



BUILDING A FUTURE TOGETHER

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“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

Helen Keller

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Columbia City CityScene

Why Mowing is an Art

By: Mayor Ryan L. Daniel

When people speak of better opportunities in life, they often speak of “greener pastures”. If you are anything like me, my mind usually begs the question, “Who mows those greener pastures?” This could be because I’m not a fan of mowing, or it could be because many of our issues in the summer revolve around mowing. Whether it is high weeds and grass on properties or people blowing their lawn clippings into the street, the City spends a lot of time working with grass.

Why have an ordinance regarding high weeds and grass? High weeds and/or grass can attract rodents and animals into the city and onto neighboring properties. It also degrades the value of the neighborhood and takes some shine off of the City. As we work to attract more people to the community – to fill jobs and bring in new development – it’s important that we are always putting our best foot forward.

Why can’t we blow grass into the street? Whenever it rains, that grass is usually picked up by the water and carried to a storm drain nearby. When the storm drains clog, water sits on the street and attracts mosquitoes and breaks down the road. One simple act of turning your mowing the other way and recycling the grass back onto your lawn can help save the City (and you) money, time, and maintenance costs.

Mowing is truly a form of Art. You work hard (or maybe not if you are like me) to get the lines straight. You mow in such a way to keep the grass from blowing into the street. You may even mow your neighbor’s yard as a sign of generosity. No matter what your opinion on mowing is, we appreciate your help in keeping our storm sewers free from debris and our community beautiful throughout the Summer.

Community Events

6/10/2017 – Art in the Alley
9am-1pm (downtown)



6/17/2017 – Father’s Day



6/20/2017- 6/24/2017
Old Settlers Days Festival
Downtown Columbia City

7/3/2017- Independence Day
Celebration at Morsches Park
Concert at 7:30pm
Fireworks ~10pm



7/4/2017 – Independence Day
(City Hall closed)

7/8/2017 – Art in the Alley
9am-1pm (downtown)

8/11/2017-8/13/2017-
Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow-
(Morsches Park)

Did you know?

Did you know that in 1960 Burnworth pool only cost \$70,814.60 to complete the project?



A Tidbit of Columbia City History

By Whitley County Historical Museum Director Dani Tipman

Shinzo Ohki was about 15 years old when he earned his passage from Japan to the west coast. After he landed, he convinced the William L. Distin family to let him be their houseboy. Shinzo Ohki went with them when they traveled to Sitka, Alaska where the father of the family served as Surveyor-General and Secretary of the Territory of Alaska. When the family moved back to Columbia City, so did Ohki. Immediately he started to become a part of the community. He went to high school, perfecting his English he also learned Latin, which was a major task, requiring him to translate Latin into English and then into his native Japanese, doing double the work of other students. He graduated in 1907 from Columbia City High School and went to New York University where he majored in business. He returned to Japan to marry Taka Iwanaga, "the girl next door." He returned to Columbia City with his new bride.



Mr. Ohki began to make his dreams come true and started the first fermented soy sauce factory in the United States, right here, in Columbia City! The dark, pungent juice was pressed out and bottled as soy sauce with the trade name "Oriental Show-You Sauce." Show-You was his Anglicization of the Japanese word "sho-yu." A complete line of Show-You vegetables and products was established.

Mr. Ohki was an artist, building gardens at the factory and at his home at Crooked Lake Golf Course, designing the bottles his soy sauce was sold in, and creating many landscape paintings. As a businessman he was a member of Rotary Club. During World War II, which began, for America, with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, neighbors and friends took out ads reaffirming their support of this Japanese man and his family who lived in their midst. Neither he, nor his family members were sent to Internment Camps. This was due to his friends and neighbors who wrote to Congress and requested that Mr. Ohki and his family not be subjected to this treatment.



DON'T FORGET!

Fall Junk Pick up:

East Side: October 6, 2017

West Side: October 13, 2017



THIS PICKUP IS ONE DAY ONLY!

Meetings to Remember

1st Mondays of Each Month, 7pm
WC Government Center
Columbia City Plan Commission

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Board of Works and Safety

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
City Council Meetings

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, Noon
City Hall – Council Chambers
CC Redevelopment Commission

3rd Monday of Each Month, 6pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Columbia City Park Board

3rd Tuesday of Each Month, 5pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Columbia City Housing Authority

**3rd Tuesday of Each Month,
5:30pm**
City Hall – Conference Room
Columbia City Tree Board

*Proper notice will be given for any changes
to meeting dates and times*

Did you know?



Columbia City's Tree Board has now been a Tree City USA awardee for 23 years in a row! The Tree Board has also received an international award for their city tree beautification work and continued progress!



Severe Weather: How you can stay informed

By: Columbia City Information Technology Director Terry Wherry



The City operates six tornado sirens throughout the City for early warning of tornados. We test the sirens on the first and third Monday of each month at noon. We will not test them if the weather is threatening on those days. They are battery operated and need to be exercised to maintain them. We also have a speaker system on top of City Hall to warn the downtown public of threatening weather moving in during downtown events.

