

COLUMBIA CITY NEWSLETTER

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FLU PREVENTION TIPS

With the flu season in full swing, remember to stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Wash your hands. Hand washing with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent infectious diseases. You should wash your hands often to help remove the germs you may pick up from touching people, surfaces, and animals. For effective hand washing, use soap and warm water for a full 20 seconds.



Use alcohol-based hand cleaner or wipes. Use hand cleaners when soap and warm water are not readily available to you.

Eat a balanced diet and get proper rest. This is good general advice for keeping your body healthy and able to fight off infections.

Keep your distance! Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too. You should also avoid going to work when you are ill with the flu, and encourage your kids to stay at home from school if they have the flu.

Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces. Cleaning and disinfecting are not the same. While cleaning with soap and water removes visible dirt and most germs, disinfecting with a bleach solution or other disinfectant kills additional germs on surfaces, providing an added margin of safety.

When you cough or sneeze. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve - not your hands. Wash your hands with soap and warm water, or clean with an alcohol-based hand cleaner or wipe.



COLUMBIA CITY RESIDENTS HELP FEED FAMILIES & FURRY FRIENDS

We would like to thank all of our residents that participated in Columbia City's Feed Our Families & Furry Friends food drive. This food drive was held during the state's 150th anniversary celebration entitled Take Care of Oregon Days, in conjunction with SOLV, Rural Development Initiatives and Oregon Volunteers.

With your help, we brought in 177 pounds of food for both pets and people, along with \$285 in cash donations, for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. We also raised \$155 in cash for the Humane Society, \$94 in cash for the St. Helens Senior Center, and paid for 32 hot meals for delivery to homebound seniors. Thank you all for your generous support of our efforts!

LOOKING FOR CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS!!

The Columbia City Celebration will be Saturday, September 12, 2009 and we are looking forward to our best Celebration ever. We need your help! We are looking for people who would be able to solicit local businesses, gather donations and sell raffle tickets. These activities are such a vital part of the success of the auction and raffle. All proceeds from the Celebration go to our local library. If you are interested, please contact Helen at City Hall at (503) 397-4010.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We're currently collecting items to auction during the Columbia City Celebration in September. Gift certificates for services and products and handmade items are just a few examples of items that are popular during the auction. All of the auction proceeds are used to fund the Columbia City Community Library. If you'd like to donate an item for the auction, please give us a call at (503) 397-4010 or stop by City Hall. Your donations are appreciated!

FLEET DAY AT CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM

On June 4, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy a day by the Columbia River watching the ships come in for the Rose Festival. Explore a pioneer house museum and shop for crafts at the Country Store.



A lunch of ham, salad, assorted vegetables and fruits, fresh bread and strawberry shortcake will be served buffet style. Refresh yourself with lemonade, iced tea or coffee on the porch of the Knapp Center. Ring the Caples family's bell when the ships go by!

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be ordered at events@capleshouse.com or by calling 503-397-5390.

ROSE FESTIVAL FLEET

The Rose Festival Fleet Week is June 3 through June 7. Ships from the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and the Canadian Maritime Forces sail in from around the world. Fleet visitation has been an annual tradition for nearly 70 years. The ships usually sail by Columbia City the first two days of that week, but there are no specific times for their arrival.



THANK YOU

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

- ❖ Bernie Albertine, Karin Bates, Gloria Chinell, Betty Jensen, Barbara Jones, Vera Moeller, Phyllis Rowley and Vonnie Walker for helping with the newsletter and utility billing in April.
- ❖ Scott Tullock, Sally Ann Marson, Jack Hruska, Scott and Sharon Morris, John and Jan Burdett and the community service workers from the Columbia County Circuit Court Juvenile Department for participating in the SOLV Down by the Riverside Clean Up Event at Datis and Pixie Parks.

REMINDER FOR PET OWNERS

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.



PLEASE KEEP THOSE GRASSES AND WEEDS CUT!



Between April 15 and September 30 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.

THE 4TH OF JULY IS COMING!

