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15th Annual Bike, Walk and Wheel Week MAY 16 – 22, 2015



Visit Parks and Recreation at GoColumbiaMo.com/parksandrec for updates and to register for prizes, or call 573-874-7460 or email jlgodon@GoColumbiaMo.com.

MONDAY, MAY 16

- Try COMO Connect bus service FREE All Week
- *Make the Wheels on the Bus Work for You*; Transportation Lunch and Learn Workshop, 12–1 p.m., City Hall, Conference Room 1A.
- Bicycle Licensing Drive and Bike Light Distribution
Free bicycle licensing is available year-round at all Columbia fire stations between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Columbia Parks and Recreation will also license bicycles from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Monday, May 16 at the Gentry Bldg., #1 S. 7th St.
- Grindstone Creek Community Trail Walk, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Grindstone Nature Area Trailhead, 2011 Old S. 63

TUESDAY, MAY 17

- Bike Maintenance Workshop, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Walt's Bicycle, 1217 Rogers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

- Family Fun Fest, 6–8 p.m.
Bring your bike and join us for a group ride around the Cosmo Fitness Trail at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- *Bikes and Brews*, hosted by PedNet Coalition, 5:30 p.m., Cycl extreme, 19 S. 6th St. (fees apply) Visit pednet.org for details.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

- Breakfast Station Day, 7–9 a.m., various locations around Columbia
- All Access Scavenger Hunt- Presented by PedNet Coalition and Services for Independent Living, 6 p.m., Downtown location TBD (fees apply)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- Electric Bicycle Trail Ride with Darwin Hindman, 1 p.m., Flat Branch Park, 1400 Locust St.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- Loop the City Ride, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary



Try transit during Bike, Walk and Wheel Week

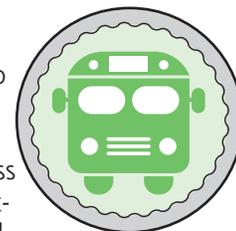
As part of the 15th annual Bike, Walk and Wheel Week (May 16-22), COMO Connect encourages residents to try public transit as an alternative commute. During Bike, Walk and Wheel Week, COMO Connect bus rides will be free to everyone. Each bus has a bike rack; try a "combo-commute" by riding your bike to the bus stop. For information about schedules and routes, visit COMOconnect.org.



City of Columbia partners with CMCA for bus pass program

The City of Columbia, COMO Connect and Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) have partnered to distribute free bus passes to income-eligible community members.

The annual bus pass allows a rider unlimited access to the fixed route busses for 2016 without having to pay a fare. This new program is intended to improve access to reliable transportation for people with low income and to better connect the community in a manner consistent with the City's Strategic Plan. Bus passes are limited. If you are interested in applying or would like to receive more information, please contact CMCA Mobility Coordinator Anthony Nichols at 573-777-5213 or email at Anthony-Nichols@ShowMeAction.org.



ONGOING THROUGHOUT MAY!

Share your Soul Shoe Drive

Strategic Plan – interactive maps

Implementation of the City's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is underway. The Columbia Police Department, Community Development and other City departments have started programs in the three focus neighborhoods (central in Ward 1, north in Ward 2 and east in Ward 3). On the City's website you can view interactive maps for the three focus neighborhoods as well as neighborhood profiles. The interactive maps feature several view options including zoning, development, code enforcement, special events, planning cases and more. To view the Strategic Plan, the three focus areas and interactive maps, visit GoColumbiaMo.com/strategic-plan.



Budget Breakdown

The City of Columbia has 54 budgets with seven focus areas. The focus areas are administrative, health and environment, parks and recreation, public safety, transportation, utilities and supporting activities. The focus areas are funded through seven fund types: general fund, capital projects fund, debt service funds, enterprise funds, internal service funds, special revenue funds and trust funds. To read more about the budget visit GoColumbiaMo.com and search "budget."

City offices closed for Memorial Day

City offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made this day and will be delayed one day the remainder of the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 573-874-6291 if you have questions. Parking meters will not be enforced, the landfill will be closed and COMO Connect, Columbia's public transit system, will not run May 30.

Use less water on your landscaping

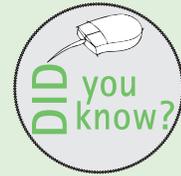
Are you ready for spring planting season? A considerable amount of water can be saved through well-planned and well-managed landscapes. Try xeriscaping or water efficient landscaping and spend less time watering and more time enjoying your beautiful landscape!

