

# COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009



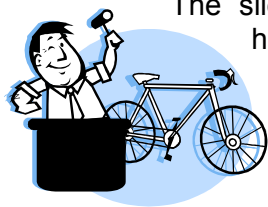
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## CELEBRATION 2009

Mark your calendar and join us for the Columbia City Celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2009!



We'll start the day with a Strawberry Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Columbia River PUD. Breakfast will be served in the Knapp Social Center, 1925 First Street from 9 to 11 AM - \$6 adults/\$4.50 children under 10.



The silent and oral auctions will be held in the Community Hall, 1850 Second Street. The oral auction begins at 11:30 AM. The silent auction runs from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Visit the Columbia City Police Department booth and meet our new Chief of Police, Mike McGlothlin. Our officers will provide child fingerprinting kits, present tips for the prevention of identity theft, register your bicycles along with giving away bicycle helmets, and have community watch start up information available. Please take the time to stop by and meet your police officers.

The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale in the Community Hall from 9 AM to 3 PM. Choose from a huge selection of great books at incredible prices!

The Caples House Museum and store will be open from 9 AM to 4 PM. Museum tours will be free of charge for the day.

The historical book, "Columbia City Days", Columbia City note cards, a variety of Columbia City T-shirts and the new Columbia City Community Cookbook will all be available for sale during the Celebration event.

We still need your help with the Celebration! We are looking for volunteers to help gather donations

and to help the day of the event. This is a fun time to volunteer and help the Community Library - just call City Hall to sign up.

All of the proceeds from the Celebration are used to operate the Columbia City Community Library. We hope to make this the biggest and best Celebration ever!

## PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

**Blue raffle tickets** provide you with an opportunity to win the following prizes:

### **1<sup>st</sup> prize: Hot Air Balloon Adventure in Wine Country for 2 (\$1,000+ value)**

This package includes a 2-night stay at The Allison Inn & Spa (*sponsored by Comcast Cable*), Vista Balloon Adventure, Perfect Picnics, Majestic Chocolates & Evergreen Aviation Museum

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Digital Camera (\$140 value)**  
Casio EX-Z9 8.1 Mega Pixels, 2.6" wide LCD screen, zoom optique 3X

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Chevron gift card (\$50 value)**

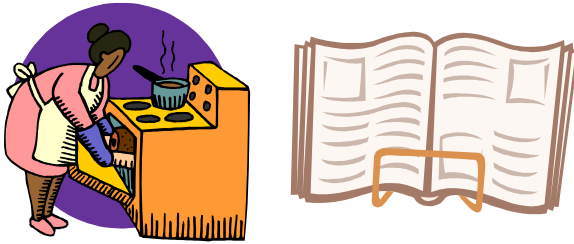
To win this beautiful quilt, purchase your **red raffle tickets**. This quilt was made by a group of local volunteers, and it recently won a first-place blue ribbon at the Columbia County Fair.



Tickets are just \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. A total of 5,000 tickets are available for each raffle sale. The drawing will be held during the 2009 Columbia City Celebration on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 1 PM. Tickets are on sale now at the City Hall and the Community Library, and all raffle proceeds go to the Library.

## **PURCHASE YOUR COLUMBIA CITY COMMUNITY COOKBOOK TODAY!!**

The Columbia City Community Cookbook (first edition) is now available for purchase! The Community Cookbook is new this year as a part of the Celebration event benefiting our Community Library. We really appreciate the contributions of great recipes that made the cookbook possible. What a great gift idea for your friends and relatives! Stop by the City Hall or the Library to purchase your cookbook(s) today for just \$8.00 each.



## **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN SCHEDULED FOR ADOPTION**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently provided technical assistance to Columbia City to facilitate the development of a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft plan identifies hazards, such as flood, severe weather, and earthquake. The plan also identifies the people and facilities potentially at risk and ways to mitigate hazards.

Across the United States, natural and manmade/technological disasters have increasingly caused injury, death, property damage, and interruption of business and government services. The toll on individuals, families, and businesses can be very high. The time, money, and emotional effort required to respond to and recover from these disasters take public resources and attention away from other important programs and problems.

