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## St. Helens Summer Events

Summer is here again, and with its return comes a lineup of family-friendly events on the St. Helens riverfront.

13 Nights on the River returns to Columbia View Park with a special concert season that includes two extra nights of music, one on a Saturday night which includes a Saturday Street Dance.

The Kiwanis Community Parade will wind its way down Columbia Boulevard on June 18 and is pairing this community tradition with the revival of the St. Helens River Festival, complete with concerts, street dances and the Davis Amusement Carnival. This same weekend, a new bike race called the Columbia Century Challenge will wind its way through the back roads of Columbia County.

Fireworks and a day of family-friendly events are scheduled for 4th of July. Read on to find out complete details for these events.

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## Accessory Structure Rules in St. Helens

If you are thinking about building an accessory structure such as a shed, barn or detached garage, please check with the Planning and Building Departments about permit(s), location and other requirements. Typically, such buildings require permits, and even if a permit is not required, requirements such as maintaining minimum distances from property lines must be met.

A permit is required for any accessory structure which will be 120 square feet or more in gross floor area, and/or greater than 15 feet in height. This even applies to tents used for carports, greenhouses and similar structures that will be in place in excess of 15 consecutive days or 30 accumulative days in a calendar year.

In addition, even though sheds and other accessory structures less than 120 square foot gross floor area and less than 15 feet in height may not require permits, there are still certain rules that apply so be sure to contact the City and confirm that where and how you wish to place such structures is legal. For example, though standard setbacks (yard requirements) don't apply as with larger structures, no portion of the accessory structure is allowed within three feet of a property line.

It is important to recognize that the City may



ask that improperly placed accessory structures be removed or moved, regardless of size and height, and whether permits were required or not. Also, if someone other than the City Planning or Building Department tells you that a permit is not required, please double check with the City.

These rules apply to residential properties. Standards differ for commercial or industrial areas.

You can contact Assistant Planner Jenny Dimsho with any accessory structure questions by email at [jdimsho@ci.st-helens.or.us](mailto:jdimsho@ci.st-helens.or.us) or by phone at 503-397-6272. Generally, someone from the Planning Department is also available to discuss your questions over the counter at City Hall, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens.

## Summer Grass and Weed Abatement

St. Helens City Hall receives numerous questions each summer regarding the rules for grass and weed height. St. Helens Municipal Code 8.12.090(3) states that "no owner or person in charge of property shall allow weeds or grasses to grow on his or her property or in adjacent streets or alleys in excess of 10 inches in height between June 1st and October 15th of each year." This rule not only keeps neighborhoods and commercial areas looking attractive, but it also helps curb the fire danger during the peak wildfire season.

Like many general nuisance and code enforcement issues, which include a wide range of matters such as noise levels, scattering rubbish and debris, and on-street RV parking,

we recommend talking with your neighbor about any grass or weed height issues before contacting the City's code enforcement. We realize that many people may be reluctant to confront someone they live next to regarding a potentially sensitive subject. However, if you feel comfortable talking to your neighbor, often all it may take is a quick chat to resolve the problem.

The best type of code enforcement involves both the community and government working together toward a common goal. You can report grass or weed height violations to St. Helens code enforcement by calling the non-emergency dispatch number at 503-397-1521.



## From the Desk of Mayor Randy Peterson



Each year as the sun reappears and the temperature begins to climb, the St. Helens riverfront comes alive with community activities. This

transformation is always a pleasure to observe as families gather on the waterfront to enjoy St. Helens' unique location and free events. As always, the community can look forward to the return of local favorites such as 13 Nights on the River, the St. Helens Kiwanis Community Parade and a day-long 4th of July Celebration. The St. Helens Kiwanis Club will also bring back the River Festival this year, which will be held on the same weekend as the community parade and be combined with an inaugural century bike ride called the Columbia Century Challenge.

Thousands of community members participate in these summer activities each year, many of which are offered free to the public. None of this would be possible without the hard work of volunteers who donate hundreds of hours to make these events a success. Please join me in thanking our dedicated volunteers for making St. Helens such a wonderful place to live. If you attend these events, please consider contributing to their future success by becoming a volunteer. Working together as a community is one of the key ways that we contribute to the livability of St. Helens as a whole.

While the St. Helens riverfront comes alive with events each summer, the St. Helens City Council and I hope to see that same activity continue through the entire year. The St. Helens Waterfront Redevelopment Project is an opportunity

to turn that desire into a reality. Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House that was held at Columbia River Receptions and Events on April 27, 2016. Over 125 people attended the meeting to hear about the planning progress and offer valuable feedback regarding several concept plans that were presented based on previous community feedback.

The City is in the final stages of setting a date for another Open House that will be held in July 2016. Watch the local newspapers, read our July e-Newsletter, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or check the Waterfront Redevelopment Project's website (<http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/waterfront-redevelopment-project/>) for a date to be announced soon.

While we have attempted to schedule these Open Houses at convenient times, we realize that not everyone is able to attend these meetings. We truly welcome your feedback and ideas regarding the waterfront redevelopment. Please feel free to contact me or any City Councilor regarding the waterfront. You can find a list of contact information for each of us on page 5 of this publication. You can also drop off written suggestions at St. Helens City Hall.

