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COYOTES

Recent sightings of coyotes in Columbia City have been increasing and have been concerning.

Hardly any animal in America is more adaptable to changing conditions than the coyote. They can live just about anywhere. One of the keys to the coyote's success is its diet. A true scavenger, the coyote will eat just about anything.



Coyotes are active mainly during the nighttime, but they can be moving at any time during the day. Most sightings of coyotes occur during the hours close to sunrise and sunset.

If you enjoy seeing coyotes and want a closer look at them, use binoculars. Don't ever put food out to lure them closer. Nearly all wild animal bites occur when people attempt to feed them or to treat them like domestic animals. Enjoy watching wild animals, but don't lead them into temptation. Animals that lose their natural fear of humans are more likely to pose a danger to humans and the lifespan of such an animal is shortened. Remember, all wild animals are unpredictable and caution is the watchword when they are around.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce the chance of human-coyote conflicts:

- ❖ Do not feed coyotes!
- ❖ Eliminate sources of water.
- ❖ Bird feeders should be positioned so that coyotes can't get the feed. Coyotes are attracted by bread, table scraps, and even seed. They may also be attracted by birds and rodents that come to the feeders.
- ❖ Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors. Do not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it.
- ❖ Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up

any leftovers if feeding outdoors. Store pet food where it is inaccessible to wildlife.

- ❖ Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes or prey.
- ❖ Fencing your yard could deter coyotes. The fence should be at least 6 feet high with the bottom extending at least 6 inches below ground level for best results.
- ❖ Don't leave small children unattended outside if coyotes have been frequenting the area.
- ❖ Don't allow pets to run free. Keep them safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night. Provide secure shelters for poultry, rabbits and other vulnerable animals.
- ❖ Discourage coyotes from frequenting your area. If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises or throwing rocks.

These steps may decrease the frequency of coyote sightings in your area if practiced continuously. However, coyotes are adaptable to change and are quick to learn new ways of survival. Occasional sightings most likely will continue. By making life for coyotes in your neighborhood more difficult, you will increase the likelihood that they will go somewhere else.



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

- ☞ Bernie Albertine, Marian Calnon, Gloria Chinell, Betty Jensen, Barbara Jones, Jean Lord, and Vonnie Walker for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in August.
- ☞ Sheila Bauer, Marian Calnon, Stan & Sheri Hopkins, Jack Hruska, Sally Ann Marson and Nell Harrison for their dedicated hours of work in Bundy Park over that last few months.
- ☞ Marian Calnon, Bernie Albertine, Betty Jensen, Gloria Chinell & Phyllis Rowley for helping with a special mailer in September.

ORDER YOUR COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRT NOW!

The new Columbia City T-shirt stock has been seriously depleted. If you didn't get the size you wanted please let us know as we would like to place an order for additional shirts if we get enough interest to be able to keep the costs the same. You can call or stop by City Hall to place your order.

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



BURN PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS

Beginning **Saturday, November 1, through Sunday, November 16**, yard debris may be burned outdoors within Columbia City. However,



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.

Have questions? Please call Bill Goodwin, Fire Marshall, at 503-397-2990 Ext. 17. Watch for additional information in next month's newsletter.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGN REGULATIONS

Temporary political campaign signs are permitted within Columbia City provided the signs meet the following regulations:

- May not exceed four square feet in size.
- Must be located upon private property.
- May be placed no more than 45 days prior to the election that they relate to.
- Must be removed within 15 days following the election.

Signs that meet the above regulations are exempt from the City's sign permit requirements.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE & RESCUE

October is Fire Prevention Month. Prevent Home Fires! You can help prevent fires by regularly checking your home for fire hazards. The leading causes of home fires include cooking, heating, electrical and discarded burning materials. When assessing your home for hazards, remember these tips.



- Never leave cooking food unattended and make sure towels and potholders are a safe distance away from the stovetop.
- Avoid using extension cords unless the cord is the appropriate size for the appliance and don't overload them. Check all electrical cords in your home for signs of wear including cracking and fraying and replace as needed.
- Have chimneys or woodstove flues inspected regularly and remove clutter and flammable objects from around the woodstove or fireplace. Never burn garbage in a stove and be sure to dispose of ashes in a metal container. Heat can be retained in ashes for several days.
- Discard cigarettes in ashtrays that reduce the chance that it will fall onto carpeting or furniture. Never put smoldering cigarettes in a wastebasket and never smoke in bed.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it. Remember PASS. Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep. Pull the pin to unlock the lever. Aim the nozzle low towards the base of the fire. Squeeze the handle to discharge the extinguishing agent and sweep low from side to side aiming at the base of the fire.
- Clean and test your smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries as needed. Smoke alarms should be installed on every floor of your home and outside of all sleeping areas.