The people and property in the State of Oregon are at risk from a variety of hazards that have the potential for causing human injury, property damage, or environmental harm.

The purpose of hazard mitigation planning is to implement projects that eliminate the risk or reduce the severity of hazards on people and property. Mitigation programs may include short- and long-term activities to reduce the hazards; reduce exposure to hazards; or reduce the effects of

hazards. Mitigation could include better preparation, response, and recovery measures. Examples of hazard mitigation activities include relocating buildings, developing or strengthening building codes, and educating residents and building owners.

Columbia City will be eligible to receive grant money for mitigation programs after adopting a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The City's draft plan contains the planning process used, a list of hazards that were identified, risk assessment information, hazard mitigation goals, and a list of mitigation programs, actions and projects that resulted from the process.

The City Council will consider formally adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan during their meeting on August 20, 2009, at 7:30 PM. If you would like to review the plan, please feel free to stop by City Hall.

## **THANK YOU**

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

- Vonnie Walker for weeding the flowerbeds at City Hall.
- Norm Jones for mowing the grass in Datis, Pixie and Ruth Rose Richardson Parks.
- Karin Bates, Jean Carulli, Gloria Chinell, Betty Jensen, Barbara Jones, Jean Lord and Phyllis Rowley for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in June.
- Sadie Stockton for the plant donations.
- Stan and Sherry Hopkins, Marian Calnon, Nell Harrison and Sally Ann Marson for helping with park maintenance activities in Jim Bundy Memorial Park.
- All-N-One Asphalt Maintenance for repairing potholes.

## **FOUND ITEMS**

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

- Silver earring found outside of City Hall.
- Two sets of pliers found in the street at Sixth and "I" Streets.
- Backpack found at Pixie Park.

Please stop by City Hall or give us a call at (503) 397-4010 if you lost any of these items.

## LIBRARY NEWS

by Catherine Lundberg, Librarian

The Library has been busy, busy, busy on Mondays. I have been enjoying reading during story time and doing a craft afterwards. It is so nice to see so many kids come in and learn to love reading!

We continue to get new books in faster than we can process them. The community is doing a great job of donating books, both for the Library and for our book

sales. We put about 30 books a week out on the shelves, so take a look at the new book area! Kids books get put right on the shelves instead of waiting a week at the new book shelf.

We only have a month and a half until the Columbia City Celebration. Now is the time to donate books, baskets and items for the themed baskets that we will auction along with everything else. See how creative you can be! (Hey, I bet we have some books to give you ideas...)

The Mystery Book Club read food-themed mysteries this month. Apparently there's a lot that can go wrong in the kitchen! Try Diane Mott Davidson, JoAnne Fluke or Susan Wittig Albert. There are so many authors, so little time!

### New at the Library...

*The Merlot Murders: A Wine Country Mystery* by Ellen Crosby

In the 1st book in the Wine Country mystery series, we meet siblings Lucie, Eli and Mia Montgomery. They are descendants of a



once-wealthy family who owns a 500-acre vineyard in Virginia along with their father and godfather. Lucie has been hiding in France for two years, recovering both emotionally and physically from a devastating car accident that crippled her left leg and left her using a cane to walk. She receives a call from Eli early one morning, only to discover that their father has died under mysterious circumstances. Lucie goes home for the funeral, and discovers that their beautiful estate has become run-down and is deep in debt. Now that her father has died, Lucie's brother and sister want to sell the vineyard and split the proceeds. However, the vineyard is still owned in part by Lucie and her godfather, Fitz, who sides with Lucie and refuses to sell. When Fitz is found dead from another "accident", Lucie quickly begins to question whether one of her siblings is desperate enough for money to kill their father and godfather. Lucie must work fast to put a stop to the killings and try to save the vineyard that she dearly loves and wants to keep within the family.

