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## 2016 Spirit of Halloweentown

**S**pirit of Halloweentown returns to St. Helens during the month of October with a line up of family activities, celebrity appearances, haunted walking tours, a month-long haunted house, the annual Monster Dash, a hot rod cruise in, and much more.

This year, Saturday, October 1, has been reserved as a low-key community celebration. Community members are encouraged to bring their families and children for a South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Halloween parade and a community Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony.

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## Waterfront Redevelopment Open House & Celebration

Wednesday, October 12

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## City Welcomes New Main Street Program Coordinator



**M**y name is Jasmine Jordan. I am the new Resource Assistance for Rural Environment (RARE) AmeriCorps volunteer working with the Main Street Program in St. Helens.

I'm from the Midwest. Most of my family lives in southwest Ohio near Cincinnati, but my parents took a job in northern Illinois when I was young, which is where I spent most of my formative years. I grew up on the road between the two states, watching the years pass through the fields of omnipresent corn and soy that blanket the Midwest. I was also homeschooled all the way through high school, so exploration of the Midwest was a catalyst in my tailored education.

Children in the Midwest rarely have formal lessons about the economy, because the prevalent agriculture, automotive and manufacturing industries are so encompassing in daily life, all one has to do to sense the world is take a deep breath. After all, the Midwest especially Ohio, is truly the heartland of America.

After high school, I attended the University of Dayton in Ohio. In 2014, I graduated with a dual baccalaureate in International Business and Political Science with an emphasis on Developmental Economics.

My focus in the international sphere pulled me away from the Midwest down a rabbit's hole which led me across the world. For my undergraduate thesis project, I studied the effects of foreign aid on rural community centers in Amman, Jordan which allowed me to travel through the Middle East for a short time. After this, I thought my skills and energy would be placed well in the economic development field, so I joined the Peace Corps.

I served as a community and economic development volunteer for the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, a landlocked West African nation. My main project centered on small business development, water irrigation, and reforestation and crop tree management. I finished my service a few months ago, and I wanted to use the community developmental skills I gleaned in West Africa domestically.

Joining the RARE AmeriCorps program perfectly combines my personal and professional goals. For the next 11 months, I will be working with St. Helens Economic Development Corporation (SHEDCO) and the Main Street Program. Along with building capacity for SHEDCO, my main goal for this year is to create a more sustainable organization that will thrive for years to come.

I am very excited to live and work in this beautiful community, and I am looking forward to building meaningful relationships with the residents.

~Jasmine Jordan

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## Fall Leaves

**F**all is here and so is the rain. Help us keep storm drains clear: please do not sweep yard debris/fallen leaves into the street. Sweeping leaves into the street clogs the storm drain grates, causing rain water to pool on the road. It also causes additional wear and tear on the City's street sweeper.

During the month of November, Hudson Garbage Service will pick up yard debris bins on a weekly basis at no additional charge to customers who live inside St. Helens city limits.



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## From the Desk of Mayor Randy Peterson



It seems as if summer has just started, yet already rain is returning to our region, heralding the start of fall and soon the beginning of the holiday season.

As the year begins to wind down, I reflect on the progress we have made as a City. Foremost is the work of the community, our consultants, advisory committee members and City staff in collaborating and sharing ideas to develop a final framework plan for the former Boise Veneer property.

The City hosted three Waterfront Advisory Committee meetings this year to work with community members, business owners, City Council, City staff and our waterfront consultants to discuss opportunities and constraints of the waterfront redevelopment, take part in interactive planning exercises and review framework plan options based on feedback from those discussions and community input.

Two waterfront redevelopment open houses were held, one on April 27 and the other on July 6, to gather as many interested community members together as possible in order to evaluate proposed framework options for the Veneer property. Based on conversations, written suggestions and interactive planning exercises at those meetings, City

consultants and staff continued to refine proposed designs into a final framework plan.

