

Upcoming Events

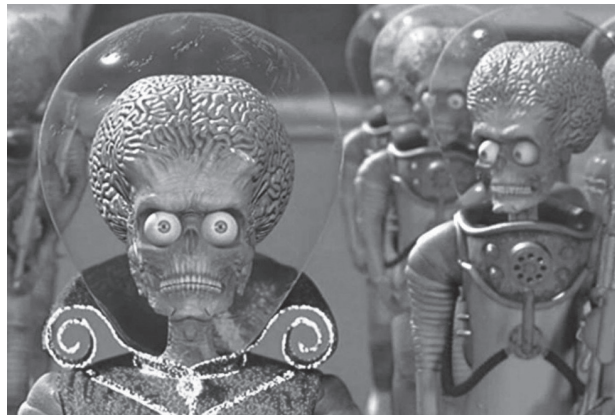
FREE Summer Meals Program – Mon-Fri, 11 am - 12:30 pm through August 19, for kids 1-18 at the Vernonia Schools cafeteria. Adult meals available for \$4.50.

Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show – Fri-Sun, August 5-7

American Legion Post 119 Backyard BBQ – Saturday, August 6, 5-9 pm.

WOEC Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 20, 11 am, registration 10 am, at the Vernonia Schools Commons

St. Mary's 50th Quilt & Craft Fair – September 15-17, 10 am - 4 pm



Mars Attacks! Saturday, July 9 at Stub Stewart State Park

The Hollywood Theatre's summer movies at Oregon State Parks returns with *Mars Attacks!* Saturday, July 9, 7:30 pm at LL Stub Stewart State Park. Tim Burton directs an out-of-this-world cast as all of humanity waits to see if the fleet of Martian spacecraft that surrounds the world's major cities have indeed, "come in peace." Celebrate 100 years of Oregon State Parks. Summer Movies at Oregon State Parks are **free** to attend – no ticket required. Screenings begin at dusk. Free day-use parking after 7:00 pm.

Transfer Station Solid Waste Fees Increase July 1

At a hearing on June 29, 2022, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners approved an 8.5% increase to the solid waste fees charged by the Columbia County Transfer Station, effective July 1, 2022.

Pursuant to Board Order 6-2010, the Columbia County Transfer Station disposal rates are adjusted each year based on the prior year's Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI increase for disposal is passed through to collection franchisee customers and included with the change in the collection service rate. The CPI increased by 8.5% for the year ended March 2022. Therefore, the CPI disposal rate increase is 8.5%, raising the commercial tonnage rate from \$93.06 to \$100.97 per ton and raising the curbside collection rate for once-a-week residential service by \$0.81

per month per 35-gallon cart.

The new solid waste fees are as follows:

- **Commercial Tipping Fee** - \$100.97/ton
- **Self-Haul**
Minimum up to 320 lbs. - \$24.70
Over 320 lbs. - \$150.25/ton
Senior Rate up to 320 lbs. - \$15.20
- **Yard Debris**
Minimum up to 860 lbs. - \$24.70
Over 860 lbs. - \$58.00/ton

The fees for recycling items, and the unsecured loads, will not increase.

ABOUT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

Located at 1601 Railroad Avenue, St. Helens, OR 97051, the Transfer Station is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., except for holidays.

The Transfer Station also hosts multiple Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) Collection Events throughout the year. For more information about the Transfer Station or HHW Collection Events, please call (503) 397-7259 or visit Columbia County's website at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste>.

ABOUT COLUMBIA COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Columbia County plans, organizes, and directs recycling, reuse, waste reduction, and household hazardous waste management programs throughout its 657 square-mile area. The County operates a transfer station in St. Helens and administers the solid waste collection events within the unincorporated areas of the County.