Being unlike many cozies on the market today with its complex and intricate plot, I was intrigued with the style and the writing in this book. The plot was interesting, and offered plenty of twists and turns to keep me guessing as to the identity of the killer. I enjoyed the somewhat "tragic" character of Lucie, and how she continued to fight for everything she loves despite her disability. I look forward to reading more books in this fascinating new series. Enjoy! (*L. Smith "acozylover" Macomb, MI*)

### Story Time:

Every Monday, 11 AM

### Friends of the Library:

Monday, August 17, 7 PM

### Novel Quilters

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 PM

### Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, August 26, 7 PM

### Staffed Library Hours:

Monday & Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM

Wednesday, 4 PM – 8 PM

Thursday, 2 PM – 6 PM

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## WHAT CAN NATIVE AMERICAN MYTHS AND NEW SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES TELL US ABOUT "THE BIG ONE?"

Native American historical narratives speak of a great shaking followed by a massive flood that has struck the Oregon coast in the past. Japanese written records document an "orphan tsunami" that ravaged their coast 309 years ago. Today we know these accounts refer to the last great Cascadia earthquake to strike the Pacific Northwest. We also know one of these mega-quakes and a massive tsunami could hit Oregon at any time.

New scientific discoveries are also showing us that what we thought about these giant earthquakes may be all wrong.

Join James Roddey from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries as he explores Native American legends, new geologic discoveries and one of the great scientific detective stories of the 20th century, all in order to understand what *The Big One* has in store for all of us.

"Many people have heard Roddey speak and they find him to be exciting to listen to," says Derek White, Deputy Director for Columbia County Emergency Management. "He's definitely not a boring speaker and we are glad to have him come out and speak in Columbia County."

White adds that it is vital for people to understand the hazards we face. "There are a lot of things that can affect us in Columbia County, but the earthquake threat is potentially the most catastrophic. People should not live in fear but instead be prepared for whatever happens. We hope folks will come out for these presentations and bring their families."

The Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries invite you to attend one of two upcoming presentations:

**Friday, August 7, 6:30 PM**

Scappoose City Hall  
33568 East Columbia Avenue, Scappoose

**Saturday, August 8, 10:00 AM**

Clatskanie School Board Office  
555 SW Bryant Street, Clatskanie

## CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM NOW OFFERING MEMORY AND LOVE BRICKS



The Caples House Museum is offering "Memory and Love Bricks" to commemorate individuals, families, clubs, teams, elected officials and businesses.

Caples House is an 1870's pioneer home with a magnificent view of the Columbia River and Mt. St. Helens. The home and grounds have seen a lot of history starting before log cabin days—to the first doctor's office in the county—to today!

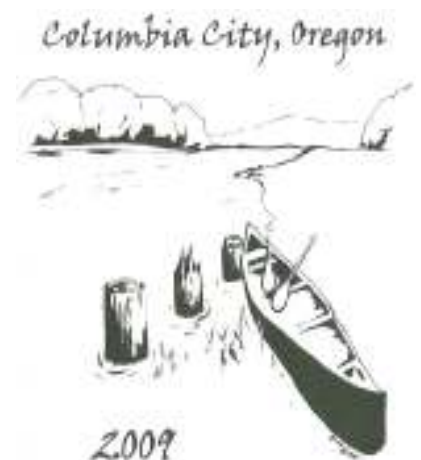
History is not frozen in time. Every person and group that interacts with a place or community leaves an imprint of sorts. The Caples House Museum is honoring this fact with "Memory and Love Bricks" to be installed in pathways on their beautiful grounds.

Bricks are \$45 each or 3 for \$125. Bricks have already been purchased and can soon be seen at the Caples House Museum at 1925 First Street in Columbia City.

For more information or to download an order form, check out their website at: [www.capleshouse.com](http://www.capleshouse.com) or call their live-in caretaker at (503) 397-5390.

## COLUMBIA CITY T-SHIRTS

The new Columbia City T-shirts will be available soon. They are short sleeve, adult size only, and available in two colors - denim blue or Texas orange. The new logo will be printed in black on the denim blue and in dark brown on the Texas orange, centered on the front of the shirt.