If you were unable to attend the open houses or are interested in reading more detailed information about the redevelopment project, including an overview of the site, past and current activities, and what the next phases of the project will be, visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/planning/page/waterfront-redevelopment-project>. City staff have uploaded work plans, meeting agendas and notes, open house presentation information and interview summaries so that you have easy access to the entire project.

A final Waterfront Redevelopment Open House & Celebration is planned for the evening of Wednesday, October 12 (find out more details on page five of this Gazette). This open house will conclude our redevelopment efforts that were funded by the EPA's Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant Program, but it is in no way a conclusion of the redevelopment efforts. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the progress that has been made and look forward to our future efforts.

As one phase of a project comes to a close, new phases are happening in other areas. Please join me in welcoming Jasmine Jordan, our newest Main Street Program Coordinator, to St. Helens. Jasmine arrived at City Hall on

September 12 and will spend her next year here in St. Helens building on the progress of our past coordinators. She will work with St. Helens Economic Development Corporation (SHEDCO) to create a sustainable organization that will be successful for many years to come.

For St. Helens, the beginning of fall is also a signal that Spirit of Halloweentown is just around the corner. After our annual community celebration went viral on social media last year, we are planning for a second year of high attendance. Vendor booths and activities have been added and coordination with traffic and safety agencies is well underway to make sure that this year's celebrations are a success. I encourage you to take part in the activities being held on October 1. The South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Spirit of Halloweentown Kick-Off Parade. This will be followed by a special Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony that is being designed to be low-key for the community to enjoy.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on City issues. Please feel free to contact me via email at [randyp@ci.st-helens.or.us](mailto:randyp@ci.st-helens.or.us) or stop and talk with me when you see me around town.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Randy Peterson

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## Fall Burn Dates

The fall burn period for residential open burning in the city of St. Helens will begin on the third Saturday in October, running from October 15-30.

Before burning anything in your yard, a burn permit must be obtained through Columbia River Fire & Rescue (CRF&R). Residential burn permits are available through CRF&R's website at [www.crfrr.com/burn-permits.html](http://www.crfrr.com/burn-permits.html). If you apply for a permit online and provide your email address, an automated renewal notice will be sent to you via email when your permit is about to expire. Burn permits can also be obtained at CRF&R's Administration Office.

Due to low rainfall and high temperatures over the last several years, it is extremely important that anyone wishing to start an outdoor fire check the burn line each day that they plan

to burn. Burn bans may still be in effect even if you have obtained a burn permit. Always check the burn line at 503-397-4800 to find out if it is an open burn day.

Burn permits last for one year from the date of issue. However, there are only two authorized burn periods within St. Helens city limits, on the first Saturday in May for 16 consecutive days and the third Saturday in October for 16 consecutive days.

Burning grass clippings, plastics, household garbage, petroleum products and rubber products is not allowed. Burning may only be conducted during daylight hours.

For further information regarding burn permits, please contact Columbia River Fire and Rescue's Administration Office at 503-397-2990.

## From the Desk of the City Council



**Doug Morten**

Greetings,

There is a crisp feeling in the air as the fall season

approaches. Our long days of summer are winding down with the routine of school days well in place. The summer months stood out by the remarkable warm weather that brought out record numbers visiting our numerous parks, which brings to mind a few comments regarding our parks.

The riverfront is always an attraction with events and celebrations played out in the remarkable setting of Columbia View Park. The park is soon to expand southerly, giving us additional green space to help facilitate the large crowds that gather for events such as our Halloween and 4th of July celebrations. Furthermore, green space enhancement and a walkway corridor that extends from the courthouse all along the river to Plymouth Street are currently being discussed with the Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Connectivity of trails and pathways that link our parks and unite our community is of high priority with our planners.

We have an outstanding parks system in place that promises to smartly grow as the community develops.

Additionally, there is a unique blend of marine, nature and recreational park facilities that offer so much for everyone. Combine that with a dedicated staff and a community of unselfish volunteers and the outcome is something we all can be proud of...our beautiful parks!

