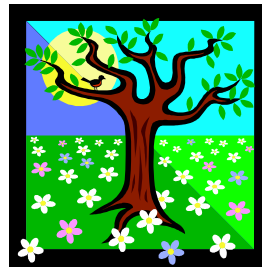


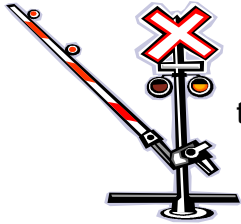
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QUIET ZONE TAKES EFFECT APRIL 26



The new Quiet Zone will officially take effect on April 26, 2009. The additional safety measures the City and ODOT installed in order to accommodate the Quiet Zone have passed ODOT Rail inspection. We are currently in the 30-day notice period for the Quiet Zone implementation. The Quiet Zone is permitted by the Federal Railroad Administration, and will silence the routine sounding of train horns within Columbia City.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon the Columbia County Transfer Station is open to accept hazardous waste materials. The Transfer Station is located at 1601 Railroad Avenue in St. Helens. The next Hazardous Waste Disposal event will occur on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

The County's HHW facility accepts the following:

- Pool and spa chemicals
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and poisons
- Thinners and solvents
- Household cleaners and disinfectants
- Art and hobby chemicals
- Aerosol spray chemicals
- Propane tanks and bottles
- Fluorescent lamps and ballasts
- PCB's
- Batteries

Not accepted:

- Ø Radioactive materials
- Ø Household trash
- Ø Explosives
- Ø Bio Medical waste



For all other materials, please contact Metro Recycling at (503) 234-3000.

IT'S TIME TO MOW WEEDS AND GRASSES

Between April 15th and September 30th of any year, weeds and grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height within the City limits. 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 may be cited into Municipal Court, or 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:

- Karen Bates, Marian Calnon, Gloria Chinell, Barbara Jones, Gladys Riahi, Phyllis Rowley and Debbie Virts for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in February.
- Marian Calnon for planting flowers around City Hall.
- Don Truedson for his mole-catching efforts.

DID YOU SEND US YOUR RECIPES?

We are diligently working on the cookbook that so many of you submitted recipes for! However, we recently came across a bundle of recipes that were submitted, and we're not sure who sent them to us. We would like to identify the author, so if you submitted approximately 14 recipes on notebook paper, please contact us and let us know!

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library book sale went so well in February! We raised over \$670 for the library. Last year we had a sale on the same day as Spring Cleanup, which was also the day for the Master Gardeners Plant Sale. Business wasn't so hot. I think people were in the mood to get stuff out of their houses, not bring more in! So we decided to do the next sale following the Spring Cleanup day. The best open Saturday that wasn't Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend was May 30, so save that date. And spring clean your bookshelves and bring those books to the library for our upcoming sale! Spring Cleanup day this year is Saturday, April 25. The library will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to take your books that day. We're building a great collection with your help!

The Novel Quilters have finished reading *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis. It is the story of two tough old women who are abandoned by their tribe in Alaska. We will be sharing our quilts on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. The next book will also be revealed, so if you've thought about joining our group, now is the time. Get inspired by the quilts and come have fun with us!

For the mystery book club, we decided to compare authors early in their careers with later works. Last month we read early books, and discussed character development, location, and writing style. This month we will read later works by the same author and see whether the authors have improved or gotten lazy over the years! Each person is reading an author of their choice. This is a fun book club. You decide what you want to read, with very broad suggestions. I even read a science fiction book one month – it was a mystery, it just happened to be set thousands of years in the future! The mystery book club is a great way for each of us to try out new authors and recommend or turn thumbs down on the books for the rest of the group.

New at the Library...

The Speed of Light by Elizabeth Moon is a Nebula award winner and an Arthur C. Clarke award nominee. (Science fiction) Elizabeth Moon writes this outstanding book with the empathy of a mother of an autistic son imagining a future where there are more options open for socialization and treatment. The plot is complex and so intriguing I couldn't put the book down.

By writing in the first person, Moon allows us to see the world through the eyes of Lou: an intelligent, thoughtful, accomplished autistic man who--after many years of struggling to be as "normal" as possible--is faced with the opportunity to be one of the first humans to undertake a dangerous operation which may cure his autism or destroy his mind. The technical risk of the operation doesn't disturb Lou as much as the question of what it will make of him if it succeeds. Is it right to "cure" the uniqueness that is Lou as a thoughtful, intelligent autistic person with a point of view that leads him to ask questions like "what is the speed of dark?"?

The book raises universal questions: What is the essence of a person? What do we risk if we change and what do we risk if we stay the same? What is the value of conformity? What is the source of happiness? Which choices will bring more light and which will bring more darkness? This is a book you don't want to miss. *Reviewed by S.L. Hill-Tanquist*

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.

Story Time:

Every Monday at 11 a.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Novel Quilters Meeting:

Wednesday April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up:

Saturday, April 25 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Phone: (503) 366-8020

E-mail: cclibrary@opusnet.com

Address: 205 "I" Street

HELP WANTED MUSEUM COMPLEX MANAGER

Conscientious, friendly manager of a small museum complex to give tours, book events and keep up the grounds.

Send resume to:

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PO Box 263

Columbia City, OR 97018-0263



QUILT RAFFLE

Purchase your raffle tickets now to win this beautiful quilt! This quilt was made by a group of local volunteers. All of the proceeds from this raffle will go to the Columbia City Community Library. Tickets are just \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. A total of 5,000 tickets are available for sale. The drawing will be held during the 2009 Columbia City Celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. You can buy your tickets at City Hall or the Library.



