

# Columbia County Asks Residents, Visitors, to Complete Survey on CC Rider

*Transit routes to undergo changes as system continues to improve*

Managers of CC Rider, Columbia County's transit system, are asking users, residents, and visitors for their opinions on how bus service could better serve their needs.

Transit Administrator Todd Wood said he and County Commissioners are working to build a reliable,

financially stable, and strong system that will continue to grow. "But we need to know what our current users and potential riders need or want to be able to do that," he added.

Wood plans changes to nearly every line in the CC Rider system, which runs from Portland to Washington State to Clatskanie. CC Rider is part of NW Connector, a coordinated coalition of five individual transit agencies in Northwest Oregon that serve riders from the Willamette Valley to the Oregon Coast.

This includes Clatsop County's Sunset Empire Transportation District, the Tillamook County Transportation District, Benton County Transit and Lincoln County Transit.

The survey, which will remain open

through October 15, can be found online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCRider](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCRider). Bus drivers will distribute paper surveys to riders. Surveys will also be available at the St. Helens Transit Center, 1155 Deer Island Rd. and the County Courthouse, 230 Strand St. in St. Helens.

"With a new emphasis on tourism, combined with our continued work on job creation, we want to be sure that people have the opportunities to get where they need to go when they need to," said Board of Commissioners Chair Margaret Magruder. "We value the insights people can give us and look forward to hearing from them."

*ABOUT CC RIDER: CC Rider is Columbia County's transit system. With a fleet of buses that connect River Cities Transit to the north in Longview, and TriMet in the Portland metropolitan area, the system carries nearly 100,000 riders each year. CC Rider also provides a route to Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus in Washington County.*

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

### Storytime at Salmon Festival

Saturday, October 6, 11 am at Hawkins Park Upper Nehalem Watershed and the Library are teaming up to present a storytime at Salmon Fest. Come by at 11 am to join us.

### An Evening with Christina M. Abt

Monday, October 8, 6:30 pm New York Author of *Crown Hill* and a new historical novel, *Beauty & Grace*, published in May 2018, Christina M. Abt will read from her latest novel, talk about her writing process, and her inspiration and research for *Beauty & Grace*. Q & A and book signing will follow.

### Movie Night

Monday, October 22, 5 pm Come to the Library for a free movie and popcorn. Featuring *Cheaper by the Dozen* (1950s version), 1 hr. 26 min.

### Library Halloween Party!

Saturday, October 27, 2 pm Featuring the short film *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* followed by spooky cookie decorating with Jack's Hobo Bakery, crafts, and a goodie bag for participants. Costumes encouraged!

### Ongoing Programs

#### Writer's Group

Thursday, October 18, 6 - 7:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. For

writers with all levels of experience.

### Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 29, 5:30 pm Discussion selection for October: *A Cup of Light* by Nicole Mones

### Storytime

#### Community Helpers Storytime Series

No School Fridays in October and November, 10:30 am  
October 12: Ballet Instructor  
October 19: EMT or Fire Dept.  
November 2: 4-H  
November 16: Jack's Hobo Bakery  
Stories read by a special guest, show and tell of their role in the community, followed by a craft. See *Preschool Storytime schedule below for regular Friday storytime activities.*

### Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am Stories, activity, and a craft. Planned for children up through age 6.

### Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5  
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7  
Saturday: 10 - 4  
Closed Sundays  
Phone: (503) 429-1818  
E-mail: [library@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:library@vernonia-or.gov)

## CASA Golf Classic Raises \$195,000 for Children in Foster Care

CASA for Children of Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties hosted their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual CASA Golf Classic presented by Fred Meyer Jewelers. The tournament was held at Langdon Farms Golf Club on September 17. The event raised \$195,000 in support of CASA's mission.

The audience was comprised of over 150 guests and golfers, including: leaders from Portland's corporate and philanthropic communities, CASA's Board of Directors, and vendors from all over the United States, including New York, Georgia and California.

In the words of Jon Cook, Fred Meyer Jewelers Vice President of Operations and CASA Board Member: "Through the 24 years of the CASA Golf Classic we have achieved a great deal, but there is still much more work for us to do in helping the many children still in need. Fred Meyer Jewelers is proud to partner with CASA in making a difference for the children in the Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia counties foster care system."

Thanks to this event, this year CASA for Children will serve 1,110 of our community's most vulnerable children in foster care with Court Ap-

pointed Special Advocates (CASAs). A CASA is the eyes and ears of the judge and the voice of the child. Moreover, a CASA works to secure safe, loving, and permanent homes for each of the children they serve.

All proceeds raised from the event directly impact our ability to serve more children with a CASA volunteer. A CASA passionately and tirelessly works to guide a child through the trauma of the court system. Oregon law gives CASAs unusual authority as a 'party to the case' so that they are able to ensure that the system does not ignore a child's needs and that the judge has the information to act in the child's best interests. A CASA is trained to work with judges, social workers, teachers, foster parents, and family members to ensure that the safety and well-being of the child is front and center.

If you are interested in learning more about how to become a CASA volunteer, upcoming trainings, or future fundraising events, please contact Anne Marie Johnson, Director of Development and Communications, at (503) 988-4170 or [ajohnson@casahelpskids.org](mailto:ajohnson@casahelpskids.org).

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