Respectfully,

Doug Morten  
Public Works & Parks



**Keith Locke**

Autumn is upon us. No more yellow lawns and thirsty flower beds. Mother Nature will be

supplying us with her showers, and it is time for us to check the drains near our homes for leaves.

We have several issues that are before us in the City that need to be addressed: the Waterfront, the Lagoon and the Cascades mill site (Boise). Each of these projects have positive and important ramifications for the city and the future of St. Helens and yet there are concerns, people who think we are not listening to them.

I believe most citizens of St. Helens trust the Council. We have one of the most diverse Councils that I have ever seen in St. Helens and we try to discuss all of our business with concern and also complying with our mission.

As a Council, we do not always agree with every project and the process to get the program up and running. But with these projects (the three above), I believe we are all on the same page at least with the concept. We have many years of experience as a Council. All of us talk and listen to the citizens, the staff, consultants and depending on how long you been on the Council, there are many things that cycle the pros and cons. Everything has to be taken into consideration when decisions are made. The budget is one of the biggest areas of concern. We have had to make some of the most demanding decisions in the last several years. Plus there are other variables that influence our decisions: federal, state, county and city laws and codes.

Let's work together and make this city the best it can be. Working to find new jobs, safety for our children going to school and home again, and, of course, low cost for services. Let's work together and take time to explore the what and why of each project as we move forward with new ventures for the city.

Keith Locke  
Police Commissioner



**Susan Conn**

The changing colors of the leaves and a crisp feel in the air indicate fall in the Pacific Northwest.

This is my favorite time of year, but it's a busy season as City crews get ready for winter. Last minute trench patching of the roads, pruning and cleanup in our parks; everyone is preparing. This is our time for planning – getting ready for fall and winter events and trying to anticipate and provide amenities for the crowds they attract.

Scarecrows are beginning to pop up all over town – a sign of the season. We are expecting large crowds again for our month-long Spirit of Halloweentown celebration in St. Helens and have added both activities to entertain and more structure to ease issues that come with the increased number of visitors. Details, including an event schedule, can be found at [www.discovercolumbiacounty.com](http://www.discovercolumbiacounty.com). This year, we'll begin the month with a St. Helens Halloweentown Parade on October 1, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, which we hope will become an annual community event.

At the Library, we are working through a strategic planning process, seeking new ways to serve our patrons and attract new ones. We'll be holding specific focus groups and a retreat in an effort to determine how we are meeting the needs of the public and how we can improve. The Director and staff at the Library as well as the Library Board strive to keep pace and contribute to growing a healthy community.

The Arts and Cultural Commission continues work on Phase 2 of the Gateway Project, doing our best to enhance St. Helens and create a sense of place. We currently have openings on the Commission and invite you to fill out an application if you are interested in participating and actively supporting our efforts. This is one of many ways to volunteer and support our City.

Enjoy the cooler weather, the beautiful colors of fall, favorite comfort foods and the season's activities. I know I will.



## Ginny Carlson

Fall is a time to take stock and count our blessings in my house. St. Helens is very blessed this year with

a brighter economic future, more park space, and new team members in our Police Department keeping us safe.

I hope many of you will join in some of the Spirit of Halloweentown fun this October with a season opening parade and pumpkin lighting. Take a look at all the spooky, spectacular offerings. The City is partnering with more nonprofits than ever before, calling on community members and volunteers to show their small-town spirit.

This is election year for many of our local and national officials. I am thankful for the motor voter initiative and vote by mail in Oregon, making it easier for everyone's voice to be heard and counted in the ballot box. Ballots will be in the mail in October and are due back November 8.

It looks like we will have more for the teens to do this winter with an arcade on the horizon. It is great to see such an important corner on main street come back to life with the loss of Semlings. I think it is exactly what the community has been looking for: more things for our young people to do.

The St. Helens Youth Council will repeat their Halloween Dance Event on October 22. I hope we have a chance to reach more of our young people with continued work in the schools. This year, Youth Council will offer school elective credit toward graduation for this great learning and service opportunity.

