

Dive into a Pool of Opportunity

Are you looking for a great summer job for your teen? Columbia Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer employment beginning February 3. We are looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals who have the skills required or are willing to learn. Training is available. Job opportunities include: lifeguards, swim instructors, cashiers, concession workers, umpires, camp staff and park maintenance staff. Teens must be at least 15 years old. Youth 10 years or older can volunteer to assist with swim instruction. Call 874-7235 for more information or pick up a job application at Human Resources, 1 S. 7th or go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Project Now Underway

The City of Columbia New Century Fund, Inc. has embarked on a campaign to raise \$100,000 to repair the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and create an endowment for future maintenance of the site. Columbia residents Susan Gray and Eliot Battle

are leading a committee of community leaders to conduct the campaign.

The Memorial, completed in 1993, is a unique work of art, dedicated to the teachings of Dr. King. Located near the Stadium Boulevard entrance to the MKT Trail, the Memorial includes an amphitheater built into the ground and features eight triangular columns, each with a quote from Dr. King.

The blue tile making up the steps of the amphitheater has experienced damage due to calcium carbonate deposits. Repairs to the Memorial will include replacing the tile, testing materials and redirecting water to reduce the possibility of future damage.

The New Century Fund invites Columbia residents to support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Project. All gifts to the project are tax deductible. To learn more about the project, call 874-7504 or visit www.newcenturyfund.org.

Learn About City Services and Programs at the Home Show

Several City departments will participate in the 2003 Home and Garden Show at the Hearnes Center March 28, 29 and 30. Please stop by the City exhibit in section 501 to learn more about City services and programs and sign up for a chance to win a door prize.

Attend the "Local Movement" to Support Youth Recreation Scholarships

The "Local Movement," an interactive dance performance, will be held March 15 at the Columbia Performing Arts Center, 100 North Cedar Lake Drive E. The performance, which begins at 7 p.m., will showcase the talents of local choreographers and dancers who want to support recreational opportunities for Columbia's youth.

Tickets for "Local Movement" are \$5 and can be purchased at the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) prior to March 15 or at the Columbia Performing Arts Center the night of the event. Proceeds from the performance will be used for youth recreation scholarships, including those to the ARC.

To find out more about "Local Movement" and donating to youth recreation scholarships, contact the Columbia Trust at 874-7504 or e-mail columbiatrust@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia Parks and Recreation CALENDAR

Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click on Parks and Recreation or call 874-7460.

MARCH

Youth Baseball and Softball registration open until Feb 15 deadline

- 1 Registration begins for summer youth basketball (until filled)
- 1 Registration begins for Douglass Bulldogs Baseball
- 5 Star Gazing at Lake of the Woods, 8-9:30 p.m. (register by 3/28)
- 15 Swim Lessons begin, Spring Session II ARC (register by 3/13)
- 15 "Local Movement," performance at the Columbia Performing Arts Center, 100 N Cedar Lake Drive E, 7 p.m., advanced tickets at ARC or at the door for \$5, proceeds benefit the ARC's youth scholarship program
- 21 Couples Game Night, 6-9:30 p.m., ARC, preregister
- 21 50+ Live Band Dance, Parkade Center, 7pm
- 24-28 Douglass Gym Spring Break, 1-6pm
- Spring Adventure Camp at the ARC begins, 8 am-5 pm, preregister
- Spring Break special swim hours at the ARC, open swim M-F 10am-9pm
- 29 March Madness 3 Point Shootout, 12 p.m., (register by 3/21), ARC
- 31 Swim Lessons begin, Spring Session III (register by 3/27) Hickman

Council Action

The Council on Dec. 16:

- Authorized agreements with local organizations to fund Human Rights Education Programs. The amount of \$4,825 in funding will be divided among the following programs: Big Brothers/Big Sisters; El Centro Latino de Salud, Educacion y Cultura; Community Playground Inc.; Mid-Missouri AVP Council Inc.; National Federation of the Blind of Columbia, Mo.; Columbia Public School District; Regional AIDS Interfaith Network; and the Curators of the University of Missouri.
- Authorized acquisition of property for park purposes. The property is located along the Hinkson Creek in the area of Old Highway 63 South and Moon Valley Drive. The property appraised for \$37,000 but the owner agreed to sell it to the city for \$16,000.
- Amended the FY 2002 Action Plan to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. A few weeks prior the Council had authorized committing \$25,500 of CDBG money to a Youthbuild housing project. A project application was submitted by Advent Enterprises on behalf of Boone Works. The funding will be used for an on-site supervisor to be hired by the Columbia Career Center.