- **Plant Selection:** The key is to select plants according to the site conditions and stresses. Native Missouri plants are good choices since they tolerate temperature and moisture fluctuations.
- **Soil:** Clay soil types commonly found in Columbia don't absorb water well. Deeply cultivated, amended soil will improve drainage, save water and keep your plants healthy.
- **Water Zones:** Divide the landscape into three water use zones: low, moderate and high. Place plants with high water requirements in areas that receive the most water, like drainage ways, depressions or bottom of hills.
- **Mulch:** Mulch to retain moisture in the soil and prevent water robbing weeds. Avoid using rocks around your plants since the heat they radiate will increase evaporation.
- **Irrigation:** Pay close attention to moisture in the soil to determine when to water. It also pays to do your homework on the water needs of the plants that you have selected for your yard.

See our website for a list of shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennial flowers to use in your yard: GoColumbiaMo.com, search for "water efficient landscaping."

National Public Works Week

Columbia Public Works, an accredited Public Works Department since 2001, invites its customers to recognize National Public Works Week and the theme "Public Works - Always There" May 15-21. Columbia Public Works is responsible for many infrastructure services provided by the City of Columbia, including streets, sidewalks, capital improvement projects, public transportation, snow and ice management, and the airport. During this week, Public Works hopes customers take a moment to learn about the vital role the department plays in the community.



Web did you know

If you are not able to attend Columbia City Council meetings, you can view them online as a streaming video. There is also an archive so you can watch and listen to Council meetings from 2009 to current. Visit GoColumbiaMo.com and click on "Meetings."

Connecting with cops

Having been an officer with the Columbia Police Department for 16 years, Sgt. Mike Hestir is not new to the ever-changing law enforcement profession. He recognizes



the demands on police are constant, compelling and often competing.

It is not always clear how skills and resources are best deployed to achieve the results our community requires, but he recognizes it starts with communication. In May 2015, Hestir was named the supervisor of the Community Outreach Unit (COU); a unit whose

sole mission is to open lines of communication with the community while rebuilding community partnerships.

"There are people throughout the entire community who support and appreciate us... We want to create an environment where all community members are comfortable communicating with police," Hestir said.

The COU is focusing its three teams of two officers each in areas associated with the City of Columbia's Strategic Plan. Hestir will supervise the teams and continue to coordinate efforts with community residents and businesses in organizing community resources to address community issues. Hestir can be reached by email at mphestir@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Be sure to check back in next month's City Source for an introduction to the Central neighborhood COU team.



CPD response to resistance recap

Annually, the Columbia Police Department releases their Internal Affairs Report which details citizen contacts, response to resistance, complaints and compliments received. In 2015, CPD made 146,683 citizen contacts, of which 4,351 arrests were made. Both of these numbers are lower compared to the 2014 results; CPD recognized the online reporting system, as well as social media reporting may have attributed to this.

CPD officers follow strict guidelines and policy in regards to responding to resistance, formally known as "use of force." Officers are required to use only force that reasonably appears necessary when overcoming resistance, given the facts and circumstances at the time of the event. Several actions can be used to overcome resistance including joint manipulation, strikes, pepper spray, handcuffing, Taser deployment and exhibiting a firearm. CPD reported handcuffing and exhibiting a firearm saw the greatest increase in use compared to the 2014 report. In total, officers responded to resistance in 350 incidents in 2015; an increase of 42 times of that in 2014.

Out of the 350 incidents of overcoming resistance, the report detailed that zero of the incidents were found to be "improper." CPD received 41 complaints from citizens alleging police misconduct, as well as 77 compliments from members of the public; both which increased from the 2014 results.

To view the full Internal Affairs Report, visit the CPD website at GoColumbiaMo.com/Police and search "Press Releases."

Turn off your dryer this spring & summer!

April is a great month to start reducing your clothes dryer use and return to old-fashioned, free techniques for doing laundry. You can air-dry clothes no matter where you live or what the weather is doing outside. Consider clothes drying racks to cut your energy bill by over \$100 per year, reduce your carbon footprint, and preserve your favorite clothing longer!



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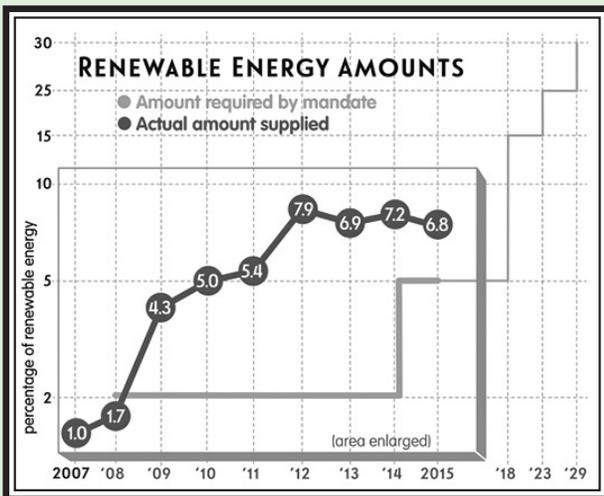
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RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET EXCEEDED