Keep it Local Columbia County has received a shot in the arm with an online directory offering local businesses an online resource in promotion at no cost Youth Leadership is growing and, after a year of visioning with citizens and experts, a fantastic future for our waterfront is in store as well.

It has been a season of coming together for our community.

Councilor Ginny Carlson

# Waterfront Redevelopment Open House and Celebration



**S**ave the date for a Waterfront Redevelopment Open House & Celebration on the evening of Wednesday, October 12. Weather permitting, it will be held on the Vener property at 5 p.m. Watch the City's Facebook page for any updates.

This event will be the last public meeting funded by the EPA's Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant Program. We have incorporated your feedback from numerous meetings into the final framework plan and now we want to celebrate the progress that has been made! This event will be an opportunity to see what has been accomplished with this grant program, walk between waterfront redevelopment exhibits, and ask questions. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Can't make it? Sign up for the City's E-Newsletter, watch the City's website, and follow the City's Facebook to be the first to hear about upcoming Waterfront Redevelopment Project events and to download informational resources.

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# Changes to Utility Billing Administration Rules

The City Council approved new administrative rules for the Utility Billing Department that will take effect October 1, 2016. Below is a brief summary of the changes taking place. You can view a complete list and explanation of this summary on the City's website (<http://bit.ly/2d8JrB9>) or pick up a printed copy in the Utility Billing Department (St. Helens City Hall, 275 Strand Street) during normal operating hours.

**1. Utility Deposits.** Utility deposits will no longer be required for starting services. Current accounts that have utility deposits with the City for services, will have their deposits credited back to their account by December 2016. When a customer is new, any old account at the service address must be paid in full before a new account is started and water service is turned on. In the case of renters, an old account bill responsibility will fall to the owner of the property and must be paid before a new renter service will be started.

**2. Utility Assistance Program.** For accounts grandfathered into the "Senior Discount Program," by June 30 of each year, you are required to bring documentation showing proof of the following items to the Utility Billing customer service window (failure to show proof of this criteria by June 30, will result in loss of the senior citizen discount):

1. Age 65 or older; and
2. Provide proof of residency (i.e. electric bill, tax form, etc.).

**3. Bi-Monthly & Monthly Billing.** The City is getting setup to begin monthly billing. You will be notified at least three months in advance of this change.

**4. Billing Adjustments.** Leak adjustment requests must be completed within 45 days of billing date. Requests must include third-party statement of leak and repair or receipt for

materials if completed by the homeowner. Leak adjustments must meet a minimum credit threshold of \$25 for approval and will only be approved up to a maximum credit of \$1,000 unless extenuating circumstances exist.

**5. Payment Plans.** Customers may request a payment plan prior to the billing due date. Payment plans must be completed before the next shut-off date. Customers are allowed one payment plan per year, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

**6. Delinquent Accounts.** Customers are allowed to carryover a balance up to \$25 on their account. A late fee of \$25 is assessed on the 16th for any accounts owing greater than \$25. Shut-off and Reconnection Fee assessed when shut-offs begin for non-payment will be \$75.

**7. Final Billing.** Final bills are sent to the address we have on file for accounts. If not paid by the due date, it will be sent to collections for processing.

**8. Temporary Service New Construction.** New construction customers will be required to fill out an application for new service and a \$25 deposit must be made. New construction is billed usage like a normal customer.

**9. NSF Payments.** Accounts are allowed two non-sufficient funds (NSF) notices before the account will not be allowed to write checks as payment. A fee of \$25 is assessed for all NSF checks.

**10. Tampering.** It is illegal to tamper with meters. Initial offense is a minimum charge of \$50 (plus any labor/materials). If an account is shut-off for non-payment and the meter is tampered, a fee of \$100 (plus any labor/materials) will be assessed. If the account/meter is locked and the meter is tampered, a fee of \$200 (plus any labor/materials/police ticket violation) will be assessed.