COLUMBIA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN FAIR

Don't miss the **Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association's** 14th annual fair on April 25th at St. Helens High School, inside the Commons and outside in the courtyard. The sale starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.



Master Gardeners will offer over 6,000 plants from 50 varieties of standard and heirloom tomatoes, for only \$1.25 per plant. Come early for the best selection. We will also have certified members on hand to provide general gardening information at the education table and tomato-specific information at the tomato sale.

Of course, we will also have our raffle, with tickets on sale for \$1.00 each and hourly prizes. Raffle tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from many Columbia County Master Gardeners and at the OSU Extension Service in St. Helens. You don't need to be present to win.

Dozens of local vendors will be offering garden-related items such as trellises, containers, ceramics, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, fertilizers, hanging baskets, trees and more.

Visit the Columbia County Master Gardeners website, www.ColumbiaCountyMasterGardeners.org. See you at the fair!

Spring Clean-Up Volunteers Needed!

Please call City Hall (503) 397-4010
if you'd like to volunteer!

POLICE ACTIVITY 02/24/09 - 03/22/09

02/24/09 Vandalism reported in the 400 block of Skookum Court.
02/24/09 Premise checks conducted.
02/24/09 Parking complaint near "B" and Belle Streets.
02/25/09 Premise checks conducted.
02/25/09 Citizen assist at City Hall.
02/26/09 Civil/non-criminal situation at the Columbia City Mini Mart.
02/28/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/02/09 Harassment call reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
03/03/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/03/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and "G" Street.
03/06/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/07/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/08/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/09/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 2000 block Second Street.
03/09/09 Parking complaint in the 2800 block of Sixth Street.
03/09/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/09/09 Suspicious vehicle at the Caples House.
03/10/09 Traffic complaint at the Mini Mart.
03/10/09 Littering complaint at the Mini Mart.
03/12/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/12/09 Suspicious vehicle at the Mini Mart.
03/12/09 Agency assist in the 2000 block of Third Street.
03/13/09 Agency assist in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
03/13/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 1900 block of First Street.
03/13/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/14/09 Public assist in the area of Sixth and "I" Streets.
03/14/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/15/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/17/09 Suspicious vehicle at Jim Bundy Memorial Park.
03/17/09 Nuisance call in the 2300 block of Fifth Place.
03/17/09 Nuisance call in the 400 block of "B" Street.

POLICE ACTIVITY 02/24/09 - 03/22/09 (Cont.)

03/17/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/17/09 Disabled vehicle near "I" and Fifth Streets.
03/17/09 Hit and run in the 2300 block of Sixth Street.
03/18/09 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
03/18/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/18/09 Public assist in the 1900 block of Second Street.

03/18/09 Public assist in the 1800 block of Second Street.
03/18/09 Suspicious vehicle near Highway 30 and "A" Street.
03/20/09 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
03/20/09 Hazard removed near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.
03/20/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/22/09 Premise checks conducted.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - APRIL 2009

April 2 nd	7:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
April 4 th	dawn	First day of open burning
April 9 th	7:30 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
April 14 th	7:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
April 16 th	7:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
April 19 th	dusk	Last day of open burning
April 20 th	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
April 20 th	7:30 PM	Municipal Court at City Hall
April 21 st	5:00 PM	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
April 25 th	9:00 AM	Spring Clean Up Event at the Grade School
April 25 th	10:00 AM	Audit Committee Meeting at City Hall

FREE! - WATER CONSERVATION KITS!

The City is still offering free water conservation kits to each water customer. Kits include one-touch on/off tap saver, a moisture meter, leak detection dye tablets, and water conservation tips. Stop by City Hall to pick up your kit today! Limit one kit per customer.

We are also offering water customers the opportunity to purchase a deluxe 7-spray water saving hose nozzle for just \$6.00.

To obtain your free water conservation kit and/or to purchase a water saving hose nozzle, please complete the form below and bring it to City Hall.



YES! I would like a FREE Water Conservation Kit!

The information requested below must be provided to receive your kit. You must be a Columbia City water customer. Limit one kit per customer.

Name: _____

Water Account Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Yes - I would like to purchase a deluxe water saving hose nozzle for \$6.00 (limit one per customer)



**FINAL OPPORTUNITY!
SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES FOR THE
COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!**

Trading recipes has been a popular pastime for generations upon generations. We want to turn this time-honored tradition into an exciting and profitable fundraising program for the Columbia City Community Library! Our community is full cooking talent, and we need your help!

What recipes are you "famous" for? Please share them with us! Submit your favorite recipes to include in the Community Cookbook. We collected many recipes last year and wanted to give you one more chance to sneak some in as we work to have the book ready for sale during the next City Celebration. **Please e-mail your recipes (with photos if possible) to: colcity@columbia-city.org.** Or, submit a copy of your recipe(s) or use the following entry form to submit your recipes to City Hall, and please include photos! If you have any questions please call City Hall at (503) 397-4010. **This is your final opportunity! Submit your recipes by: April 30, 2009.**



Name of Recipe: _____

Submitted by: _____ Servings: _____

Ingredient List: _____

Cooking Instructions: _____

Please provide a contact number for questions, not for publication in the cookbook.
Phone number: _____