Columbia voters passed an ordinance in 2004 requiring that Columbia Water & Light provide electricity from increasing amounts of renewable energy. Last year, Columbia's renewable electric supply came from landfill gas, wind, biomass and solar. The amount supplied in 2015 was 6.82 percent which is higher than the mandate of 5 percent. The additional cost for the renewable portfolio was \$1.45 million and the limit was \$3.38 million. The extra money spent on renewable energy was 42.8 percent of what was allowed according to the ordinance.

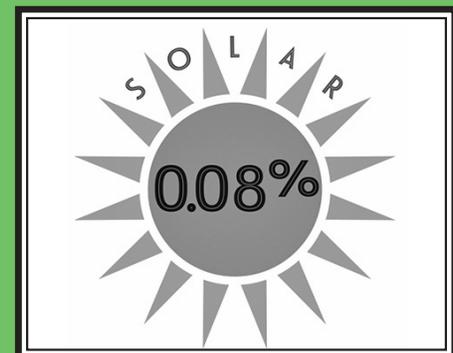
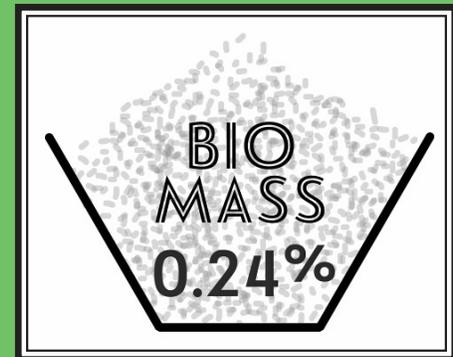
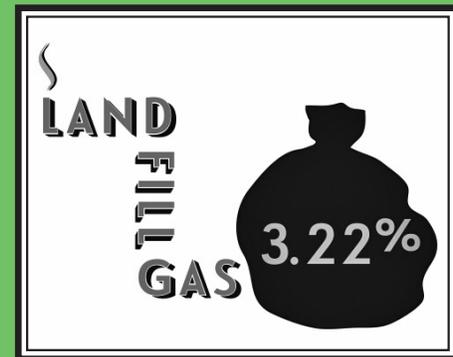
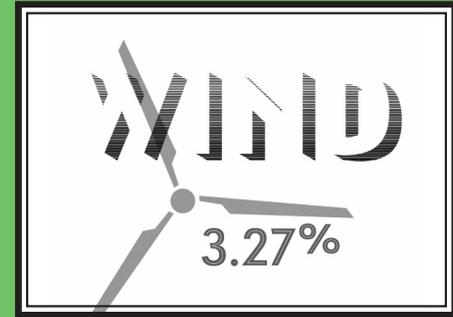
The next renewable energy target to meet is to have 15 percent of the electric supply coming from renewable resources before 2018. Columbia Water & Light continues to expand solar resources and has sent out a request for proposals for additional wind energy resources to meet the next requirement.

Read the full report: GoColumbiaMo.com, search for "renewable energy portfolio."



No electricity? Check online outage map outageviewer.gocolumbiamo.com

Spring storms can take a toll on the electric system. If your electricity goes out, check the online electric outage map to see if someone has reported an electric outage yet. View the online outage map to find out exactly where there are reported outages in the city and if a crew has been assigned to repair it. If the outage has not been reported, please call 573-875-2555.



Columbia Water & Light wins Inspiring Energy Efficiency award



Columbia Water & Light won the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's (MEEA) 2016 Inspiring Efficiency Education Award. Bestowed annually, MEEA's Inspiring Efficiency Education Award is presented to an organization that promotes and increases energy efficient practices in the Midwest through effective education.

Columbia Water & Light has reached more than 4,200 students through its educational programs. This award recognizes the utility for its educational marketing program, Columbia Youth Teaching Efficiency. The goal with this project was twofold: to present energy efficiency marketing messages to our customers in a fun way that showcased our youth's creativity; and to teach future problem-solvers to think about energy efficiency and incorporate it into their own lives. The theme for all entries was required to relate to heating and cooling a home since that is where the majority of a household's utility bill comes from.

"The future of energy efficiency is in the hands of our children," said Stacey Paradis, executive director of MEEA. "Columbia Water & Light's program illustrates the value of engaging children in the conversation about how we all can work to improve our energy efficiency."