This is just a brief look at the Council's actions. Complete minutes are available at the City Clerk's Office, 701 E. Broadway, the Columbia Public Library or on the Internet at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the City Council page.

Save Money on Your Taxes!

Are you eligible for some tax credits? Take a little time to check and you could have some extra money in your pocket.



Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
Did you know that you might get up to a \$4,140 credit on your federal taxes if you qualify?

AGE

- If you do not have a qualifying child, are you at least 25 but under 65?

INCOME

- Do you have more than one child? To qualify you need to earn less than \$33,178 (\$34,178 for married filing jointly).
- Do you have one child? To qualify you need to earn less than \$29,201 (\$30,201 for married filing jointly).
- No children? To qualify you need to earn less than \$11,060 (\$12,020 for married filing jointly).

TAX STATUS

- Will you only be listed on your own tax forms? (You are not considered a dependent of someone else.)

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, then it's time to check your tax booklet for more details! You will have to file a 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax form.

If you need help filling out your tax forms, check with the Central Missouri Counties Human Development Corporation at 884-3630 to see if you qualify for assistance.

Missouri Tax Relief Credit

If you paid real estate taxes or rent last year you might qualify for a \$750 tax credit from the State of Missouri!

- Are you 65 or older?
- Under 65 and 100% disabled?
- A U.S. veteran who is 100% disabled as a result of military service?
- Are you 60 or older and a surviving spouse receiving social security payments?

If you could answer 'yes' to one of the questions above and your income is \$25,000 or less for a single person or \$27,000 or less for a married couple filing a combined return then you could get a Missouri Tax Relief Credit!

See your Missouri tax booklet for more details. If you need assistance filling out your Missouri tax forms, contact the Missouri Department of Revenue's Tax Assistance Center at 884-6851. Persons 55 and older can also get assistance from the Boone County Council on Aging, 443-1111.



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Smallpox Preparedness

In December 2002, President George W. Bush decided to make a smallpox vaccine available to Americans, beginning with the military and healthcare professionals who are responsible for implementing the smallpox response plan.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is working in conjunction with the Columbia/Boone County Health Department, as one of five local public health agencies throughout the state, to administer these Stage I vaccinations, so the public health and medical systems can respond immediately to any case of smallpox.

- Public health workers will be vaccinated. These are the workers who will conduct the initial investigation, case finding and ring vaccination programs should a case of smallpox be identified.
- Hospitals will be asked to designate medical response teams, who will be on the frontline in diagnosing, treating and managing smallpox disease.
- At this time, smallpox vaccine is not available to the general public.
- Most people who receive the vaccine experience normal, usually mild, reactions that include a sore arm, fever and body aches. Some people may experience more serious reactions that may require medical attention.
- Information about the vaccine will be available to individuals so they will be well informed before receiving it.

Check out our website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com, click on Smallpox preparedness and bioterrorism information or call 874-7356 for further information.

Did you know?

Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 431, you can learn about crime prevention for residents.