As July approaches, the City of St. Helens joins many government agencies across the nation in welcoming a new fiscal year – our version of a new calendar year. As we look forward to this transition, St. Helens is also anticipating changes in our Finance Department with the retirement of our Finance Director Jon Ellis. Jon was hired in October 2010 and has worked closely with the City Council and City staff as we weathered several years of budget cuts and an economy in recession. His financial expertise and

guidance will be greatly missed. Please join me in wishing him well in his retirement.

On June 20, Matthew Brown begins work as the City's new Finance Director. Matt joins St. Helens after working for the City of Hubbard and City of Forest Grove. I look forward to getting to know Matt as the City Council and staff continue to work diligently to be wise stewards of the City's resources and provide the community with superior services. Welcome aboard, Matt.

A new fiscal year also means the start of a new City budget. As was the case last year, the City is in a stable financial state after making difficult cuts to the budget in previous years. Coming out of the recession, we now begin to look at what key services to bring back while still maintaining a solid financial footing. This year's proposed budget includes the reintroduction of a full time code enforcement officer at the St. Helens Police Department in order to better manage nuisance complaints and other code enforcement issues.

The proposed budget has already been approved by the City's Budget Committee. Thank you to the community members who volunteer their time to serve on this Committee. The City Council held a public hearing on June 1, and the next step will be the final adoption of the budget by the City Council on June 15.

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

### *Staying up-to-date can be hard work...*

We know life can be busy, so we've taken the work out of staying on top of community news. When you sign up for our monthly e-Newsletter and digital Gazette, you will be the first to find out about City festivals & events, new City policies that may affect you, and plenty of other useful City information.

Sign up online at <http://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/newsletters/>.



## From the Desk of the City Council



**Doug Morten**

Greetings! I'd like to focus my report on our parks.

Summer has arrived with a roar.

As I write, the thermometer continues toward the 100 degree mark. This past Memorial Day was spent with family and friends on the beaches of Sand Island in very enjoyable weather. Hopefully, you can take advantage of our vast waterfront access and walking trails that exist throughout our City parks.

I like to pay tribute to all our dedicated volunteers throughout our community that are making a difference. Specifically, a new program called Adopt a Flower Garden is just getting started. People such as Diane Dillard, Stewart and Kathy Hartley, Robert and Judy Thompson, and the St. Helens Garden Club have contributed to the beautification in our parks and public spaces. Additionally, our Friends program allows citizens the opportunity to become a Friend of a park to aid in the special needs for a particular park and help with the maintenance and upkeep.

Caroline Skinner and Howard Blumenthal lead the Friends of Knob Hill Nature Park with their effective work...on and off...the trails. Another example is Michael Howard, who is always visible at the Off-Leash Dog Park at McCormick Park. He promotes good behavior amongst dog owners and even settles many unruly dog disputes. He is indeed our resident Dog Whisperer!

Volunteerism builds pride, investment and a sense of ownership throughout our community. Service clubs such as the Day Breaker's Kiwanis Club maintain the upkeep and appearance of the Walnut Tree Park. These are just a few examples of people and groups I wanted to mention. There are so many others that contribute to the upgrading of our parks. Thank you!

Please call Parks Supervisor Thad Houk (503-397-9585) for details and questions regarding volunteering.

Respectfully,

Council President Doug Morten  
Public Works & Parks



**Keith Locke**

Dear Community,

I would like to take this time to talk about our St. Helens Police

Department. In the last two years we have seen many of our experienced officers either retire or find other opportunities. Our Police Department personnel has grown with some new and exciting changes and with these new opportunities also brings challenges. Losing our retiring officers has cost us their experience and skills to pass on to this new generation of officers.

In the past two years, we have hired Police Reserve Officer Kate Welter and Support Specialist Malinda Duran from our Municipal Court. In 2015, we hired from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Officer Dustin King, Reserve Officers Dylan Gaston and Jamin Coy, and also part-time Code Enforcement Officer Scott Williams from our Public Works Department. This year, so far, we have hired Reserve Officer Christopher Ward and from C-COM Bryan Cutright. They are both at the Police Academy in Salem for the 16-week basic course. They will then be finishing their apprenticeship here in St. Helens as our newest full-time officers. At this time, we are in the process of hiring one more officer. This will bring us to our recession total of 16 officers, down from 23 officers on staff in 2007.

In the last two years, we have promoted Rick Graham from Sergeant to Lieutenant and Detective Anthony Miltich to Sergeant. Congratulations to all the new officers and those officers who have been promoted. If you have the pleasure of running into any of these fine people out in town, say hi and thank them for a job well done. Welcome our newest officers to the City of St. Helens and our Police Force.

Keith Locke  
Police Commissioner



**Susan Conn**

Summer activities and family get-togethers are already in full swing. As you plan your summer please take some time to appreciate our many City parks and the opportunities provided for outdoor activities and entertainment in St. Helens. In addition to picnic space and our 13 Nights on the River free Thursday evening concert series in Columbia View Park, we offer many sports options. If you haven't tried it, visit the disc golf course at McCormick Park, entering at the main park entrance on South 18th Street. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the Columbia River and investigate the former veneer mill waterfront property with its one-mile oval path and views of the river, herons, egret nests and the ships traveling our working river. Access gates are located on South 1st Street or at the end of Strand Street in the Riverfront District, near Columbia View Park.