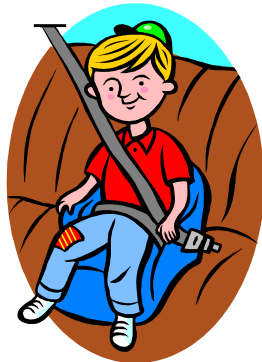
### Adult sizes:

Small-X-Large: \$12

2X: \$13      3X: \$14

## COLUMBIA COUNTY SAFE KIDS CAR SEAT PROGRAM

Child safety seats are available to low-income families in Columbia County at a reduced cost.



To participate in this Car Seat Distribution Program you must attend one of the following local events between 4 PM and 6 PM:

**August 13** - Columbia County Rider Rainier Transit Center, 207 W "B" Street, Rainier.

**September 10** - St. Helens Fire Station, 105 S.12<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Helens.

**October 8** - Vernonia Fire Station, 555 E. Bridge Street, Vernonia.

**November 12** - Clatskanie Transit Center, 280 E. Columbia River Hwy., Clatskanie.

**December 10** - St. Helens Fire Station, 105 S 12th Street, St. Helens.

- **Children must be present, unless the child is unborn.**
- **Families must bring their vehicle and the seats currently being used for the child.**
- **Please allow for 30 minutes per seat.**
- **Limit one convertible, combination or booster seat per child.**

Convertible seats protect children weighing between 5 and 40 pounds. Combination seats protect children over 1 year of age and weighing over 22 pounds. Booster seats protect children weighing over 40 pounds to age 8 or 4'9" in height.

Convertible and combination seats are \$30. High back booster seats are \$20.00. No back booster seats are \$10.00. Please bring cash or money order made out to Columbia County Safe Kids. Supplies are limited so seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

Child restraint law: Child passengers must be restrained in approved child safety seats until they weigh 40 pounds. Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach one year of age AND twenty pounds.

Booster seat law: Children over 40 pounds must use a booster seat until they are age 8 OR 4'9" in height.

Safety belt law: A child taller than 4'9" OR age 8 or older must be properly secured with the vehicle's safety belt. The child is properly secured if the lap belt is positioned low across the thighs and the shoulder belt is positioned over the collarbone and away from the neck.

Best practice: Remember that children under age 13 should ride in the back seat where they are 37% safer. And never transport more children in your car than you have child safety seats and safety belt systems.

Questions? Call ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 1 (800) 772-1315. Seats are provided through a grant from ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center and ODOT Transportation Safety Division.

**WATER CONSERVATION TIP**

Avoid over watering. Grass needs water only when it is pale green and it stays flat after it has been stepped on.

### POLICE REPORT – 05/18/09 to 07/22/09

- 05/18/09 Animal complaint near Calvin Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Place.
- 05/18/09 Animal complaint in the area of Highway 30 and Pacific Street.
- 05/19/09 Harassment at the Columbia City Grade School.
- 05/20/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and "L" Street.
- 05/20/09 Premise checks conducted.
- 05/21/09 Noise complaint in the 2300 block of Sixth Street.
- 05/22/09 Juvenile situation in the 1500 block of Second Street.
- 05/22/09 Threatening call in the 1700 block of First Street.
- 05/23/09 Premise checks conducted.
- 05/23/09 Agency assist in the area of Highway 30 and "G" Street.
- 05/23/09 Premise checks conducted
- 05/24/09 Hazard in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.
- 05/24/09 Intoxicated person reported in the parking lot of the Mini Mart.
- 05/24/09 Resident found a live skunk in the engine compartment of his truck.