Police Department Receives Gift of Motorcycle

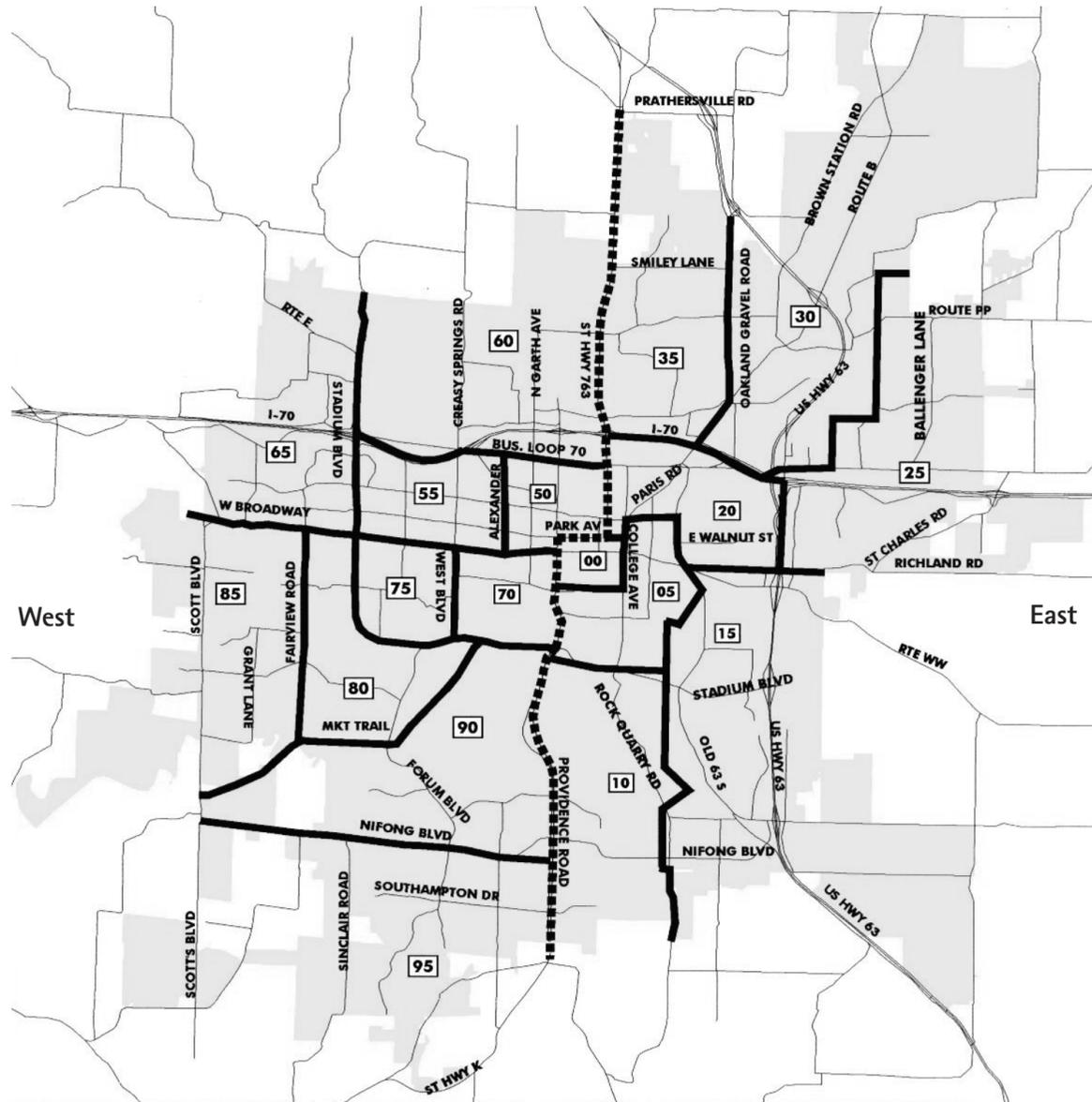
In January the Columbia City Council accepted a gift of \$16,500 from Jim & Billie Silvey to purchase a motorcycle and equipment for the Columbia Police Department. The motorcycle will allow the Columbia Police Department to be more effective especially for traffic enforcement.

The City of Columbia greatly appreciates the generous donations the Silvey's have made to the Police Department.

Gifts to the Columbia Trust are a wonderful way for citizens to give back to their community. All donations to the City of Columbia are tax-deductible. To find out more about the Trust, call 874-7504.

Police Beat Assignments for 2003

*Assignments listed as "Open" were pending at CITY SOURCE press time. Please contact the Police Department at 874-7405 for the names.