Yes, there was some concern that the firework display may not happen for 2009. Be assured that the celebration is still on, but the St. Helens Community Foundation needs your help and support to continue this and other community celebrations and events. It is not too late to help with a donation! Donations need to be made out to the St. Helens Community Foundation and mailed to: 90 Columbia Blvd, St. Helens OR 97051. If you choose to donate to a specific event only, please specify in the memo section of your check. A letter will be sent to confirm your donation. Thank You.



The fireworks are scheduled to start at 10:00 p.m. and there will be entertainment during the day at the park. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing each one of you at the river front on July 4th!

FOUND ITEM

A small case of CD's was found and turned into City Hall. Does it belong to you? If you think this item may be yours, please contact City Hall at (503) 397-4010.

LIBRARY NEWS

It's June! Summer is here and school will be out soon! Our Summer Reading program starts June 22.

Read Cool Books for Sweet Treats

Register with the library to get an ice cream cone on the wall. Earn scoops for reading or listening to books. Turn in your reading log for sweet treats!

Storytime

Promote the love of reading with engaging stories read aloud every Monday at 11 am.

Pizza and a Paperback

Reserve your time and space at the library to get together with friends and talk books. We can arrange for book talks about what's new, what's hot, what's cool or other suggested themes. Plus tips to help your group get started. This setup is ideal for tweens & teens. Bring snacks or share a pizza.

Some online sites for kids that promote reading fun:

- Flashlight Readers for children in grades 3-8, has more than 140,000 members and features popular titles that kids love. Visit www.scholastic.com/flashlight/ for more information.
- www.kidsreads.com is the best place on the web for kids to find info about their favorite books, series and authors. Reviews of the newest titles, interviews with the coolest authors, and special features on great books are their specialties.
- The Internet Public Library (www.ipl.org) is a library for the World Wide Web. You can find links to on-line stories and also learn more about your favorite books and authors. There are links to resources and sites on just about any topic you may be interested in with safe surfing in mind.

Book Clubs

The Novel Quilters are reading *The Egg and I* by Betty McDonald. It is set on a chicken ranch on the Olympic Peninsula in the 1930s. A classic, and the quilts should be lots of fun! Expect to see quilts in October. And check out the poster of quilts made for *Two Old Women*, our most recent book.

The mystery book club will be reading true crime this month. How different is it from fictional crime? We'll find out at our June 24th meeting.

New at the Library...

In the Night Room (a sequel to Peter Straub's *Lost Boy Lost Girl*) brings back Timothy Underhill, the children's book author who realizes he made an error in his previous novel. He sets out to correct it in his new novel, but he begins to see the ghost of his dead sister who is trying to warn him about something. He then begins to receive fragmentary e-mails with return addresses from dead acquaintances. Willy Patrick, another young adult author, is driven to rescue her daughter, although her daughter and husband may have been murdered by her fiancé. When Timothy meets Willy, he realizes that she's written the same book he has, and the lines of reality and fiction, sanity and insanity begin to blur for him, and he must find and fight the evil that has surrounded him. *In the Night Room* has received glowing reviews with the Philadelphia Inquirer saying, "This is popular fiction of an intriguingly high order, deftly exploring how imagination not only draws on reality, but can actually shape it."

Staffed Library Hours:

Monday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Story Time:

Every Monday at 11 a.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting:

Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

Novel Quilters Meeting:

Wednesday June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Group:

Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

Phone: (503) 366-8020

Address: 205 "I" Street

E-mail: cclibrary@opusnet.com

Website:

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



LICENSE AND PERMIT REMINDER

Planning to hire a contractor to help you with a project around the house this summer? If so, please be sure that your contractor has a current business license to do work within the City of Columbia City.

Also, whether you're hiring a contractor or planning to do the work yourself, please remember that many types of projects require a permit. For building, plumbing and mechanical permit information, call City Hall at (503) 397-4010. For electrical permit information, contact Columbia County Land Development Services at (503) 397-1501.



PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Columbia City Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to receive written and oral testimony on an application for a fence exceeding six feet in height. The application was submitted by the Mark Ebert, property owner, for property identified on Columbia County Tax Assessor Map 5128-BD as Lot 1000, located at 820 "I" Street.