## **POLICE REPORT – 05/18/09 to 07/22/09 (Cont.)**

05/24/09 Loose dog call in the 3600 block of Fifth Street.  
05/25/09 Suspicious circumstances in the 1700 block of Fourth Street.  
05/25/09 Suspicious circumstances in the 300 block of "A" Street.  
05/26/09 Animal complaint in the 2000 block of Eight Street.  
05/26/09 Premise checks done.  
05/26/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 2000 block of Second Street.  
05/26/09 Public assist at City Hall.  
05/27/09 Follow-up on a theft call.  
05/27/09 Traffic complaint in the area of Highway 30 and "A" Street.  
05/28/09 Suspicious vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
05/29/09 Possible DUII driver in the area of Highway 30 and "L" Street.  
05/30/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/01/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/02/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/02/09 Animal complaint near Park Drive and Mattie Street.  
06/02/09 Traffic complaint in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
06/02/09 Agency assist in the 1800 block of Fourth Street.  
06/02/09 Suspicious person near Second and "I" Streets.  
06/02/09 Suspicious person in the 1800 block of Second Street.  
06/03/09 Noise complaint in the 2200 block of Second Street.  
06/03/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/03/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.  
06/03/09 Noise complaint in the 2200 block of Second Street.  
06/04/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/04/09 Hazard near First and "I" Streets.  
06/05/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/06/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/07/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/09/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/10/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/10/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and "L" Street.  
06/11/09 Animal complaint at Harvard Park.  
06/11/09 Juvenile related problem near First and "K" Streets.  
06/12/09 Premise checks conducted.

06/13/09 Agency assist in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.  
06/13/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/13/09 Noise complaint in the 2000 block of Fifth Street.  
06/13/09 Threat call in the 400 block of Penn Street.  
06/13/09 Disturbance call in the 400 block of Penn Street.  
06/14/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/14/09 Juvenile related problem in the 200 block of Second Street.  
06/15/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/15/09 Assist outside agency in the 200 block of "G" Street.  
06/16/09 Public assist at the Police Department.  
06/16/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.  
06/16/09 Traffic complaint in the 1200 block of Fourth Street.  
06/17/09 Traffic complaint on Highway 30 near mile post 30.  
06/17/09 Animal complaint at City Hall.  
06/18/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/19/09 Domestic dispute in the 100 block of "K" Street.  
06/19/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/20/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/20/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and "E" Street.  
06/21/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/21/09 Public assist in the area of Highway 30 and "A" Street.  
06/21/09 Hazard on Highway 30 near "A" Street.  
06/22/09 Suspicious circumstances near Sixth and "E" Streets.  
06/22/09 Burglary in the 2300 block of Sixth Street.  
06/22/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 1600 block of "H" Street.



## POLICE REPORT – 05/18/09 to 07/22/09 (Cont.)

06/22/09 Hazard in the area of Highway 30 and “E” Street.  
06/22/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and “E” Street.  
06/23/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/23/09 Public assist at City Hall.  
06/24/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/24/09 Noise complaint in the 2200 block of Second Street.  
06/24/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and “L” Street.  
06/25/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/25/09 Juvenile problem on Metlako Way.  
06/25/09 Animal complaint in the 3500 block of Park Drive.  
06/26/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/26/09 Suspicious person in the 1300 block of Second Street.  
06/26/09 Public assist/disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and “E” Street.  
06/27/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/28/09 Traffic complaint in the 300 block of “A” Street.  
06/28/09 Possible DUII driver southbound on Highway 30 near “A” Street.  
06/29/09 Premise checks conducted.  
06/30/09 Animal complaint near Sixth and “E” Streets.  
06/30/09 Animal complaint near Sixth and “G” Streets.  
07/01/09 Animal complaint in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
07/01/09 Juvenile problem in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
07/02/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/02/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and “A” Street.  
07/03/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/04/09 Alarm at the Columbia City Sports and Recreation Club.  
07/04/09 Hazard on Highway 30 near mile post 30.  
07/04/09 Parking violation in the 1300 block of Second Street.  
07/05/09 Alarm in the 3500 block of Fifth Street.



07/05/09 Agency assist in the area of Highway 30 and Pacific Street.  
07/05/09 Agency assist in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.