## Volunteer for Nob Hill Nature Park Work Party

Help remove invasive plants at Nob Hill Nature Park in St. Helens and mulch new plantings. The Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park (NHNP) invite you to join the semi-annual volunteer work party on Saturday, November 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Nob Hill Nature Park is an established oak woodland overlooking the Columbia River. The Friends of NHNP have been doing restoration there since 2004.

Please bring your own water and snack items. Wear long-sleeve tops, long pants and work boots because there is poison oak at the park. Dress in layers, including

rain gear if needed. This work party takes place rain or shine. Meet at 1 p.m. at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant at 451 Plymouth Street. After sign-in, there will be a short park tour before work starts. There is plenty of easy parking across from the park's main entrance.

This work party is suggested for ages 10 and up.

Pre-registration is requested by Friday, November 4 by calling Scappoose Bay Watershed Council at 503-397-7904 or emailing [info@scappoosebay-wc.org](mailto:info@scappoosebay-wc.org). For day-of information only, call 503-349-8586.



# City Receives Grant for Additional Picnic Shelter at McCormick Park

**Oregon Parks & Recreation Department: 2016 Local Government Grant Program**

**Award:** \$15,810

**Total Project:** \$29,643

**Match:** In-kind

Through their Local Government Grant Program, the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department awarded St. Helens \$15,810 for an approximately \$30,000 picnic shelter project in McCormick Park.

Developing additional covered picnic shelters was identified as a high priority need in the recently adopted Parks & Trails Master Plan (read the plan by selecting Parks & Trails Master Plan in the right hand column links at [www.ci.st-helens.or.us/parks](http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/parks)). The existing McCormick Park picnic pavilion is booked nearly every weekend throughout the summer, and many residents are redirected to non-covered areas without utilities.

The new McCormick Park picnic shelter will be installed adjacent to the parking lot, restrooms, and playground. The new shelter is tentatively scheduled to be installed by the



**Steel Covered Picnic Shelter Example**

summer of 2017. Public Works is also planning on extending utilities (water and electric) to the shelter.

# St. Helens Awarded Travel Oregon Branding & Wayfinding Grant

**Travel Oregon: 2016-2017 Matching Grants Program**

**Award:** \$40,000

**Total Project:** \$80,000

**Match:** In-kind (up to half) and cash

Travel Oregon awarded \$40,000 to St. Helens through their Matching Grants Program to create a plan and design for a unified, comprehensive branding strategy and wayfinding system. The City will match the grant 1 to 1 for a total project cost of \$80,000.

The primary goals of this project are to:

1. Create a brand for St. Helens that captures the unique assets offered to visitors

2. Use the brand to create a Wayfinding Master Plan. The Wayfinding Master Plan will include recommendations for signage design, location, cost estimates, and implementation strategies.

The need for a unified wayfinding signage program and a brand to market the St. Helens commercial districts has been identified in numerous adopted plans, including the recently adopted Corridor Master Plan (2015) (see photo) and the Tourism Plan (2007).

These plans identified the lack of signage from the entrance to St. Helens on Highway 30 through our downtown and to the historic Riverfront District.

With the historic downtown over a mile from Highway 30, visitors and even long-time residents often miss this unique district, resulting in lost revenue for local, small businesses. Enhanced gateways and unified wayfinding signage will help enliven downtown St. Helens, increasing foot traffic to local business.

In addition to aligning with planning document recommendations, initial transportation studies for the Waterfront Redevelopment Project have also identified the need for branded wayfinding signage that leads visitors from the Highway to the new development along the Columbia River.

The City will work with the St. Helens Economic Development Corporation (SHEDCO), the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce (SCCCC), and any other stakeholders through the planning process to develop a branding and signage program. This project has an anticipated completion of September 2017.



**St. Helens Corridor Master Plan Wayfinding Recommendations Excerpt**

# SPIRIT OF



# HALLOWEENTOWN

ST. HELENS, OREGON

## A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN FUN!

HAUNTED TRACTOR RIDES  
HAUNTED MANSION  
WALKING SCARED TOURS  
MONSTER DASH  
PHOTO OPS GALOR

SCARECROWS & ZOMBIES  
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VARIETY SHOWS & FIRES  
DANCE PARTIES  
MORE SPOOKY FUN...