During the summer we all like to take advantage of good weather to spend time outside, but don't forget all of the activities taking place indoors, at the St. Helens Public Library. Our summer reading program encourages continued learning and retention of knowledge during time out of school, and our children's programs offer activities designed to educate and entertain. Explore everything the Library has to offer: books, movies, music, games, computer time and even day trips. Take the family to the Portland Art Museum, the Japanese Gardens or one of the many other destinations accessible through our Passport program.

Whatever you choose to do, enjoy the good weather and the extra daylight. Check out planned activities like the Kiwanis Parade, Carnival and the Century Bike Ride in June and our annual 4th of July Celebration, with fireworks. Take advantage of all St. Helens has to offer. Explore and experience something new this summer!

Sincerely,  
Councilor Susan Conn



## Ginny Carlson

It's a great time of year; a time for gardening, planning, vacationing and attending local events.

Whether your interests are long bike rides, parades or music, you're going to love this summer (see this issue of the Gazette for event info). Please support these great volunteer efforts; these folks are really working hard for all of us.

This year also marks Phase II of the Gateway Sculpture Project by the Arts & Cultural Commission. They are using grant funds, tourism funds and a Kickstarter campaign to bring in the much needed funding for this project.

The season is full of inspiration and ideas to bring us to a better place than we even imagine. I have been inspired by some great folks since being on the Council. Judy Thompson's tireless efforts have championed so many worthy causes, including yearly Earth Day clean-ups, beautifying our parks and the waterfront, and bringing awareness to the lives of those who experience mental health challenges, raising thousands of dollars, and bringing unlikely partners together for the greater good. Thank you is not enough to show my inspiration and awe. I am just happy to be part of the movement, following an inspiring lead.

I am also inspired by the Youth Council and students in our community who show so much hope and promise. I have witnessed this on many occasions, but most recently at a School Board meeting where they stood and spoke out for a teacher, not an easy thing to do. They showed a lot of courage and strength. Thank you. The Youth Council is also committed to taking on 13 nights of service this summer to help clean up and raise money to help the youth of our community!

To City staff who work so hard volunteering behind the scenes on projects and never asking for or take any glory for themselves and to all my friends at Riverside, THANK YOU for always making me see the bright side and the limitless possibilities, learning to accept myself and others just as we are: a beautiful community for all.

Councilor Ginny Carlson

## City Welcomes New Finance Director

On June 20, 2016, St. Helens will welcome Matthew Brown as the City's new Finance Director. Brown is replacing former Finance Director Jon Ellis who is retiring on June 30, 2016.

Brown is a native Oregonian who graduated from Hillsboro's Century High School before going on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business from Western Oregon University with a focus in management and a minor in economics. In 2013, Brown graduated from Marylhurst University with a MBA in Business and a focus in Finance.

Brown worked for Pacific University and Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD) as an accountant. In 2011, he accepted a job as senior accountant at the City of Hubbard, Oregon, where he oversaw the budget process. Brown was hired as the senior management analyst at the City of Forest Grove in December 2013. While at Forest Grove, he worked with department heads on strategic planning, helped to expand and create a more complete Capital Improvement Plan, oversaw the budget process, and worked on rate studies and revenue analysis.

A current Certified Public Accountant (CPA) candidate, Brown has taken all the necessary classes to sit for the CPA exam. He plans to start testing in late 2016 or early 2017. If he earns his CPA designation, it will give him the ability to write official financial statements.

Brown has a Professional Finance Officer Certification through the Oregon Government Finance Officers Association (OGFOA). The certification requires approximately four years of ongoing training and management classes in a variety of fields, including budgeting, forecasting, management, human resources and technology. Brown is also a board member of OGFOA.

"I'm looking forward to working on upcoming development projects that St. Helens has going on," said Brown. "It's an exciting time for the City, and I'm excited to be part of that."

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Planning Commission, St. Helens Youth Council



# St. Helens Arts & Cultural Commission Launches Gateway Sculpture Project: Phase 2

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, the St. Helens Arts & Cultural Commission (ACC) will launched their first Kickstarter campaign to help fund the fabrication and installation of two sculptures, called the Salmon Tree Cycle, at the south entrance of St. Helens.

Kickstarter is a crowdfunding platform that helps bring creative projects to life. Over 10 million people, from every continent, have backed a Kickstarter project. Kickstarter projects only receive pledged donations if they reach their fundraising goal by the campaign deadline. People will be able to donate to the St. Helens Salmon Tree Cycle campaign through June 30, 2016.

The pair of sculptures continue the work of the Gateway Sculpture Project: Phase 1 which was completed in 2014 with the

installation of two metal obelisk sculptures at the north entrance of St. Helens on the Highway 30 Milton Creek

Bridge. Phase 2, the Salmon Tree Cycle, will be installed on the east side of McNulty Creek Bridge, just south of Gable Road on Highway 30.