October is Fire Prevention Month but fire prevention should be practiced year-round! This message brought to you by Columbia River Fire & Rescue.

FOUND ITEMS

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

- Basketball
- A hat (ball cap) and Johns Hopkins White Papers book found during the Celebration.

LIBRARY NEWS

The book sale was a great success during the Columbia City Celebration. Our take was \$821, which is a lot of books! Thank you to everyone who donated books for the library and for the sale, and thank you to everyone who stocked their shelves from our book sale! Keep it up!



The library will be open Friday, October 31 for Trick or Treat at the Library. Visit the library for stories, crafts, and – oh yes – CANDY! We will be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

It is time to renew your Friends of the Library membership. Last year we had 34 members who contributed. We use Friends of the Library money to purchase books, bookshelves, supplies, and to support our programs. Always, thank you for your support!

This month the Mystery book club is reading Macavity winners. The Macavity award is named for T. S. Eliot's "mystery cat". How obscure! Members of Mystery Readers International choose their favorite mysteries from the previous year in the categories: Best Mystery Novel, Best First Mystery, Best Mystery Short Story, Best Mystery Non-Fiction, and Historical Mysteries. We have many but certainly not all of the nominees from the past five years. Check out a few!

New at the Library...

In the Woods by Tana French, Macavity nominee for Best First Mystery, 2008 A gorgeously written novel that marks the debut of an astonishing new voice in psychological suspense.

As dusk approaches a small Dublin suburb in the summer of 1984, mothers begin to call their children home. But on this warm evening, three children do not return from the dark and silent woods. When the police arrive, they find only one of the children gripping a tree trunk in terror, wearing blood-filled sneakers, and unable to recall a single detail of the previous hours.

Twenty years later, the found boy, Rob Ryan, is a detective on the Dublin Murder Squad and keeps his past a secret. But when a twelve-year-old girl is found murdered in the same woods, he and Detective Cassie Maddox — his partner and closest friend —

find themselves investigating a case chillingly similar to the previous unsolved mystery. Now, with only snippets of long-buried memories to guide him, Ryan has the chance to uncover both the mystery of the case before him and that of his own shadowy past.

Richly atmospheric, stunning in its complexity, and utterly convincing and surprising to the end, *In the Woods* is sure to enthrall fans of *Mystic River* and *The Lovely Bones*. (publisher)

Mistress of the Art of Death by Ariana Franklin, Macavity nominee for Historical Mystery, 2008

Four children turn up murdered in 12th-century Cambridge, England, and the restless Catholic townspeople immediately pin the blame on local Jews. As the Jews flee to the safety of the castle, King Henry II—seeking the truth as much as the return of his Jewish citizens to their tax-paying status—hires a highly recommended investigator from the Salerno School of Medicine in Sicily to uncover the true killer.

Enter Adelia, the so-called "mistress of the art of death," who is not at all what Henry had been expecting. Whereas in Sicily, women attend medical school (Adelia studied a rudimentary form of forensic science, dissecting dead pigs in a Salerno lab), in England a female doctor would be labeled a witch. Adelia must keep her real identity under wraps, posing as the assistant to her own Muslim manservant while he acts as the doctor. Meanwhile, Adelia sets about her real work, mining the bodies of the murdered children for clues about their killer. Her task is made no easier by the fact that everyone is a suspect, including the handsome tax collector, Sir Rowley, whom the previously nun-like Adelia seems to be falling for.

An overly formal narrative voice makes for a slow start, as antiquated speech and archaic vocabulary provide multiple stumbling blocks for readers trying to orient themselves in the medieval landscape. Those who trudge through the stilted first quarter of the book, however, will be handsomely rewarded for their efforts. Author Ariana Franklin's in-depth research (she is the author of historical novels and biographies under her real name, Diana Norman) produces a gripping narrative with meticulous detail about everything from the topography of Cambridge to race relations to medical conventions of the era. The issue of religious warfare strikes a particularly modern chord. When Adelia asks Rowley just what the Crusades are achieving, he responds, "They're

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inspiring such a hatred amongst Arabs who used to hate each other that they're combining the greatest force against Christianity the world has ever seen. It's called Islam." (Iris Blasi is a writer in New York City.)

