardship in post disaster situations. ♦Reduce insurance losses and repetitive claims for chronic hazard events. ♦Work with State and Federal Partners to reduce short-term and long-term recovery and reconstruction costs. ♦Work with local organization, such as Columbia Emergency

Planning Association (CEPA). ♦Expedite pre-disaster and post-disaster grants and program funding.

- ❖ Goal #5: Increase Public Awareness, Education, Outreach and Partnerships. ♦Coordinate and collaborate, where possible, risk reduction outreach efforts with the Oregon Partners for Disaster Resistance & Resilience and other public and private organizations. ♦Develop and implement risk reduction education programs to increase awareness among citizens, local, county and regional agencies, non-profit organizations, business and industry. ♦Promote insurance coverage for catastrophic hazards. ♦Strengthen communication and coordinate participation in and between public agencies, citizens, nonprofit organizations, business and industry.

You are encouraged to take an active part in the Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Plan preparation. If you have any questions, comments, or requests for more information please contact Leahnette Rivers, (503) 397-4010, lrivers@columbia-city.org.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE & RESCUE

As temperatures begin to dip, nothing beats a nice warm fire in the wood stove or fireplace to take off the chill. However, without proper care and precautions while using your fireplace, there is a risk of a chimney fire that can cause damage not only to the chimney but the surrounding structure of the home as well. Follow the guidelines below for safe fires this fall and winter.

- Season firewood outdoors during the summer, stacked off the ground.
- Burn only well seasoned firewood that has been split properly.
- Start fires with clean newspaper and dry kindling.
- Do not use wet, damp or unseasoned firewood, which can cause creosote buildup.
- Keep combustible materials clear of wood stoves, including drapes, furniture and papers.
- Clean your chimney at least once a year and have it regularly inspected by a professional.
- Test your smoke alarms regularly.
- If you do have a chimney fire, call 9-1-1.

Follow these tips for safe operation of your wood stove or fireplace. This message brought to you by Columbia River Fire & Rescue.



## 🦋 THANK YOU 🦋

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

- 🦋 Karin Bates, Marian Calnon, Jean Carulli, Gloria Chinell, Barbara Jones, Jean Lord, Phyllis Rowley and Vonnie Walker for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in September.
- 🦋 Norm Jones for mowing Datis, Pixie and Ruth Rose Richardson Parks.

## CHRISTMAS SHIPS

The Christmas Ship Parade will visit Columbia City on **Saturday, December 13**. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.



## POLICE ACTIVITY – 8/23/08 TO 9/20/08

08/23/08 Animal complaint in the 3000 block of Sixth Street.  
08/24/08 Hazard in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.  
08/24/08 Noise complaint in the 2100 block of Second Street.  
08/25/08 Animal complaint in the 2100 block of Second Street.  
08/25/08 Noise complaint in the 2900 block of Sixth Street.  
08/26/08 Theft call at Dixieline Lumber.  
08/26/08 Attempt to locate call of a possible DUI driver, Highway 30 near milepost 30.5.  
08/26/08 Animal complaint in the 1600 block of Fourth Street.  
08/27/08 Public assist at City Hall.  
08/28/08 Noise complaint in the 2100 block of Second Street.  
08/29/08 Noise complaint in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
08/29/08 Public assist in the 200 block of "G" Street.  
08/29/08 Theft call in the 200 block of "G" Street.  
08/30/08 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
08/31/08 Public assist in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
08/31/08 Animal complaint in the 2100 block of Second Street.  
08/31/08 Disturbance in the 2100 block of Second Street.