EAST DISTRICT BEATS

District Commander
 Captain Zim Schwartz
 District Sergeants
 Shift 1: Ken Smith, Tim Moriarity
 Shift 2: Jack Pestle, Lloyd Simons
 Shift 3: Brad Nelson, John Worden
Beat 00
 Joe Bernhard6:30am-3pm
 Dan Beckman2:30pm-11pm
 Kevin Purdy6:30pm-3am
 Bruce Houston6:30pm-3am
Beat 05
 Allan Bell6:30am-3pm
 Mike Valley2:30pm-11pm
 John Cluver6:30pm-3am
 Brian Tate6:30pm-3am
Beat 10
 Mike Maynard6:30am-3pm
 Curtis Brown2:30pm-11pm
 Dan Wright6:30pm-3am
 Scott Young10:30pm-7am
Beat 15
 Randy Nichols6:30am-3pm
 Wendy Stokes2:30pm-11pm
 Candy Cornman10:30pm-7am
 Jason Baillargeon10:30pm-7am
Beat 20
 Latisha Stroer6:30am-3pm
 Scott Sergent6:30am-3pm
 Sean Moore2:30pm-11pm
 James Means2:30pm-11pm
 Corey Bowden10:30pm-7am
Beat 25
 Jeff Forck6:30am-3pm
 Leslie Holloman2:30pm-11pm
 Matt Sampson2:30pm-11pm
 Jason McClintic10:30pm-7am
 Open*10:30pm-7am
Beat 30
 Jim Blaska6:30am-3pm
 Shelley Jones6:30am-3pm
 Krista Shouse2:30pm-11pm
 Ted Anderson2:30pm-11pm
 Open*6:30pm-3am
 Mike Hestir10:30pm-7am
Beat 35
 Tim Timmerman6:30am-3pm
 Curtis Perkins2:30pm-11pm
 Steve Rios2:30pm-11pm
 Cindy Lucas10:30pm-7am
 Don Weaver10:30pm-7am
Traffic Officers
 Lyn Woolford7:30am-5pm
 Robert Bennett10:30am-6pm
 Alan Hulett2:30pm-11pm
K-9 Officers
 Kevin Moroney, Todd Alber
Downtown Bike Officer
 Mark Brotemarkle 10am-6pm (Tues-Sat)

WEST DISTRICT BEATS

District Commander
 Captain Marvin McCrary
 District Sergeants
 Shift 1: Eric White, Jerry Greene
 Shift 2: Ken Hammond, Jon White
 Shift 3: Eric Stevenson, Roger Allen
Beat 50
 Cynthia Crowe6:30am-3pm
 Garon Holman6:30am-3pm
 Geoff Jones2:30pm-11pm
 Brian Groves2:30pm-11pm
 Open*2:30pm-11pm
 Harlan Hatton6:30pm-3am
 Sterling Infield6:30pm-3am
 Kevin Keith6:30pm-3am
 Don Hawkins6:30pm-3am
 Roger Schlude6:30pm-3am
Beat 55
 Rob Hardt6:30am-3pm
 Open*6:30am-3pm
 Kim Jensen2:30pm-11pm
 Kyle Lucas6:30pm-3am
 Jason Jones6:30pm-3am
 Molly Thomas6:30pm-3am
 Open*10:30pm-7am
 Amy Bishop10:30pm-7am
Beat 60
 Mitch Baxley6:30am-3pm
 Shonona McGeorge2:30pm-11pm
 John Gordon10:30pm-7am
Beat 65
 Terri Marki6:30am-3pm
 Chad Craig2:30pm-11pm
 Todd Smith2:30pm-11pm
 Robert Dochler10:30pm-7am
Beat 70
 Earl Dye6:30am-3pm
 Sam Williams2:30pm-11pm
 Keisha Roberson10:30pm-7am
Beat 75
 Tammy Adams6:30am-3pm
Beat 80
 Steve Brown6:30am-3pm
 Nathan Baer10:30pm-7am
Beat 85
 Chris Boyle2:30pm-11pm
 Rob Sanders10:30pm-7am
Beat 90
 Kevin McDonald6:30am-3pm
 Steve McCormack2:30pm-11pm
 Mike Youtsey10:30pm-7am
Beat 95
 Will Green6:30am-3pm
 Alex McHugh2:30pm-11pm
 Jeff Rukstad10:30pm-7am

Utility Assistance Available

The City of Columbia offers utility bill assistance programs to qualified residents through the CASH and HELP programs. CASH is citizens assisting senior citizens and the handicapped, and HELP is the Heat, Energy and Light Program.

These utility bill assistance programs are unique because every dollar donated goes to Columbia/Boone County residents who find themselves in a financial bind.

Anyone applying for assistance is carefully screened by a social worker at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. Contribution slips were attached to the return envelope of last month's bills. All contributions are tax deductible.