Church Directory

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:

Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 am

Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 am

Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 pm

Roger Cook, Branch President

1350 E. Knott Street 503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School: 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School: After Worship Service

Grief Support Group: 2nd & 4th Sunday, 11:30 am

Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor

957 State Avenue 503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am

Mark Organ, Senior Pastor

Gary Taylor, Associate Pastor

<https://www.nvbiblechurch.org>

500 North Street 503-429-5378

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm

Fr. Joshua Clifton, Administrator

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOfVernonia>

StMarysOfVernonia

960 Missouri Avenue 503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church

Sunday Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 9:30 and 11:00 am

www.Vernonia.Church

Sam Hough, Pastor

410 North Street 503-429-6522

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services

Sabbath School: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 11:00 am

Pastor Antonee Leo Aguilar

Email: antonee.aguilar@oc.npuc.org

<https://VernoniaOR.AdventistChurch.org/>

1294 Nehalem Street 269-697-3156

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors

will meet by teleconference for their regular board meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85458074502?pwd=QngwblF0cHhCVHgyd0Z1cGU2OSTrUT09>



Call In: 1-971-247-1195
Meeting ID: 854 5807 4502
Passcode: 504898

503-755-2710

<http://www.mistbirkenfeld-rfpd.org>

Vernonia's Voice is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Look for the next issue on July 21.

HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address, and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. *Vernonia's Voice* reserves the right to edit, omit, respond, or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District is still offering the COVID-19 vaccine for free at the Main Fire Station located at 12525 Highway 202 Mist, OR 97016.

We are currently offering the primary series, along with 1st and 2nd boosters for:

- Moderna for 18 years+
- Pfizer for 12 years+
- Pediatric Pfizer for 5-11 years

Generally, we have clinic availability most Tuesdays-Thursdays during standard business hours, but can make occasional accommodations outside of those if needed.

Anyone 5 and older is eligible for a 1st Booster at least 5 months after their primary series was completed.

2nd boosters are available 4 or more months after your 1st booster for the following individuals:

- Anyone over 50 years old
- People ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

To schedule:

- Call us at 503-755-2710 Monday-Thursday
- Schedule online at: <https://columbiacountyphvaccination213.as.me/MBRFPD>

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Need a new card?

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD is happy to mail new COVID-19 cards out to those in need. Please call 503-755-2710 to request this. We will need your name, date of birth, and mailing address. Please allow a few business days to process your request and get it in the mail. If you need it urgently, you may be able to pick it up within 24 hours of your request in person Monday-Thursday. Please note: We will not send blank cards to anyone.

COVID-19 Test Updates

Both Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD and Vernonia RFPD have free COVID-19 home antigen test kits available for distribution to our communities. If you are in need of a test, please contact your closest department directly ahead of time so we can coordinate contactless pick-up to help limit potential exposures for our staff and volunteers.

Mist-Birkenfeld: 503-755-2710
Vernonia: 503-429-8252



Purr-fect Pals

Coming back into the shelter at no fault of her own Miss.Muffin

is looking for a new forever home. Her previous owner got sick and is no longer able to care for her. She is very sweet. She will need a home that is going to keep her active, as she was a little lazy in her previous home and gained more weight than she needed. She is very lovely and will make a great addition to an interactive family. She would prefer a home where she can be an only cat as she does not like other cats in her space. If you are interested in meeting her we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application. Once you have an approved application on file we will then schedule a time for you to come and meet her.



Columbia Humane Society



Featured Dog

Some of the best dogs in the world are older dogs. We would like to introduce you to Pretty Penny. We estimate this lady is about 8-10 years young. She came to CHS as a stray that was not picked up. She deserves to share her golden years



with just the right family. Penny is a pretty easy keeper, she is very food motivated, knows some basic commands, and will play an amazing game of fetch. This girl has a lot of good years left in her, and has a solid obedience foundation. Due to Penny's age we will be doing a complete senior panel of blood work on her and having her completely checked out with the vet. We want to make sure that we have all the best information that we can give a new family regarding her health. We have no history on how she does with cats. We would like to see Penny go to a home where she is going to have a fenced yard she can hang out in, with the option of being able to be a house dog too. She loves to snuggle and she gives amazing kisses of appreciation. Although Penny is tolerant at the shelter of other dogs, we don't believe she is going to want to live with another dog. If you are interested in meeting Penny we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application. Once you have an approved application on file we will then schedule a time for you to come and meet her. We ask that if you have any questions please email, not call. We can answer emails on the fly or in the evenings much easier. Penny's adoption fee is going to be \$250, which will include her current vaccinations, spay, microchip, and treatment for fleas and worms.