09/01/08 Suspicious person at Jim Bundy Memorial Park.  
09/01/08 Report of a suicide threat in the area of Metlako Way.  
09/01/08 Premise checks conducted.  
09/02/08 Animal complaint in the 2000 block of Third Street.  
09/02/08 Animal complaint near "E" and Fifth Streets.  
09/02/08 Suspicious person near First and "F" Streets.  
09/02/08 Suspicious circumstances at the Mini Mart.  
09/03/08 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
09/03/08 Public assist in the 1900 block of Second Street.  
09/03/08 Animal complaint in the 1800 block of Second Street.  
09/05/08 Suspicious vehicle in the 1400 block of Second Street.  
09/05/08 Premise checks conducted.  
09/06/08 Premise checks conducted.  
09/07/08 Juvenile situation in the 100 block of "E" Street.  
09/08/08 Suspicious circumstances in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
09/08/08 Disturbance in the 1700 block of Seventh Street.  
09/09/08 Premise checks conducted.  
09/10/08 Vandalism in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
09/10/08 Hazard near Sixth and "E" Streets.  
09/10/08 Animal complaint in the 2100 block of Second Street.  
09/11/08 Unwanted subject in the area of Metlako Way.  
09/11/08 Domestic dispute in the area of Metlako Way.  
09/12/08 Public assist in the area of Metlako Way.  
09/12/08 Suspicious vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and Pacific Street.  
09/12/08 Suspicious vehicle at the Mini Mart.  
09/13/08 Public assist in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.  
09/15/08 Animal complaint in the 1800 block of Fourth Street.  
09/16/08 Animal complaint in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
09/16/08 Suspicious circumstances in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.  
09/17/08 Animal complaint in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street.  
09/20/08 Juvenile situation in the 1700 block of Sixth Street.  
09/20/08 Premise checks conducted.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The wet weather looks like it is here. Time to check out some books and keep dry inside! Visit the library and see what's new. Ask us if there's something you want, we can order books that the community would like to read. Help keep us busy!

### New at the Library...

*Wild Indigo* by Sandi Ault is the 2008 Edgar winner of the Mary Higgins Clark award.

Jamaica Wild, a resource-protection agent for the Bureau of Land Management, fails to save Jerome Santana from being trampled by a herd of buffalo. In fact, the leadership of the Tanoah Pueblo in New Mexico blames her for starting the stampede, not to mention the fact that she was on Pueblo land during Quiet Time, when visitors aren't allowed. Jamaica's investigation to prove Santana's death was murder--freeing her from culpability--leads to an exciting mountain rescue. As she investigates, Jamaica continues to maintain close ties with Momma Anna, Santana's mother, from whom she is learning about Pueblo life. In addition to her Native American studies, Jamaica, a strong-willed yet vulnerable heroine, is raising a rambunctious wolf pup and is romantically involved with forest ranger Kerry Reed. Ault blends the traditions and ceremonies from several Pueblo cultures, immersing the reader in Pueblo life and the beauty of northern New Mexico. An enjoyable series debut for fans of Nevada Barr and Tony Hillerman. Sue O'Brien Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved.

*Time Off for Good Behavior* by Lani Diane Rich was a nominee for the 2005 Rita First Book award.

Wanda Lane has reached rock bottom and there is nowhere left to go but to curl up on the floor with a bottle of scotch. She has divorced her abusive ex-husband, but he keeps reappearing in her life through telephone calls that are alternately beseeching and threatening. To add to her misery she has survived two freak accidents that almost killed her, and has lost her job. She is alone, estranged from her family and with few friends to speak of. Things have got to change...

And change they do. Wanda realizes, through a

drunken haze, that this is not what her life should have been, and she sets out to change it, trying to find herself and feel that she is worthy of being loved – just for who she is, for her thoughts, for her deeds. Wanda is constantly reminded of her father's words as she reinvents herself: '*Wanda, sometimes a battle is worth fighting. And sometimes you just have to know when to shut the hell up.*' Gradually, Wanda re-emerges from the depths, realizes that people like her for who she is, and starts taking control of her life.

Lani Diane Rich's first book is a success – it is an easy read (a one-nighter) with characters who have warmth and heart. The storyline is certainly not new, but it is presented well with humour and wit and the reader empathizes with Wanda and her new *family* as she begins to realize her full potential. Reviewed by Sally Selvadurai.

### Staffed Library Hours:

Monday and Saturday, 10 AM – 2 PM

Wednesday, 4 PM – 8 PM

Thursday, 2 PM – 6 PM

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

**E-mail:** cclibrary@opusnet.com

### Story Time:

11 AM every Monday

### Friends of the Library Meeting:

November 17, 7 PM

### Novel Quilters Meeting:

No meeting until January

### Mystery Book Group:

No meeting for November

## COLUMBIA RIVER ARTS FAIR & TEA

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Caples House Museum (1925 First Street) & Columbia City Community Hall (1850 Second Street). This event will benefit the Caples House Museum Complex, property of the Oregon State Daughters of the American Revolution. There will be jewelry, quilts, handmade soaps, herbs, pottery, art glass, holiday gifts and more! Assorted hot and iced teas, mulled cider, sandwiches, soups, cookies, cakes and pie will also be available. For more information call or email Sara Reed at (503) 913-0770 or [events@capleshouse.com](mailto:events@capleshouse.com).