07/06/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/06/09 Public assist in the 1900 block of Second Street.  
07/06/09 Juvenile situation in the 2300 block of Fifth Street.  
07/07/09 Suspicious person near Third and “L” Streets.  
07/07/09 Suspicious person near City Hall.  
07/07/09 Welfare check in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
07/07/09 Noise complaint in the 1900 block of Second Street.  
07/07/09 Alarm in the 2400 block of Seventh Street.  
07/08/09 Noise complaint in the 2300 block of Sixth Street.  
07/08/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/08/09 Juvenile problem in the 200 block of “G” Street.  
07/09/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/09/09 Parking problem in the 3000 block of Sixth Street.  
07/09/09 Alarm call in the 2400 block of Seventh Street.  
07/09/09 Welfare check in the 1900 block of Third Street.  
07/10/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/10/09 Harassment call in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.  
07/11/09 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
07/11/09 Noise complaint in the 1900 block of Third Street.  
07/12/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/12/09 Noise complaint in the 1900 block of Third Street.  
07/12/09 Noise complaint in the 1800 block of Eighth Street.  
07/13/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/13/09 Noise complaint in the 1900 block of Third Street.  
07/13/09 Public assist in the 400 block of Skookum Court.  
07/14/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/15/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/15/09 Animal complaint in the 2000 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Court.  
07/15/09 Nuisance call in the 3500 block of Tahoma Street.  
07/15/09 Assault call at the Columbia City Sports and Recreation Club.  
07/16/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/16/09 Noise complaint near Second and “I” Streets.  
07/17/09 Premise checks conducted.

## **POLICE REPORT – 05/18/09 to 07/22/09 (Cont.)**

07/17/09 Noise complaint in the 1900 block of Third Street.  
07/17/09 Fraud reported.  
07/17/09 Animal complaint in the 400 block of “E” Street.  
07/18/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/18/09 Unwanted person in the 400 block of Penn Street.  
07/18/09 Open door checked at a residence in the 400 block of Skookum Court.  
07/20/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/20/09 Animal complaint in the 1800 block of First Street.  
07/20/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and “I” Street.  
07/20/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 2900 block of Fifth Street.  
07/21/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/21/09 Endangering call reported at the Police Department.  
07/21/09 Trespass in progress in the 100 block of “B” Street.  
07/22/09 Premise checks conducted.  
07/22/09 Suspicious person in the area of Highway 30 and “E” Street.  
07/22/09 Disabled vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.  
07/22/09 Suspicious vehicle in the area of Highway 30 and “A” Street.

### **"TOGETHER WE PREPARE OREGON" MAKE A PLAN**

The more you have planned out ahead of time, the calmer and more assured your family will be during a disaster or emergency.

- **Take time to talk about potential disasters.**
- **Establish emergency contacts.**
- **Practice evacuating your home.**
- **Determine two meeting places where your family will reunite.**

### **MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR - AUGUST 2009**

August 6	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 11	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall
August 13	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall
August 17	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library
August 18	5:00 p.m.	Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall
August 20	7:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall
August 27	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Court at City Hall

## **Five Steps to Family Disaster Planning:**

**1. Talk** with your family about disasters that could happen in the Pacific Northwest, such as home fires, wildfires, severe winter weather, flooding, earthquakes, terrorism and hazardous material accidents.

**2. Train** all family members. Learn to use a fire extinguisher. Locate your utility shut-off valves and know when and how to turn off your gas, electricity and water. Make sure all responsible people in the household have this knowledge or training.

Pick two places to meet:

**(1)** Right outside of your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.

**(2)** Outside of your neighborhood in case you can't return home or are asked to leave your neighborhood.

**3. Take stock** of supplies you may already have on hand that would be helpful in a disaster. Involve the whole family in collecting and assembling supplies of food, water and emergency tools.

**4. Tell** everyone in the household where emergency contact information will be kept. Post a copy on your refrigerator, keep another with your disaster supplies kit and in your purse, wallet or backpack. Compile an Emergency Contacts list and make copies for each member of your family. Make sure you have included an out-of-state contact. You may be able to reach them when local phone lines are down.

**5. Test** your readiness on a regular basis. Review your family disaster plan and go through supplies at least once a year. Commit to a day or weekend to update phone numbers, hold family fire and earthquake drills and check supplies.