Story Time: Every Monday at 11 AM

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, October 20 at 7 PM

Novel Quilters Meeting:

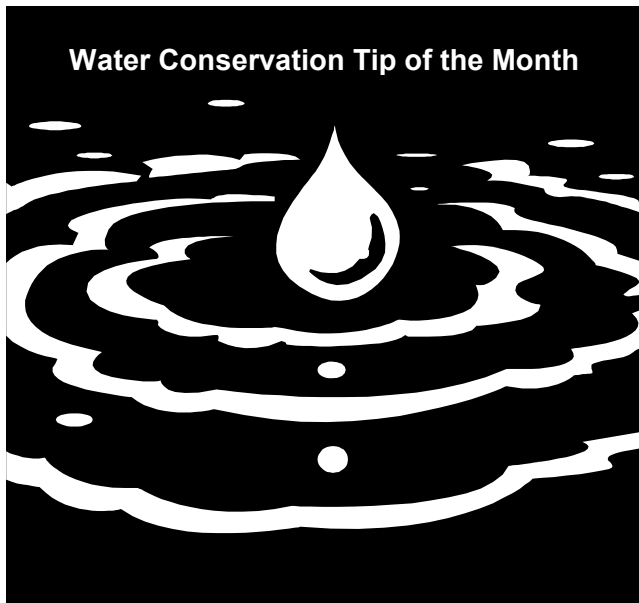
Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, October 29 at 7 PM

Trick or Treat at the Library:

Friday, October 31 from 5 PM to 8 PM



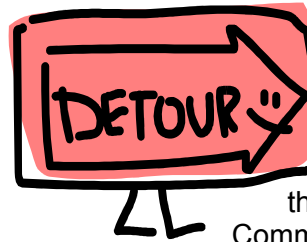
Instead of cooling water by running, keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator. Make only the amount of coffee, tea, etc. you expect to consume.

TRICK OR TREAT BAGS

On behalf of the Columbia City Police Department, free Trick or Treat bags are now available at City Hall!

OCTOBER 2008 - MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

October 2 nd	7:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 9 th	7:30 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
October 14 th	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall Canceled
October 16 th	7:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
October 20 th	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
October 21 st	5:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
October 23 rd	7:30 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall



"A" STREET TRAFFIC DETOURS PLANNED

The City Council awarded a construction contract for the "A" Street project to Kuenzi Communications LLC in early September, and construction is scheduled to commence in mid October. 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.

COLUMBIA CITY SIGN DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Columbia City Parks Committee will hold a dedication ceremony on **Saturday, October 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.** when they reinstall the handcrafted "Welcome to Columbia City" sign. The sign was originally made by former Mayor Herbert J. Sandstrom, who served as Mayor January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1964.

The sign was stolen from its posts along the Columbia City bike path next to Highway 30 near "E" Street earlier this year, and has since been recovered. We'd like to thank Stan and Sheri Hopkins and Nell Harrison for donating many hours and their talents towards refurbishing the sign.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS!!

1st place - Finos Lunsford; 2nd place - Dorothy Rofinot; 3rd place - Stacie Yates; 4th place - Michael Singh, 5th place - Lori Baker
Congratulations!!

**THANK YOU
TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE
2008 COLUMBIA CITY CELEBRATION**

We would like to extend a **very special thank you** to all of our sponsors, supporters and volunteers who made the 2008 Celebration possible for all of us to enjoy. The contributions made by these groups, businesses, individuals and volunteers were **huge!!!** We raised nearly \$9,500.00 during the Celebration! All proceeds are used to operate the Columbia City Community Library.