The goal of the two-phased Gateway Sculpture Project is to make the entrances to St. Helens more attractive and inviting to travelers. By marking both entrances to the St. Helens community with unique landmarks, visitors and locals are encouraged to slow down, explore the community, and connect with St. Helens' unique heritage.

The Gateway Sculpture Project aligns with nationally-recognized placemaking strategies and local economic development initiatives. The total cost of the Salmon Tree



**Gateway Sculpture Project**  
St. Helens, Oregon

Cycle is \$62,000 and the Kickstarter fundraising goal is \$16,000.

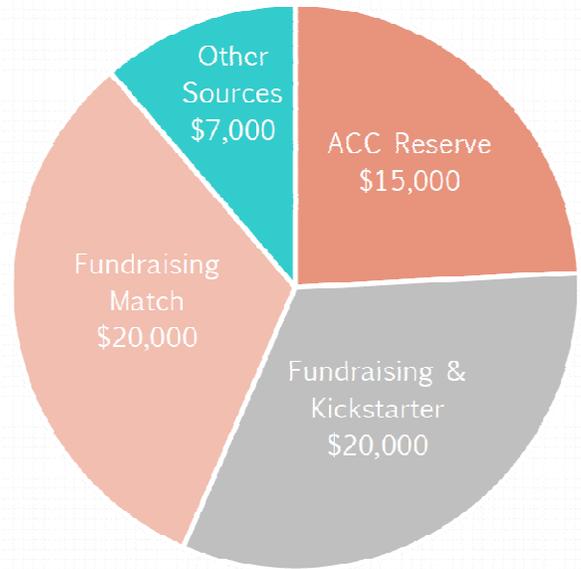
By pledging to support the St. Helens Gateway Sculpture Kickstarter campaign, people will make a lasting impact on the community by helping to fund a free cultural resource to be enjoyed for generations to come. People who donate to the campaign will have the option to choose between over 14 locally crafted rewards, including a clay talisman, linocut prints and St. Helens coloring postcard sets.

Another way to support the ACC's Kickstarter is by sharing the campaign with friends and family on social media. The link to the Kickstarter campaign is [www.tinyurl.com/salmtree](http://www.tinyurl.com/salmtree).

The Salmon Tree Cycle sculptures were designed by regionally-renowned artists Rhiza A+D and represent the Pacific Northwest ecological heritage. A public hearing for the design was held in September 2015, and the project was unanimously adopted by the ACC. A short video is available to watch online at [www.salmtreecycle.com](http://www.salmtreecycle.com) to learn more about the design, the significance of the project and the Kickstarter campaign.

Established in 2005, the ACC is a City of St. Helens commission made up of community volunteers dedicated to improving the livability of St. Helens by encouraging the recognition of arts and culture. In the past five years alone, the ACC fundraised to design, fabricate and install artistic benches, bike racks, and cultural banners throughout the community. The members of the ACC also hosted numerous free craft workshops for children, a summer art show and annual trash can painting contests.

## Project Budget



## Kickstarter Campaign Link:

[www.tinyurl.com/salmtree](http://www.tinyurl.com/salmtree)



# ST. HELENS SUMMER EVENTS



## 13 Nights on the River

SAINT HELENS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

**13 NIGHTS ON THE RIVER**

FREE EVERY THURSDAY  
ALL SUMMER LONG

LIVE MUSIC 6-9PM

CRAFTS, FOOD, BEER 4-9PM

2016

COLUMBIA VIEW AMPHITHEATER  
SAINT HELENS, OR

[www.13NIGHTSONTHERIVER.ORG](http://www.13NIGHTSONTHERIVER.ORG)

## NIGHTS ON THE RIVER

### 2016 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

JUNE 2ND	HIT MACHINE
JUNE 9TH	JUNE BUGS
JUNE 16TH	SLICKER BAND
JUNE 23RD	RAE GORDON
JUNE 30TH	STONE IN LOVE - TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY
JULY 7TH	THE HORN DOGS
JULY 14TH	NORMAN SYLVESTER
JULY 21ST	CROSSFIRE
JULY 28TH	RUBY FALLS
***JULY 30TH***	CORT CARPENTER - (ALL AGES) SATURDAY STREET DANCE
AUGUST 4TH	SHOOT TO THRILL - TRIBUTE TO AC/DC
AUGUST 11TH	RAMBLE ON - TRIBUTE TO LED ZEPPELIN
AUGUST 18TH	SWEETWATER
AUGUST 25TH	JUJUBA
***SEPT 1ST***	RADICAL REVOLUTION 14TH NIGHT ENCORE

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY  
[WWW.13NIGHTSONTHERIVER.ORG](http://WWW.13NIGHTSONTHERIVER.ORG)

Kiwanis Club of St. Helens Presents

# ST. HELENS RIVER FESTIVAL

## JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>

### THURSDAY NOON - 12AM

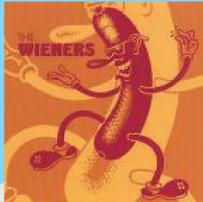
### FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11AM-12AM

#### PARADE

**SATURDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> • NOON**  
Intersection of Hwy 30 and Columbia Blvd.

**STREET DANCES • 8PM**  
**\$5 cover**

**FRI., JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Stevie Marie**  
and Jackson Road



**SAT., JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**The Wieners**

#### DAVIS AMUSEMENT CARNIVAL

*(Carnival rides are not free)*

**FREE  
ADMISSION!**



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# Kiwanis Community Parade

The Annual St. Helens Kiwanis Community Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2016. The parade theme is "Celebrate Healthy Living."