CASH and HELP differ from Columbia's Share the Light Program. Through Share the Light, residents can make tax deductible donations through their utility bills on a one-time or monthly basis to community beautification, public art, youth dental care, youth recreation scholarships, fire prevention and education and crime prevention.

CASH and HELP donations are managed separately from Share the Light donations, so contributors can be certain that their money is being used for the purpose indicated. So if you designate CASH or HELP, you can be assured that your money goes toward helping qualified residents with their utility bills.

For information on donating to CASH and HELP, contact Utility Customer Service at 874-7380. If you need assistance or know someone who does, contact the Columbia/Boone County Health Department at 874-7355. For information on the Share the Light Program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7504.

Columbia's Material Recovery Facility

The City of Columbia Material Recovery Facility handles recyclables collected by city collection crews from residential customers, store drop-offs, and commercial corrugated cardboard customers. Corrugated cardboard and mixed paper materials are baled and marketed directly, while commingled food and beverage containers from store drop-offs and residential blue bags are transported to outside processors in Fulton and St. Louis. During the first quarter of operations, 1,650 tons of recyclables were processed.

Processing equipment for the facility has been funded through grants received from the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District (\$100,000) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (\$75,000). A baler and reversing conveyor have been purchased and are operational. A fiber screener, conveyor, and container sort line are on order to complete the grant projects. Application for additional financial assistance has been made to the current district grant cycle to fund a fiber sort line. The economy of processing these materials on site will be enhanced by these equipment acquisitions.

For more information or to tour the facility, please call 814-3691. Thank you for recycling!

What is Para-Transit Service?

Para-transit service is a component of the City's public transit system. It is designed for individuals who are unable to ride the fixed route buses due to a disability. This service assists individual's daily lives by maintaining their mobility. Medical certification is part of the application process. For additional information or to apply for para-transit services, call 874-7282 or visit Columbia Para-Transit's web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



March Volunteers of the Month

by volunteer Megan Clark

Left to right: Lewell Wilkinson, Grayce Sayre, Barb Lyman, Lee Lyman, Lori Hagglund, Kris Hagglund, Matthew Wheeler, Ann Klusmeier, Bob Humphreys

To deal with traffic problems in their neighborhood, volunteers for the Mills Drive Traffic Calming Project took matters into their own hands.

They helped conduct a license plate study with the Columbia Public Works Department in which vehicles were tracked as they drove through the neighborhood to determine the percentage of traffic that could be classified as "cut through" traffic - when the drivers are simply cutting through the neighborhood. They also helped repaint chevrons on their neighborhood's speed humps, which are less prominent than traditional speed bumps.

"Having the volunteers helped speed things up and saved many hours of city employees' time," said Diane Reinhardt, a civil engineer at Public Works. "Plus it was fun and gave the neighborhood residents involvement in the problem solving. Seeing neighbors out conducting a study makes it much more palatable to the community, and the volunteers can better explain the solutions to others."

Providence Road Pedestrian Bridge Nearing Completion

Construction of the Providence Road Pedestrian Bridge over I-70 is underway and will provide a needed pedestrian passage connected to sidewalks both north and south of Interstate 70.

The pedestrian bridge is a 171.67-foot long, three span 10-foot wide structure and includes a fence along each side of the bridge for pedestrian safety and protection of vehicle traffic below. Vertical clearance from I-70 is 17 feet. The slopes adjacent to the bridge will be landscaped.

The construction bid amount for this project is \$453,171 with \$310,000 provided from Federal funds and \$143,171 provided by City funding. The project, designed by Harrington and Cortelyou, Inc. of Kansas City is being constructed by Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc. of Columbia. For further information on this project, please contact the City of Columbia, Public Works Department at 573-874-7250.

Free Mulch For Your Spring Landscaping

Columbia Public Works is offering FREE mulch while supplies last on March 15, April 12 and 26. Come by Capen Park or Parkside mulch sites and load up for your Spring landscaping. An on-site loader will be provided from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call Columbia Public Works at 874-6291 if you need additional information.

Commission Vacancy

The City is accepting applications for the following Commission. Applications and current vacancies are on the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the City Council page. Call 874-7208 for information and specific requirements.

- Cultural Affairs Commission (4 vacancies)