An approval would permit the property owner to construct a fence exceeding six feet in height on a portion of the property. Approval of the application is subject to the applicant demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Columbia City Development Code 7.96 and 7.162. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may approve the application as presented, approve a revised proposal based on testimony in the public hearing, or deny the application.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and present oral and written testimony. Copies of all documents related to the application are available for review at the City Hall located at 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon. Copies can also be purchased at cost. If you would like to comment but cannot attend the hearing, submit comments in writing to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. The staff report will be available for review at City Hall on June 2, 2009.

POLICE REPORT - 03/23/09 TO 05/17/09

03/23/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/23/09 Nuisance call in the 2800 block of Fifth Street.
03/23/09 Domestic dispute in the 300 block of Lincoln Street.
03/24/09 Public assist in the 500 block of "D" Street.
03/24/09 Suspicious person in the 2400 block of Fifth Street.
03/24/09 Audible alarm in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
03/24/09 Juvenile abuse in the 400 block of "A" Street.
03/25/09 Incomplete 9-1-1 call in the 2000 block of Second Street.
03/26/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/26/09 Minor in possession of alcohol in the 400 block of "A" Street.
03/28/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/29/09 Audible alarm in the 400 block of Belle Street.
03/29/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/30/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/30/09 Public assist in the area of Highway 30 and "I" Street.
03/30/09 Public assist at the Police Department.
03/31/09 Suspicious vehicle near Sixth and "E" Streets.
03/31/09 Disabled vehicle near Sixth and "E" Streets.
03/31/09 Fraud activity in the 100 block of "M" Street.
03/31/09 Premise checks conducted.
03/31/09 Public assist near Sixth and "C" Streets.
03/31/09 Public assist near Fourth and "E" Streets.
04/01/09 Traffic complaint on Highway 30 near Chimes Crest.
04/01/09 Public assist at the Police Department.
04/01/09 Nuisance call in the 200 block of Fifth Street.
04/01/09 Nuisance call in the 2300 block of Sixth Street.
04/01/09 Premise checks conducted.
04/02/09 Harassment in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.
04/03/09 Premise checks conducted.
04/03/09 Death investigation in the 3600 block of Park Drive.
04/03/09 Domestic dispute in the 1900 block of Third Street.
04/04/09 Open door found and residents gone near Second Street and Spinnaker Way.
04/04/09 Premise checks conducted.

POLICE REPORT- 03/23/09 TO 05/17/09 (Cont.)

04/05/09 Juvenile situation near Highway 30 and "L" Street.

04/05/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/06/09 Theft of a sign at the intersection of Sixth and "A" Streets.

04/06/09 Public assist in the 2500 block of Fifth Street.

04/07/09 Public assist at City Hall.

04/08/09 Suspicious person at Jim Bundy Memorial Park.

04/08/09 Hazard call on Highway 30 near "L" Street.

04/08/09 Public assist on Metlako Way.

04/08/09 Traffic crash on Highway 30 near Chimes Crest.

04/08/09 Hazard call on Highway 30 near "E" Street.

04/09/09 Animal complaint at Harvard Park.

04/10/09 Assist Fire Department in the 1700 block of Seventh Street.

04/10/09 Disabled vehicle on Highway 30 near Chimes Crest.

04/10/09 Suspicious circumstances in the 300 block of "M" Street.

04/10/09 Audible alarm in the 3500 block of Fifth Street.

04/10/09 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and "E" Street.

04/12/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/12/09 Noise complaint near "B" and Sixth Streets.

04/13/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/13/09 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "E" Street.

04/15/09 Vandalism in the 1900 block of Second Street.

04/15/09 Noise complaint in the 1800 block of Ninth Street.

04/15/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/17/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/18/09 Alarm in the 1900 block of Ninth Street.

04/18/09 Vandalism in the 1800 block of Second Street.

04/18/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/20/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/20/09 Public assist at City Hall.

04/21/09 Trespass call taken. No other information.

04/21/09 Suspicious person on Highway 30 near Pacific Street.

04/21/09 Assist another agency at Highway 30 near Chimes Crest.