The parade starts at noon at the intersection of Columbia Boulevard and Highway 30 and continues down Columbia Boulevard and South 1st Street. The parade finishes its route at the end of South 1st Street.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016**  
**COLUMBIA CENTURY CHALLENGE**

Join Us on a All New Bike Odyssey  
through Historic Backroads of Columbia County in NW Oregon

110/72 Mile Options  
Start to Finish  
St. Helens, Oregon

**CC**

[www.cyclecolumbiacounty.com](http://www.cyclecolumbiacounty.com)

## Columbia Century Challenge

On Saturday, June 18, the inaugural Columbia Century Challenge will start and finish at the St. Helens riverfront. The idea for a century ride (a bike ride of 100 plus miles or kilometers) through Columbia County was developed by a group of local bike enthusiasts, community leaders and business owners who are eager to put our quiet, rural county on the map as a prime recreational bicycling destination. Bragging rights will not be earned just by the distance ridden, but as much by conquering a substantial amount of climbing, though none of the climbs qualify as grueling. In short, this ride will definitely not be your run-of-the-mill century ride!

Participants can choose between two ride distances. The first option is the Century Plus, a 110-mile loop featuring approximately 7,000 feet of elevation gain. The course will pass through Vernonia, Mist, Clatskanie, Rainier and Columbia City. The second option is the Metric Plus, a 72-mile ride featuring 4,400 feet of elevation gain. It follows a similar route as the Century Plus ride, but skips the towns of Mist, Clatskanie and Rainier. Both rides start and finish in St. Helens.

Major rest stops will be placed along the route and offer hydration options, snacks and restrooms in Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier. Additional rest stops will be located approximately every 15 miles.

The advanced registration fee for this event is \$45 with a \$55 fee for day-of-event registration.

For complete details about this event, visit [www.cyclecolumbiacounty.com](http://www.cyclecolumbiacounty.com).

# 4th of July Celebration

**9 a.m.** Annual Arts & Cultural Commission Trash Can Painting Competition in Columbia View Park



**11 a.m.** St. Helens Elks #1999 will begin food service

**11 a.m.** Flag Raising & National Anthem Presentation in the Courthouse Plaza



**11:10 a.m.** Join our year of health celebration with Zumba with Jahnea. We promise you'll burn enough calories to not feel guilty for the rest of the day – free for all. Join in this fun street dance and try all 3 dance

styles. Zumba, UJam and Hip Hop.

**11 – 1 p.m.** Wish Upon a Pony Rides, \$3 per person

**1 – 3 p.m.** Photo-op and Touch the Trucks: Dozers, backhoes, etc. Free Event

**1 p.m.** Watermelon Eating Contest & Pie Contest. Free Event – Sponsored by Dockside Steak & Pasta and SHEDCO.

**2 p.m.** Bell ringing with Judy Thompson and Steve Topaz

**2:15 p.m.** Helicopter Raffle Drawing for 8 people to win a ride. Raffle conducted by SHEDCO and sponsored by City of St. Helens Fireworks Committee.

**2 – 6 p.m.** Twisted Balloons, \$2 donation suggested

**3 – 5 p.m.** Face Painting. Face Painters will be on hand to make your child happy. Free during this time frame.



**3 p.m.** Courthouse Plaza concert with Don & The Decades

**3 – 8 p.m.** Dinnertime offerings with the St. Helens Elks #1999 and DJ music with a Bonfire by the River if possible

**8 – 10 p.m.** Hit Machine at Columbia View Park

**10 p.m.** Fireworks Celebration



\*All events are subject to change.

Visit [www.discovercolumbiacounty.com](http://www.discovercolumbiacounty.com) for the latest event information.

**NOTE NEW FIREWORKS LOCATION:** Fireworks will be launched from the St. Helens waterfront property this year instead of Sand Island.

## St. Helens Public Library

375 S. 18th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051  
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### HOURS

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



## 2016 Summer Reading Program

Summertime means the return of the Summer Reading Program at St. Helens Public Library. Each year, St. Helens Public Library joins other libraries across the nation to encourage reading and host fun activities for all ages. This year's theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" and challenges participants to stay active in the world. Summer reading programs are traditionally designed to encourage elementary school aged children to read during summer vacation to avoid losing skills that they learned during the

school year. This goal continues to be an important part of St. Helens Public Library's Summer Reading Program, but summer reading isn't limited to just elementary school aged children. St. Helens Public Library offers programs and events for all ages. We hope to see you at the Library as you take advantage of the many resources and programs that the Library offers to keep your mind and body active during the summer.

## Summer Reading Program F.A.Q.s

### When are sign ups?

Sign ups for all Summer Reading Program categories start on Monday, June 20.

### Where can I sign up?

Sign up at St. Helens Public Library, 375 S. 18th Street, St. Helens.