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# Spirit of Halloweentown Community Celebration

As a low-key, alternative option to the celebrity appearances and crowds of tourists, St. Helens event planners have created a Community Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony on October 1 for local residents to bring their families to enjoy the traditional lighting of the giant pumpkin in the Plaza Square. Out-of-town visitors are being encouraged to visit St. Helens starting the weekend of October 8, giving local families the opportunity to enjoy the first weekend of October as a community-oriented event.

On October 1 at 4:30 p.m., the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Spirit of Halloweentown Kick-Off Parade that will start at the intersection of Highway 30 and Columbia Boulevard. The route will travel down Columbia Boulevard to the waterfront property, following the path of the annual Kiwanis Community Parade. It was recently announced that participating groups include Star Wars Oregon, the Unipiper, Niles Zombie Control, and Benny, the skeleton taxi driver, with his taxi cab from the Halloweentown movie.

After the parade, a Community Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony will take place in the Plaza Square at approximately 7:30 p.m. Bring your kids for an up-close opportunity to count down the lighting of the pumpkin and snap a few family photos.



## Traffic Flow During October Weekends

Out of town visitors to Spirit of Halloweentown are being directed to travel down Gable Road and Old Portland Road to Plymouth Street and the waterfront property where paid parking will be offered. During peak event times, use alternate routes to avoid potential heavy traffic. Watch for traffic pattern changes and police officers who may be manually directing traffic.

**Driving Directions from Portland**  
 Drive west on US-Highway 30 from Portland towards St. Helens.

**Preferred Route**  
 Head west on US-Hwy 30  
 Turn RIGHT onto Gable Road  
 Turn slightly left to continue onto Old Portland Rd  
 Turn RIGHT onto Plymouth Street  
 Follow this road until a dead-end

**Alternative Route**  
 Head west on US-Hwy 30  
 Turn RIGHT onto Bennett Road  
 Turn LEFT on Old Portland Road  
 When the road comes to a 'T', turn RIGHT to continue on Old Portland Rd  
 Turn RIGHT onto Plymouth Street  
 Follow this road until a dead-end

**Parking Information:**  
 There is very little parking available in St. Helens. It is recommended that you park in the Main Lot, denoted by red star (451 S. 6th Street). This is closest to all activities and restrooms. Available weekends only. During the week, there is street parking available.  
 Parking is \$10/day with in & out privileges. Cash only.

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**Thank you to our sponsors:**

## October Event Schedule

Check [www.facebook.com/Halloweentown.OR](http://www.facebook.com/Halloweentown.OR) for up to the minute event information. Any cancellations or changes will be announced on the Spirit of Halloweentown's official Facebook page as soon as possible.

Visit [www.discovercolumbiacounty.com](http://www.discovercolumbiacounty.com) for a complete agenda, including dates and times, and a comprehensive list of events.

### October 1

Chamber sponsored Halloweentown Kick-Off Parade, Community Pumpkin Lighting Ceremony

### October 8-9

Annual Rotary Monster Dash, costume competition, Actress Kimberly Brown (Marnie from the Halloweentown movies) visits St. Helens with two days of ticketed events

### October 15-16

Haunted Hotrod and Hearse Rally, spooky tractor rides, pet costume contest

### October 22-23

Goth Weekend, Hocus Pocus character actors, Shoestring Community Players Haunted Tours

### October 29-30

Kiwanis Children's Fair, The Chronicle's Little Spooks Parade, celebrity appearance by Nicholas Brendon and Emma Caulfield (Xander and Anya from Buffy the Vampire Slayer)

## St. Helens Public Library

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### HOURS

Mon. through Thurs.: 10 a.m.—7 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed



## Library Hosts Oregon Humanities Conversation Project on Leadership

*An event at St. Helens Public Library on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.*

Different people have different ideas about what they want and expect from leaders. Our understanding of what constitutes leadership is shaped by the behavior and appearance of the people we call “leaders.” Many of our ideas about leadership are tied to positions of power and authority and influenced by race, gender, age, and other identities.