## AUCTION ITEMS

We still have some auction items from the City Celebration that haven't sold - here's a chance to get a great deal or do a little Christmas shopping! All of the items may be examined at City Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Columbia City Community Library. Complete the following form with your bids, place in an envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID" and delivered to City Hall at 1840 Second Street, or mailed to PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018, **no later than 5 PM on Monday, 11/24/08.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Bid:            Item:**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Knitters Delight Basket**, by Friends of the Library, includes 7 skeins of designer yarns, 2 sets of knitting needles, a designer pattern book containing 101 patterns, and *Knitting Under the Influence* by Claire LaZebrik, min. bid \$75.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **St. Helens Baton Twirling Academy gift certificate**, includes a baton and a 6-week class from 1/29/09 to 3/5/09 to prepare for a performance on 3/7/09, min. bid \$33.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Handcrafted Fish Tile**, created by Columbia City resident Teresa Knight of Art & Photos, LLC, min. bid \$42.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Passes to the High Desert Museum for 2**, located in Bend, Oregon, expire 9/30/09, min. bid \$18.
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  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Tickets to Portland Opera's production of Britten's "The Turn of the Screw" for 2**, orchestra-side seats for 2/6/09 at Portland's Keller Auditorium, min. bid \$59.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Tickets to 2008 or 2009 Oregon Shakespeare Festival for 2**, for any non-sold out performance, expires on the last day of the 2009 season, min. bid \$50.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Roller Skating Session for 5**, Oaks Park Roller Skating Rink, skates not included, exp. 3/6/09, min. bid \$15.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Roller Skating Session for 5**, Oaks Park Roller Skating Rink, skates not included, exp. 3/6/09, min. bid \$15.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Open Swim Passes to the North Clackamas Aquatic Park for 2**, no expiration, min. bid \$10.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest Pass to End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and Museum of the Oregon Territory for 4**, located in Oregon City, expires 9/1/09, min. bid \$18.
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  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Professional Tooth Whitening at St. Helens Dental Care**, no expiration, min. bid \$175.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **2½ Gallons Evinrude Johnson Outboard Oil**, provided by Channel Marine, min. bid \$35.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25 Gift Certificate toward Knitting or Crochet Class**, from Knit Divas in St. Helens, exp 9/30/09, min. bid \$12.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Partylite Candle Basket**, by Kate Knutson and Brandy Conway of Scappoose, includes 2 dozen tea lights, 2 dozen votives, mini barrel jar, trumpet jar, 2 votive holders, catalogs and certificate for additional \$40 of free product, min. bid \$60.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Gift Voucher for Full Detail**, provided by St. Helens Auto Center in St. Helens, includes wash, buff & wax exterior, vacuum & shampoo interior, treatment of fabric/leather, expires 7/31/09, min. bid \$145.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **1/2 HP Garbage Disposal**, provided by Stan's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, min. bid \$42.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$25.00 Off Vacuum or Sew Repair**, by Soot Busters/St. Helens Sew & Vac Center in St. Helens, min. bid \$12.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Red Port Authority Polo Shirt**, medium, provided by Azzembroidery.com, min. bid \$5.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Teal Ladies Shirt**, long sleeve, button up, XXL, provided by Scappoose Outfitters, min. bid \$5.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Handmade necklace, bracelet and earring set**, made by Angela Willson, min. bid \$5.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Used Ryobi Skill Saw**, provided by Columbia County Choppers, min. bid \$40.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Large Professional Craftsman Screwdriver**, provided by Sears Roebuck & Co. min. bid \$5.
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  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **5-Piece Tool Tin**, provided by Sears Roebuck & Co, min. bid \$6.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Black Embroidered Bookbag (St. Helens Lions)**, from The Embroidery Hutch, min. bid \$10.

### MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2008

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	dawn	First day of open burn period
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day
<del>November 11<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>7:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall</del> <b>CANCELED</b>
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	dusk	Last day of burn period
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting in the Library
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed on Thanksgiving Day
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED	City Hall is closed the day after Thanksgiving