### What age do I have to be to participate?

St. Helens Public Library has a Summer Reading Program category for all ages! Categories include Early Literacy and Children (babies through age 12), Teens (ages 12 to 18) and Adults (ages 18 and up).

### Is there a fee to participate? Are there other participation restrictions?

There are no fees. You do not have to live in St. Helens to participate. You don't need a Library card to participate. Everyone is encouraged to join in the Summer Reading Program!

### Can I participate in reading challenges from multiple organizations?

If you are participating in another reading challenge (such as through your school), you can use your reading time from other reading challenges as credit toward the St. Helens Public Library Summer Reading Program.

# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!



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# Early Literacy and Children Summer Reading Program

**Program Information:** This category is for children ages birth to 12 years old. Participants will track their reading with a reading log provided by the Library at the time of registration. For every 15 minutes that a child reads (or that he or she reads to someone else or is read to), fill in a square on the reading log. When participants reach 5 hours, 10 hours, and 16 hours of reading, they can come into the Library to receive a prize (5 hours is a temporary tattoo, 10 is a drawstring bag, and 16 is a free book and tickets to the Oregon State Fair).

Participants can also write a book review, write a letter to an author, or make a creative interpretation (such as a drawing or diorama) of a scene from a book that they read. Each week, the Library will choose a random winner from the previous week's submissions for each type of reading response; the winners will receive a gift card for a local restaurant.

Prizes must be collected by the end of the Summer Reading Party on Saturday, August 13.

## Events

### Family Story Time

Every Wednesday: June 22 & 29; July 6, 13, 20 & 27; August 3, 10 & 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Children's Room

Join other families for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, puppets, and more. Children of all ages are welcome with a parent or caregiver.

### Lego League

Alternate Thursdays: June 23; July 7 & 21; August 4 & 18 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the Lobby

Visit us for unstructured LEGO play time with the Library's growing collection of donated LEGO sets. Duplo sets will be available for the younger children. All ages; close parental supervision for ages five and under is highly recommended.

### Paper Plane Flight School

Tuesday, June 21 at 3 p.m. in the Courtyard

Learn to make and fly new kinds of paper planes – or show off your own design! Whose plane will fly farthest, fastest, or most creatively? All ages.

### Fairy Festival

Friday, July 8 from 2-3 p.m. in the Courtyard

Join us for a magical afternoon in the fairy realm! We'll have a short read-aloud from a Rainbow Magic book and then you can craft a wand, create a butterfly companion, and make a fairy light jar. Ages 5+.

### Move Like a Mammoth

Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium

Can you pounce like a saber tooth cat, lift like a mammoth, or stroll like a giant ground sloth? Get moving as you discover how these and other amazing prehistoric animals ran, swam, leaped, climbed and ate their way through Oregon's history. Explore fossils, bones and teeth while comparing ancient animals to those living in Oregon today. Presented by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History. All ages.

### Minecraft Madness!

Tuesday, July 19 from 5-6 p.m. in the Auditorium

Calling all Minecraft fans! Work together to build something awesome in Minecraft on our PS4 and Xbox. While you're waiting for your turn on a console, you can do Minecraft-themed crafts, play Minecraft-themed games, and build something in the real world! Ages 7+.

### MasterChef Junior: Desserts

Friday, July 29 from 12-1 p.m. in the Courtyard

The competition will be fierce and the food will be tasty! Teams of four will be given sweet ingredients and three different challenges to complete together in a short amount of time. The victorious team will win a prize! Call the Library to register. You can sign up as a team of four or just by yourself. Individuals will be assigned to teams the day of the event. Ages 10+.

### Indoor Camping at the Library

Wednesday, August 3 from 7-9 p.m.

Bring your pop-up tent, indoor-safe lanterns, sleeping bags and pillows -- we're camping in the Library! Set up camp at 7 p.m. when the Library closes. The lights go out between 7:30 and 8 and the indoor campfires will be lit (er ... plugged in). Participants will be treated to snacks and will read books, sing songs, and tell stories until 9 p.m. All ages; children under 10 must be accompanied by a grown-up.

### Border Collie International Performing Canine Team

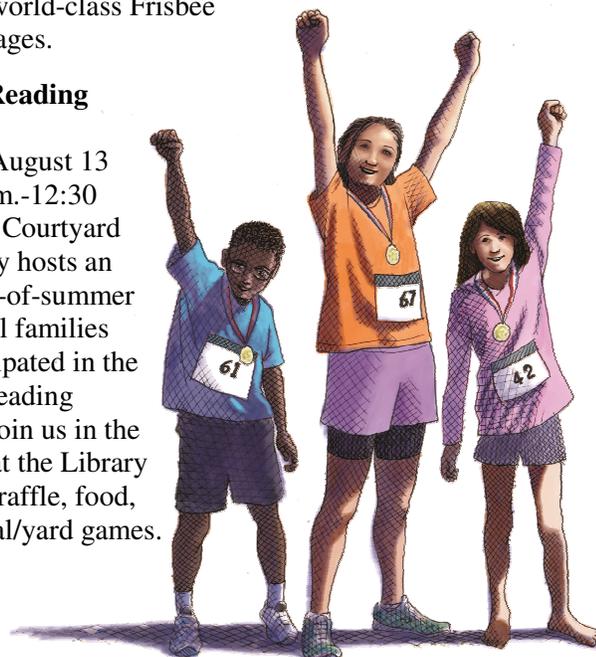
Tuesday, August 9 from 12-1 p.m. in the Courtyard

A team of rescued Border Collies will entertain and educate through demonstrations of football, baseball, skits, and world-class Frisbee tricks. All ages.