How are leadership, power, and authority different? What are other names for what we experience as leadership? Is leadership always in service to the greater good? How can we raise up the kinds of leaders who can best serve our communities?

This is the focus of “Looking for Leadership: What Do We Want from Leaders?,” a free conversation with Lois Ruskai Melina on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. at the St. Helens Public Library. This program is hosted by the St. Helens Public Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Melina has a PhD in Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University, a program that views leadership as a process of individual, organizational, and global change. She has taught leadership at Gonzaga University and Union Institute & University. She was the lead editor of the anthology *The*



*Embodiment of Leadership*, and her academic research has appeared in the journals *Leadership Review*, *Global Discourse*, *The International Journal of Servant Leadership*, and *Qualitative Inquiry*.

The St. Helens Public Library strives to be a place where intelligent conversation and debate happen and potentially inspire positive change. Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our

daily lives and our state's future.

Oregon Humanities (921 SW Washington, Suite 150; Portland, OR 97205) connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at

[www.oregonhumanities.org](http://www.oregonhumanities.org). Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

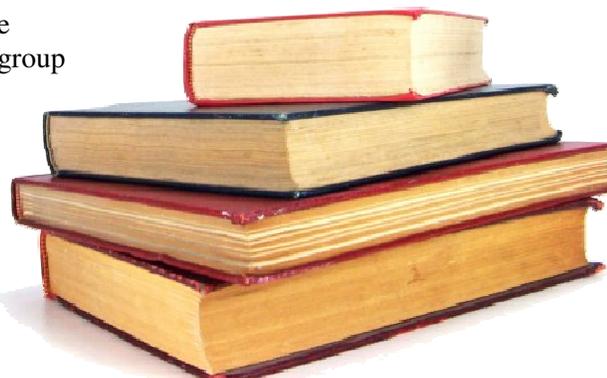
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## Annual Plant and Book Sale

**Annual Fall Book Sale.** It's time for the annual fall book sale held by the Friends of the St. Helens Public Library which is the major fundraising group for the St. Helens Public Library. Come see the books currently on sale in the hallway – PLUS, a room full of books that you have not yet seen. Books will be located in the hallway outside of the Library.

Friday, October 21, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. & Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Annual Fall Plant Sale.** The St. Helens Garden Club presents their annual fall plant sale. Plants will be located on the front porch. Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.



# Special Fall Youth Activities at the Library

## Costumed Storytime

Wednesday, October 26 at 11:15 a.m.

Whether you love dressing as a princess, a dinosaur, a superhero, or something else entirely, put on your favorite costume and join us for stories, songs, dances, wiggles, and more! Suggested ages 6 months through 5 years -- caregivers are also encouraged to participate.

## Pumpkin Painting

Friday, October 28 at 3 p.m.

Make the mess at our place! You bring the pumpkin and we provide the paints, brushes, and stencils for you to make a spooky, funny, or beautiful creation at the Library. Please call 503-397-4544 to register for this program. Children and teens of all ages.

## Friends of the Library Quarterly Art Talk & Show: Teresa Weismann Knight

The Friends of the St. Helens Public Library will host artist Teresa Weismann Knight for their quarterly art show and artist talk. A selection of Teresa's art will be on display at the Library during the month of November.

On Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m., Knight will give a presentation called "The Art of Business...or the Business of Art: The Necessary Evils of Selling Your Work." Visit the Library to listen to Knight share how to enjoy your artistic endeavors while still making money.

As a child growing up in the rural northwest, Knight developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors. She started exploring art by using pencils and ink, then, branching into acrylic, oil, watercolor and sculpture. As an artist, she prefers to work with realistic subjects.



Examples of Knight's artwork which will be on display at the St. Helens Public Library during the month of November.

