

## Cultural Trust Grants Available

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) is pleased to announce that grant applications are now available for projects that address the priorities identified in the Columbia County Cultural Plan first adopted in 2006 and updated in 2009.

The CCCC and its Grants Committee are comprised of volunteers from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia. CCCC's mission is to encourage projects and activities in the arts, local heritage and the humanities. Priorities in the Cultural Plan are protecting existing cultural assets, helping people experience a variety of cultural venues, and increasing access to and participation in cultural events.

The CCCC has awarded just under \$70,000 with 52 grants awarded to Columbia County cultural organizations since 2005 with funds allocated by the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). Established in 2001, the OCT is a public/private partnership that makes annual grants to county and tribal planning groups for cultural activities. The OCT website, [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org), contains

information about its programs and the matching gift tax credit that is available to donors.

Grant awards will range from \$200 to \$1,500; the amount of Columbia County's 2013-14 allocation from the OCT will be determined in early August. Applicants must provide matching resources (in-kind or cash) and must be 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or governmental units within the county. The Columbia County Cultural Plan and grant applications are available from the CCCC website, [www.columbiacultural.org](http://www.columbiacultural.org), or the Columbia County website, [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us); use the Links tab to reach the CCCC section. Applications must be postmarked by July 19, 2013, for projects that will be completed between September 2013 and August 2014.

Please direct any questions regarding the plan or the grant process to CCCC Grants Chair Ernest Carman, at 503-728-3809, or email: [crow@clatskanie.com](mailto:crow@clatskanie.com). Questions for the CCCC Board volunteers may be directed to [info@columbiacultural.org](mailto:info@columbiacultural.org).

## Columbia County Road Department Begin Projects

Columbia County Road Department is scheduled to begin work on two road projects, a Bridge Replacement at Fishhawk Lake and road construction on Nick Thomas Road, beginning Monday, **June 10th, 2013**.

The Fishhawk Lake Bridge replacement will take approximately three months, with completion expected by September 30th.

During this time residents and homeowners should expect to see an increase in construction traffic and workers on site. The bridge will remain one lane during construction, but drivers should expect delays. The bridge will be completed in staged construction with transfer of traffic onto the new section expected mid-August.

The replacement of the East end of the lake crossing Fishhawk Creek was awarded funding for replacement in 2008. Funding was awarded from the Federal Highway Administration and the project was designed and will be managed by Parametrix of Portland. Construction contract was awarded to Rotschy Inc. of Vancouver, WA.

Crews began preparing for the first stage of the replacement on Saturday, June 1st. Users should expect delays due to single lane traffic until completion on September 30th. Work will take approximately three

weeks on the Nick Thomas Road project, with completion expected by June 27th. During this time residents and homeowners should expect to see an increase in construction traffic and workers on site.

Nick Thomas was closed during the winter of 2012, after large rainfalls occurred in December, which caused the roadway to slump. With the increase danger that a major slide would completely destroy the existing roadway, County Road Department personnel completed an engineering evaluation of the slide area, which was then monitored for much of the year while the plans for repair were completed.

Crews will begin excavation of the loose slide material during the week of June 10th. After excavation and removal of the loose slide material, a drainage system will be installed to remove water pressure from further eroding the hillside. Crews will also place geo-tech fabric over layers of rock to further support the roadway if moisture continues to be an issue.

This is one of the largest slide repairs completed in the County in recent years. With many similar storm damage repairs planned for the summer, Columbia County Road Crews will have numerous projects they will be working on throughout the summer and into the fall of 2013.

For further information regarding Columbia County repair of Fishhawk Lake Road or Nick Thomas Road, please contact The County Road Department office at 503-397-5090.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchised Haulers in Rural Columbia County

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at or after 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308, at the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, Oregon.

2. The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed rate adjustments for curbside garbage and recycling services by Franchised haulers for residents and businesses in rural Columbia County, effective August 1, 2013. Affected customers are serviced by Waste Management in rural Scappoose area and rural Vernonia area; Waste Connections dba Hudson Garbage Service in rural St. Helens and rural Rainier; and Clatskanie Sanitary Service in rural Clatskanie. These rural areas include customers outside of city limits. The proposed rate adjustments also effect drop box services in the aforementioned areas.

3. This is a public hearing. Interested parties may appear and be heard. Columbia County does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the County's ADA Policy. To request accommodations or to review the County's ADA Policy, please contact the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.

4. The hearing will be held according to the procedures established in the Columbia County Solid Waste Ordinance.

5. For additional information regarding the proposed rate adjustments, please contact Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, at 503-397-7207 or by visiting the County's website at [www.co.columbia.or.us/lds/](http://www.co.columbia.or.us/lds/).

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY,  
OREGON

Henry Heimuller, Chair

## Application Process Begins for Prospective Homeowners

June 21<sup>st</sup> marks the start of the application process for families or individuals that want to be considered for buying an affordable home through Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. The required orientation/application meeting will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at Community Action Team located at 125 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Helens. The orientation meeting will outline the family selection criteria and process. Applications will only be distributed at this meeting. Those interested in applying for a home are urged to attend.

The opportunity to apply for homeownership is open to anyone in Columbia County, however the homes

currently being built are located in St. Helens. Columbia County Habitat for Humanity offers 0% loans and affordable monthly payments, which make homeownership attainable for low-income families. The selected partner family will be required to volunteer 300 to 500 hours during the construction of their home. CCHFH is seeking applicants that earn 25 to 50 percent of the median income for the county; have a reliable source of income; and are willing to take on the responsibility of homeownership.

For more information please call the CCHFH Family Selection Committee at (503) 366-6542.

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