### Summer Reading Party

Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard

The Library hosts an annual end-of-summer party for all families who participated in the Summer Reading Program. Join us in the courtyard at the Library for a prize raffle, food, and carnival/yard games. All ages.



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# Teen Summer Reading Program

**Program Information:** This category is for teens ages 12 to 18 years old. Participants will track their reading with a reading log provided by the Library at the time of registration. For every hour of reading, cross off a graphic on the reading log. Once participants reach 16 hours of reading, they can come to the Library to collect their prizes.

Teens can also write a book review, write a letter to an author, or make a creative interpretation (such as a drawing or diorama) of a scene from a book that they read. Each week, the Library will choose a random winner from the previous week's submissions for each type of reading response; the winners will receive a gift card for a local restaurant.

Prizes must be collected by the end of the Summer Reading Party on Saturday, August 13.

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## Events

### Teen Crafternoon

Wednesday, June 29 at 3 p.m.

Make a mandala or an iridescent scratch-art creation with upcycled materials. Open to talented artists or people who just want to chill out and make something. Ages 12-18.

### Teen Gaming: Smash Bros. Tournament

Thursday, June 30 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Auditorium

Test your Super Smash Bros. Brawl skills against other players! Xbox One and PS4 games will be available for free play, too. Ages 12-18.

### Teen Gaming: NBA 2k14 Tournament

Thursday, July 14 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Auditorium

Test your NBA 2k14 skills against other players! Wii U and PS4 games will be available for free play, too. Ages 12-18.

### Minecraft Madness!

Tuesday, July 19 from 5-6 p.m. in the Auditorium

Calling all Minecraft fans! Work together to build something awesome in Minecraft on our PS4 and Xbox. While you're waiting for your turn on a console, you can do Minecraft-themed crafts, play Minecraft-themed games, and build something in the real world! Ages 7+.

### Teen Gaming: Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, July 28 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Auditorium

Test your Mario Kart skills against other players! Xbox One and PS4 games will be available for free play, too. Ages 12-18.

### MasterChef Junior: Desserts

Friday, July 29 from 12-1 p.m. in the Courtyard

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### Teen Gaming: Just Dance Tournament

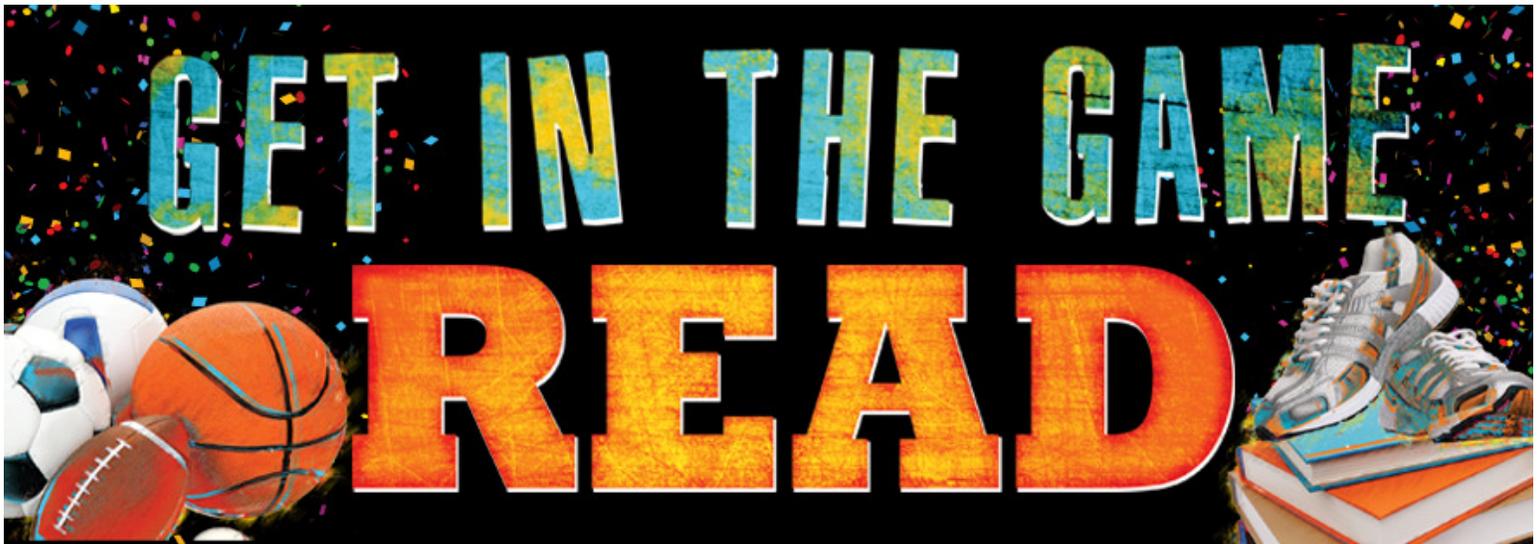
Thursday, August 11 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Auditorium

Test your Just Dance skills against other players! Wii U and PS4 games will be available for free play, too. Ages 12-18.