## NaNoWriMo Returns to St. Helens Public Library

“One day I'd like to write a novel.” If you've entertained this thought, then NaNoWriMo might be for you. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), a writing adventure where people all around the world bash out a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. No judges, no entry fees, just a whole lot of fun. You can learn more at [NaNoWriMo.org](http://NaNoWriMo.org) or by joining us at the Kick-Off Party on October 27. Join us on October 6 for a pre-NaNoWriMo event and meet Portland author Maggie Stuckey. After signing up for NaNoWriMo, the St. Helens Public Library will provide you with a brochure that outlines the scheduled write in times during the month of November, along with weekly emails to update you about any event changes and to encourage you on your way toward completing your novel.

### Nonfiction Writing with Maggie Stuckey

**Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m.**

Are you thinking of writing a nonfiction book and hoping to see it published by a traditional publisher? Portland author Maggie Stuckey will unlock the mysteries of the nonfiction book proposal at a special event at the St. Helens Public Library on Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m. Stuckey knows the publishing world and its quirks from years of firsthand experience as a manuscript and consulting editor to publishing houses. She is the author of 11 books under her own name, and 20-some others as ghostwriter or collaborator; all are nonfiction and most were published by one of the big-name New York houses.

\*\*\*As a reminder, the St. Helen's Writer's Guild will not be meeting in November.

### NaNoWriMo Kick-Off Party

**Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m.**

Have you ever wanted to be a writer? Find out more about National Novel Writing Month, learn tips about how to plot your novel, play games, eat food and hear from award-winning Science Fiction author Ken Scholes as he shares writing wisdom at the NaNoWriMo Kick-Off party on October 27 at 7 p.m.

### NaNoWriMo Late Night Write

**Friday, November 18 from 5 p.m. to midnight**

Writers can work when the Library is closed to everyone else. Take advantage of this chance to team up with fellow novelists and catch up on your word count with games, word sprints and camaraderie! Pizza, coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

# City Welcomes New K-9 Team to St. Helens Police Department



On August 23, St. Helens Police Department welcomed its newest officer to the force: 17-month-old K-9 Officer Ryder.

Ryder is a purebred, male German Shepherd being handled by St. Helens Police Officer Brent Thompson. Ryder is the Police Department's fifth K-9 Officer, replacing former K-9 Officer Lycos who retired from service in November 2014. This is Officer Thompson's first time working as a K-9 handler.

Born in Hungary, the Police Department acquired Ryder through Vohne Liche Kennels West in California. Ryder comes to St. Helens with some training in bite work using a sleeve.

In October 2016, Ryder and K-9 Handler Thompson will attend a 10-week academy in Portland to test Ryder's workability, obedience, tracking and bite work. If all testing and training goes according to plan, Ryder will pass his standards and be approved to start work by late 2016.

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed in observance of several holidays during November and December (see list below). These closures include City Hall, St. Helens Public Library, St. Helens City Shops and St. Helens Police Department administrative office.

We apologize for any convenience this may cause.

- Friday, November 11: Veterans Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 24-25: Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23: Christmas Eve observed
- Monday, December 26: Christmas Day observed

## Public Meetings Calendar

### October

10/5	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
10/10	Parks Commission	4 pm
10/10	Youth Council	7 pm
10/11	Planning Commission	7 pm
10/18	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
10/19	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
10/24	Youth Council	7 pm
10/25	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
10/27	Bike & Pedestrian Commission	6:30 pm

### November

11/2	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
11/7	Youth Council	7 pm
11/8	Planning Commission	7 pm
11/15	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
11/15	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
11/16	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
11/21	Youth Council	7 pm

### December

12/5	Youth Council	7 pm
12/7	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
12/12	Parks Commission	4 pm
12/13	Planning Commission	7 pm
12/13	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
12/19	Youth Council	7 pm
12/20	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
12/21	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
12/29	Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission	6:30 pm

Meeting agendas, packets and minutes, along with any changes, are available to view on the City's website at [www.ci.st-helens.or.us](http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us). Public Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 29.