To view the 2015 entries, go to: columbiapowerpartners.com/efficiency-tips/columbia-youth-teaching-efficiency. The 2016 winners will be announced this spring.



Utilities: what am I being charged for?

Have you ever opened your City of Columbia utility bill and wondered how the charges were calculated? City of Columbia staff members have been working for months on implementing new billing software that will provide the details you have been looking for. It will be easy to track your electric and water usage with bar graphs showing 24 months of data. There will also be a breakdown of charges for each service provided, including base charges, usage charges, taxes, fees, deposits and credits. Customers can expect to see the new billing format this spring.

Travel and Tourism Week

National Travel and Tourism Week was established in 1983 to promote the impact of tourism and is celebrated in the first week of May (May 1-7, 2016). In 2015, Boone County's tourism-related expenditures totaled over \$395 million, and tourism-related employment was over 11,000—Travel and Tourism Week is definitely something to be celebrated. This year's theme is "Travel '16," and the goal is to ensure that travel and all of its positive impacts are part of the 2016 election season discussion. Each year, communities celebrate with rallies, special events, social media outreach and other activities. For updates on Travel and Tourism Week events in Columbia, follow the Convention and Visitors Bureau on Facebook (Visit Columbia MO) and Twitter (@ColumbiaMOCVB), and find more information at USTravel.org.

Parks & Recreation Calendar

Call 573-874-7460 for more information.

May

5	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Kids Night, 6:30 p.m., FREE
13	Movies in the Park: Frozen Sing Along, NEW LOCATION Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m., FREE
14-15	Heritage Weekend, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
16-21	Bike, Walk and Wheel Week
18	Family Fun Fest: Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
28	Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center opens for season

City Arts Funding

Each year the city supports local arts programming. In fiscal year 2016, funding from the Office of Cultural Affairs is being provided to local arts agencies in support of visual, literary, and performing arts projects and related educational offerings. As a result, citizens and visitors have access to numerous exhibitions, concerts, classes, workshops and special events. To qualify to receive City arts funding, arts organizations must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. The application deadline for fiscal year 2017 is May 2. To learn more, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at 573-874-6386 or access guidelines at comoarts.com.

Get ready for summer with Tree Power

Trees planted in the right place on your property can reduce your cooling costs by up to 30 percent in the summer. That's why Columbia Water & Light is offering a free tree to electric customers.

Sign up and a representative will come to your house to show you the best place for your shade tree. You will then receive a coupon for a free tree.



573-874-7325
GoColumbiaMo.com
(search for "tree power")

Limit one tree per electric meter.



April volunteer of the month – Kevin Bussen

Volunteers care for nearly 100 Adopt-A-Spot Beautification beds found around the City in medians, roundabout and intersections. Kevin Bussen is one of the dedicated volunteers who help create and maintain these beds for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Kevin has worked on three beds and most recently moved the bed for his company, Turtle on the Green, from I-70 Drive SW to Forum Boulevard. Kevin went to the effort of moving many plants from one bed to the other due to bridge construction on I-70. He has also lent a hand to other adopters and has been eager to work with student groups on landscaping projects.

"I enjoy helping with the landscape beds and always like to give suggestions or be creative with an open slate or unplanted landscape bed. It is always good to be creative with my surroundings. I call it living art. There is so many Adopt-A-Spots in Columbia; it is nice to have these available," Kevin said.

Kevin's landscaping work keeps him busy during the growing season. During the winter months he enjoys carpentry, photography and collecting artwork. He is always looking for a unique art piece.

To learn more about volunteering with the City, visit our website or contact Volunteer Programs at 573-874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Kevin Bussen

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline May 6 at 5 p.m.

- Airport Advisory Board
- Board of Mechanical Examiners
- Board of Plumbing Examiners
- Columbia Housing Authority Board
- Disabilities Commission
- Environment and Energy Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Youth Advisory Council

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's office. Call 573-874-7208 for more information.

International Compost Awareness Week is May 1-7

Composting is nature's way of recycling. It is one of many ways citizens can work towards reducing Columbia's waste line. Compostables make up 34 percent of the material that goes in landfills. Anyone can turn their kitchen scraps and yard waste into a valuable product. Whether one has a spacious yard or lives in an apartment, there is a composting system to fit every-one's needs and space.

The City has a Compost Demonstration Site located at Capen Park, 1600 Capen Park Dr., where the public can view different options for composting. Learn the what, how and why of composting by attending a Compost Workshop offered through the City's Volunteer Programs. The 2016 schedule and registration form can be found at GoColumbiaMO.com, search for "compost." For more information email volunteer@gocolumbiamo.com, or call 573-874-6271.

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