### Summer Reading Party

Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Courtyard

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# Adult Summer Reading Program

**Program Information:** This category is for ages 18 years and up. St. Helens Public Library invites patrons to explore a variety of ways to improve their health and well-being, including fitness, nutrition, and stress relief. Join a book club, take on a fitness challenge, try meditation, or learn to cook healthier foods.

The first 100 people to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program will receive a free book bag. Each participant will be given a Bingo card with activity challenges to complete. Once you complete enough challenges to create a Bingo, turn your card into the Library (you can turn in one card per week) to be entered into a weekly prize drawing.

## Events

The St. Helens Public Library has been awarded a grant from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition, which is supported by the Oregon Cultural Trust, to offer three workshops under the theme “Exercise Your Mind - CREATE!” It will augment the Library's adult summer reading program, “Exercise Your Mind - READ!” with evenings of art activities for adults.

One program, led by artist Barbara Lines, will engage 20 participants with collage and paints using the Wabi-Sabi method of self-explorative art. It embraces imperfection and celebrates happy accidents so there are no mistakes and no pressure - only successful art.

The second program, also for 20 participants, will be led by artist Diane Dunn who will provide a guided approach to creative doodling that can be used as a tool for mindfulness and relaxation.

The third program will be a Drum Creation Workshop led by Lindsey King. A single-sided 10-inch drum will be crafted using a wooden frame, a stretched rawhide head and lacing. The Drum Creation Workshop will enable 20 adults to make their own frame drum and beater over the course of two evenings. First, the moist hide is stretched and laced around the frame. After drying for a week, participants return to sand the hide surface and decorate it with painted designs if they desire. The uses of drums in tribal culture will be discussed, and the workshop will include opening and closing drumming activities.

Pre-registration is required for these programs. Sign-ups begin Monday, June 20, 2016. Register in person at the Library or call the Library at 503-397-4544.

Wednesday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Collage with Barbara Lines (Sign-ups for 20 participants)

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mindful Doodles with Diane Dunn (Sign-ups for 20 participants)

Tuesday, July 6 and July 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Drum Creation Workshop with Lindsey King (Sign-ups for 20 participants)

*The above programs are made possible by a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Columbia County Cultural Coalition*

Tuesday, July 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Essential oils and natural medicine with Nicole Morrehead

In addition to these grant funded art programs, the Library will host Nicole Morrehead for an informative presentation on “Essential oils and natural medicine.” You will learn how easy it is to incorporate these into your daily life and revolutionize the way you care for yourself.



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission's Annual Bike Helmet Giveaway Program



Each year during May, the St. Helens Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission holds safety assemblies at local schools to coincide with National Bike Month. The Commission teaches students the importance of bicycle and helmet safety and fits students who need one with a free bicycle helmet. The Commission works with fifth graders who are usually starting to become more independent and travel longer distances on their bikes.

On May 13, 2016, members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, St. Helens Police Department School Resource Officer Jeremy Howell and City Councilor Keith Locke talked with fifth graders at McBride Elementary School (pictured above) and Lewis and Clark School.

## Sensory Swings Installed at Campbell and McCormick Park



Thanks to the Columbia County Rotary Club, Campbell Park is now home to a new swing set structure with two zero gravity swings for special needs individuals and two regular swings. One special needs swing will also be installed at McCormick Park.

The Columbia County Rotary Club paid for the swing set and swings through a Rotary district grant, fundraising efforts, and matching funds from the Club.

Rotary Club members helped put together and install the swing set frame and swings with the assistance of the City of St. Helens Public Works crew. The swing set is next to the other playground equipment at Campbell Park.

Thank you for your generosity, Columbia County Rotary Club!

## Public Meetings Calendar

### June

6/13	Parks Commission	4 pm
6/14	Planning Commission	7 pm
6/15	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
6/20	Youth Council	7 pm
6/21	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
6/28	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
6/30	Bike & Pedestrian Commission	6:30 pm

### July

7/4	Youth Council (CANCELLED)	
7/6	City Council Work Session (CANCELLED)	
	City Council Regular Session (CAN.)	
7/12	Planning Commission	7 pm
7/18	Youth Council	7 pm
7/19	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
7/20	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
7/26	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm

### August

8/1	Youth Council	7 pm
8/3	City Council Work Session (CANCELLED)	
	City Council Regular Session (CAN.)	
8/8	Parks Commission	4 pm
8/9	Planning Commission	7 pm
8/15	Youth Council	7 pm
8/16	Library Board (Columbia Center)	7:15 pm
8/17	City Council Work Session	1 pm
	City Council Regular Session	7 pm
8/23	Arts & Cultural Commission	6:30 pm
8/25	Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission	6:30 pm
8/29	Youth Council	7 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.