Ace Hardware – St. Helens	Hudson Garbage Service	Red Apple Market
All in the Family Landscape Maintenance	Ichabod's Restaurant	Richardson's Furniture
Art & Photos LLC	Inn at Spanish Head	Leahnette Rivers
Shelia Bauer	Jane Jack	Safeway Food & Drug
Best Western Oak Meadows Inn	Rosemary Jeffrey	Scandalous Hair Design
Bing's Restaurant	Colleen Jellison	Scappoose Cinema 7
Blockbuster Video	Jerry's Rogue Jets	Bob Schmor
Burger King	Jilly's	Sears Roebuck & Co.
Doug Calkins	Norm Jones	Seattle Art Museum
Marian Calnon	Joy Creek Nursery	Seattle Mariners
Cheryl's Hair Salon	Kandi's Koffee	Seattle Monorail Services
Children's Closet & Finders Keepers	Knit Divas	Semlings Pharmacy
Chinook Winds Casino Resort, an	Kozy Korner	Shilo Inns Suites Hotels
Enterprise of the Confederated Tribes	Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	Shoestring Community Players
of Siletz Indians of Oregon	Laird Enterprises	Percy Smith
The Chronicle	Lawrence Oil Company	The Smith Tower
Clackamas Heritage Partners	George & Jean LeMont	Soot Busters / St. Helens Sew & Vac Center
Columbia County Choppers	Les Schwab Tire Centers	St. Helens Auto Center
Columbia Electric Feed & Seed	Longfellow's Inn	St. Helens Baton Twirling Academy
Columbia River Maritime Museum	Lucky Eagle Casino	St. Helens Book Shop
Columbia Theatre	Catherine Lundberg	St. Helens Olde Towne Barber Shop
Rich Crandall	Mariner Square	St. Helens-Scappoose Septic Tank Service
Creative Kharma	Sally Ann Marson	St. Helens Senior Center
Dari Delish Drive-In	Maryhill Museum of Art	Stan's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
Daughters of the American Revolution	Maryhill Winery	Judy Valpiani
Deb's Hair Care	Jean McBride	Village Inn
Judy DeMeire	McMenamins Pubs & Breweries	Wanderlust Tours
Linda Dollis	Means Nursery Inc	Warren Country Inn
Eaton's Tire & Used Car Center Inc	Edna Morse	Sally Weston
El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant	Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort	Wicker Wonders
Elks Lodge	The Museum of Flight	Angela Willson
The Embroidery Hutch	Charlotte Nace	Yankton Store
EMP SFM	Napa Auto Parts St. Helens Store	Cheryl Young
Enchanted Forest	North Clackamas Aquatic Park	
Family Fun Center & Bullwinkle's Restaurant	Northwest Distillery	
Fibers & Stitches	Oaks Park Association	
Shannon Fitzgibbons	One Love Sports and Music	
Flowers 4 U & Antiques Too	Oregon Coast Aquarium	
Fred Meyer	OMSI	Special Financial Sponsors
Geppetto's Ice Cream & Deli	Oregon Shakespeare Festival	\$1,000-Wal-Mart
Good Daddy Jams	Oregon Trail Lanes	\$500-Columbia City Mini Mart (Kahn & Associates)
Grace's Rivertown Antiques	Oregon Zoo	\$500-West Oregon Wood Products, Inc
Judge Jennifer Grant	Pacific Science Center	\$500-Murray, Smith and Associates, Inc
Greater St. Helens Park & Recreation District	Partylite provided by Kate Knutson & Brandy Conway	\$500-Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
The Grotto	Papa Murphy's Pizza	\$500-Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnson
Bill & Linda Guy	Paulson Printing Co.	\$500-Comcast Cable (Raffle Prize Sponsorship)
Nell Harrison	The Pepsi Bottling Group	\$300-Columbia River PUD (Breakfast Sponsorship)
Hawaiian Island Café & Catering Co.	Pittock Mansion	\$200-Cathy Lundberg / Dennis Willson
High Desert Museum	Portland Children's Museum	\$50-K L & C Inc.
Houlton Bakery	Portland Classical Chinese Garden	\$25-Northwest Plumbing Services
Jack & Molly Hruska	Portland Opera	\$10-Pet Palace Grooming
	Portland Spirit	

AUCTION ITEMS

These auction items from the 2008 Columbia City Celebration haven't sold - here's your chance to get a great deal! The City will accept sealed bids for each of these items. All of the items may be examined at City Hall during regular work hours. All of the proceeds will benefit the Columbia City Community Library. To bid on the remaining items, complete the following form and return it in a sealed envelope to City Hall. Envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked "SEALED BID" and delivered to City Hall at 1840 Second Street, or mailed to PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018.

Sealed bids must be received by City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008.

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

- Bid: Item:**
- \$ _____ **Oriental Quilted Wall Hanging** by Judy DeMeire, a Scappoose resident who also writes as "Judith Pella", min. bid \$30
 - \$ _____ **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.
 - \$ _____ **Blue Bowling Bag**, donated by Oregon Trail Lanes, will hold a ball and bowling shoes, min. bid \$12.
 - \$ _____ **Guest Passes to the High Desert Museum for 2**, located in Bend, expire 10/31/08, donations gladly accepted.
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 - \$ _____ **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.
 - \$ _____ **\$25.00 Gift Certificate toward any Knitting or Crochet Class**, provided by Knit Divas in St. Helens, expires 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.
 - \$ _____ **1/2 day tour (canoe, cave, volcano or snowshoe) for 1**, provided by Wanderlust Tours in Bend, not valid for moonlight trips or special events, expires 9/6/09, min. bid \$23.
 - \$ _____ **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.
 - \$ _____ **Red Embroidered Bookbag (Pony)**, from The Embroidery Hutch, min. bid \$10.
 - \$ _____ **Black Embroidered Bookbag (Scappoose Indian)**, from The Embroidery Hutch, min. bid \$10.
 - \$ _____ **Black Embroidered Bookbag (St. Helens Lions)**, from The Embroidery Hutch, min. bid \$10.