04/21/09 Hazard near the 300 block of "A" Street.

04/22/09 Public assist in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.

04/22/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of Third Street.

04/23/09 Suspicious vehicle near "E" and Third Streets.

04/23/09 Public assist in the 400 block of "C" Street.

04/23/09 Public assist in the 1900 block of Second Street.

04/23/09 Public assist at City Hall.

04/27/09 Trespass reported. No other information.

04/27/09 Vandalism on Metlako Way.

04/27/09 Hazard in the area of The Strand and "F" Street.

04/28/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 3600 block of Park Drive.

04/29/09 Hazard in the area of Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.

04/30/09 Premise checks conducted.

04/30/09 Juvenile situation in the area of "E" Street and The Strand.

04/30/09 Suspicious circumstances in the 400 block of Belle Court.

05/01/09 Incomplete 9-1-1 call in the 300 block of "A" Street.

05/02/09 Alarm in the 1600 block of Sixth Street.

05/02/09 Premise checks conducted.

05/02/09 Noise complaint on Metlako Way.

05/03/09 Suspicious person near "K" and Seventh Streets.

05/03/09 Premise checks conducted.

05/05/09 Alarm in the 300 block of "A" Street.

05/05/09 Suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of Fourth Street.

05/05/09 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and Chimes Crest.

05/07/09 Premise checks conducted.

05/13/09 Theft call in the 400 block of "B" Street.

05/13/09 Littering offense reported. No other information available.

05/14/09 Public assist near Highway 30 and "E" Street.

05/14/09 Theft in the 2000 block of First Street.

05/15/09 Premise checks conducted.

05/16/09 Traffic complaint near Highway 30 and "L" Street.

05/17/09 Premise checks conducted.

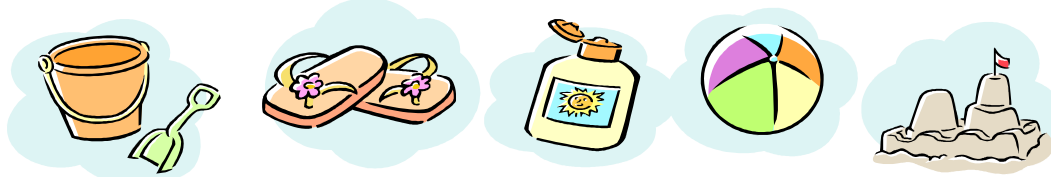
05/17/09 Suspicious person near Highway 30 and "E" Street.

05/17/09 Theft reported in the 1800 block of First Street.

05/17/09 Juvenile situation in the 400 block of "A" Street.

MONTHLY MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR JUNE 2009

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| June 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall |
| June 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall |
| June 11 | 7:30 p.m. | Municipal Court at City Hall |
| June 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Friends of the Library Meeting at the Library |
| June 16 | 5:00 p.m. | Parks Committee Meeting at City Hall |
| June 18 | 7:30 p.m. | Regular City Council Meeting at City Hall |
| June 25 | 7:30 p.m. | Municipal Court at City Hall |



AUTOMATIC BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE

Automatic bill payment pays your water and sewer utility bill through an **automatic deduction from your designated bank account**. You'll still receive your monthly utility bill showing your water usage and other charges, and then the amount due will be automatically deducted from either your specified checking or savings account. The automatic deduction will occur on or after the 10th of the month. Automatic bill payment is easy to set up, and even if you're on vacation or ill, you'll never have to worry about paying your bill again.

To sign up for automatic bill payment, please return a completed and signed authorization form to City Hall (please print legibly). Thanks!



AUTOMATIC BILL PAY CUSTOMER AUTHORIZATION FORM

Please fill out and return to the City of Columbia City

I authorize you and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries, and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error to my:

(Please "check" one)

Checking Account

or

Savings Account

on the 10th of each month. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing. This request has been made for the following account and service address:

COLUMBIA CITY WATER ACCT #:

SERVICE ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

BRANCH

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

CITY

STATE

SIGNATURE

TRANSIT ROUTING NUMBER (must be 9 digits)

ACCOUNT NUMBER INFORMATION

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