- We post weather forecasts and general information on Facebook and Twitter on happenings in Columbia City. If you would like to follow us on Facebook you can find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Columbia-City-Indiana-Government-133026353413385/>
- You can follow us on twitter here: https://twitter.com/hashtag/columbiacity_in.
- We also have apps for Apple products and Android users. Please check out our apps for Park locations, reporting issues, news, events, local links and weather.
- If you're an Apple user you can download our app at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/city-of-columbia-city/id553914426>
- If you're an Android user you can download our app at, <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.columbiacity>
- Would you like to pay your utility bill online? You can do so here: [https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/\(S\(yphi3hshl2t21bjb4yi5unyo\)\)/2/Site.aspx?G=161e8c40-0983-4d4f-8b28-a7cfdd0fb307](https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/(S(yphi3hshl2t21bjb4yi5unyo))/2/Site.aspx?G=161e8c40-0983-4d4f-8b28-a7cfdd0fb307)
- The City also has several websites with all the information you may be interested in.
www.columbiacity.net
www.columbiacityparks.us
www.columbiacitypolice.us

We strive to supply all the information we can to you, let us know what we could add.

Citizen in the Spotlight!



Jeff Hinen



By: Theresa Green, Executive Secretary

Many of you know Jeff Hinen from one place or another whether it be 4-H, church, or his printing shop. If you know him, you also know of his grit and compassion for our community. Jeff is a lifelong resident of Whitley County. His love for print started young. When he was just 8 years old he started working as a local paper boy around Columbia City; this was the catalyst that helped lead him to where he is today. Jeff didn't always own his own printing company. He started his career in South Whitley working at the local printing company. However, just working for a printing company was not satisfying enough. With the help of his wife Cindy, Hinen Printing became a reality. Jeff has a deep appreciation for his loyal customers who keep Hinen Printing successful. This year is a mile marker as Hinen Printing will celebrate 30 years of business! Jeff and his lovely wife Cindy have three children Jeremy, Justin, and Jennifer. When Jeff does take the rare day off he enjoys pheasant hunting and camping with his family. Jeff also enjoys being an engaged citizen by giving back through many avenues Pheasant's Forever, St. Paul of the Cross, Rotary, 4-H, Ducks Unlimited and by various needed activities throughout the community. Jeff's favorite quote that he lives by is, "Hard work pays off".



2017 Limb-pick Program
 By: Kelly Cearbaugh Street Superintendent



The City of Columbia City would like to announce that our limb pick-up program is beginning soon. **This program has been initiated as a means to dispose of limbs and branches from storm-related events and small pruning projects.** Dates for this year are as follows:

Program Guidelines

Limbs are to be placed along the curb in front of your property. Do not place in roadway. **This is Curbside Pick Up Only! The Alleys Are No Longer On The Pick Up Route.**

The limb pick up program is limited to City limits only. There will be one pass only in an area. Please have your limbs out and ready for pick up by 7:00 A.M. on the dates listed above so you will not be missed. The City reserves the right to refuse pick-up for those properties it considers not fitting within the guidelines of the program.

Acceptable:

- Piles that **do not** exceed a pickup truck size load
- Limbs and branches up to 4” in diameter
- Bushes (without roots)

Not Acceptable:

- Piles are not to exceed a pickup truck size load
- Brush from fence-row clearing
- Whole trees, logs and limbs cut by contractor or homeowner
- Branches left from contractor-provided tree removal
- Bushes with roots attached
- Grass clippings, leaves and garden debris
- No Alley pick up

Limb pick up dates:

- JUNE 5th
- JULY 3rd
- AUGUST 7th
- SEPTEMBER 5th
- OCTOBER 2nd

If you have any questions regarding the acceptability of your materials, please contact Kelly Cearbaugh, Street Superintendent at 248-5131 or 248-5115 ext. 2721



Electricity
 By: Electric Superintendent



During storms, your power may be out– but so are Columbia City Electric crews. For more than 119 years, CCED crews have been restoring power quickly when Northeast Indiana storms hit. The CCED is now developing an automated mapping and facility-management system to provide line crews with instant information through laptop computers and tablets installed in their vehicles. This is just one CCED tool that will improve reliability and restoration time. Columbia

City Electric line crews are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to brave severe weather, life-threatening situations, and unique environmental challenges to ensure the lights stay on. They use the proper safety equipment and emphasize safe work practices. It is important for customers to be aware of the following safety measures also

- Do not touch downed power lines. A powerline may not be de-energized just because it is laying on the ground.
- Do not step in water near a downed power line.
- Do not touch a person who has come in contact with an energized power line. Call 911 in the event of a contact or dangerous downed line situation
- Avoid touching anything, such as a car, or object or equipment in contact with a fallen power line.
- Keep children and pets away from fallen electric lines.
- Avoid driving over a fallen power line.
- Do attempt to remove trees or brush causing downed power lines.
- Do not enter Columbia City Electric work areas while we are repairing down lines.
- If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line, stay in your car, sound the horn, roll down your window and call for help, warn others to stay away, and use your mobile phone to call 911



In the event of an outage, you can contact the Columbia City Electric department at 248-5110.