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Parks and Recreation presents Family Fun Fests

Columbia Parks and Recreation is holding a themed Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park on the third Wednesday of each month through September. Fun Fests are held from 6-8 p.m. and are **FREE**. Entertainment for the entire family features music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, face painting and guaranteed fun for all ages. The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8, EntPro Entertainment and Columbia Home Magazine.



AUGUST 15—IT'S A CIRCUS

The night will feature the Ringtop Circus Band, Ann Gaefke's performing dogs, face painting, balloon animals, games and more. Jeff Copeland will amaze and captivate with a magic show.



COMING UP—

Sept 19: Creative Kids



Outdoor Movies in the Park

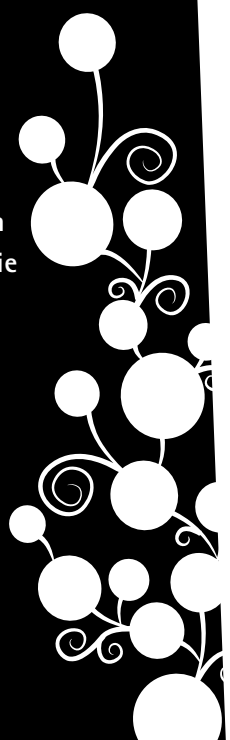
Columbia Parks and Recreation is winding up the 2012 Outdoor Movies in the Park series at Flat Branch Park. Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 10.

Moviegoers are encouraged to bring a blanket or low lawn chair. There are no rain dates. Concessions are available. Movie admission is \$2 per person; children 8 and under are free.

The Outdoor Movies in the Park series is sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and KPLA 101.5.

Back to School Immunizations

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services reminds parents that, according to Missouri law, all students must be up-to-date on required immunizations before school begins. Parents of kindergarten and eighth grade students should pay special attention to the requirements, as updated shots are usually needed at these ages. For more information, please contact your child's primary care provider or the health department clinic at 874-7356.





Columbia Imagined

The Plan for How We Live & Grow

www.columbiaimagined.com

PHASE 5 – HOW TO GET THERE

Development of Columbia's new comprehensive plan is entering the fifth phase where the Comprehensive Plan Task Force and Planning and Zoning Commission are working with City staff to analyze more than 1,000 sources of public input on how the City should grow and develop in the future. This information will be developed into a plan that describes the expectations of the community and explains "how to get there." The draft plan will be available for additional public review, comment and input this fall before being considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then the City Council.

For information about upcoming meetings and other ways to get involved, stay in the loop through email, the Web, Twitter or Facebook:

- www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Web_Mail/
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web DID YOU KNOW?

The Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) receives traffic counts from MoDOT every three years. For traffic counts in your area, check out the website or purchase a map (\$2) from the Community Development Department.

www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Plans/Transportation/traffic_counts_2003.php

A summertime cold... Catching a cold when it is warm outside

Most everyone looks forward to summer—time to get away, get outside and have some fun. So when summer colds hit, it can be a frustrating summer fun-stopper. Even though the viruses that cause summer colds are different from the viruses that often cause winter colds, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services reminds residents that the basic advice for protecting yourself and your family stays the same regardless of the season: **wash your hands!**

Cold symptoms can be caused by more than 200 different viruses. Each can bring the sneezing, scratchy throat and runny nose that can be the first signs of a cold. The colds we catch in winter are usually triggered by a group of germs called rhinoviruses. Rhinoviruses and a few other cold-causing viruses seem to survive best in cooler weather. Their numbers surge in September and begin to dwindle in May.

Summer colds are usually caused by enteroviruses, which can affect tissues in your nose and throat, eyes, digestive system and elsewhere. Nationwide, enteroviruses cause an estimated 10 million to 15 million illnesses each year, usually between June and October.

To prevent enterovirus from slowing you down this summer, wash your hands frequently and stay away from sick people. The good news is summer colds caused by enteroviruses generally clear up without treatment within a few days or even a week. For more health news and advice, find the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services on Facebook and Twitter.



TEEN GARAGE BAND BASH

Friday, Aug. 17, 7-10 p.m.

Columbia Parks and Recreation and the Youth Community Coalition are throwing a "back to school" band bash on top of the Sixth and Cherry parking garage! Admission is only \$2 per person.

Area teen bands will be jamming throughout the evening with rockin' tunes. This event is planned by Parks and Recreation and supported by the Public Works Department.

If you're in a local teen band and are interested in performing, please contact Erin at 874-6341.

Use water wisely this summer

DO YOU NEED TO WATER YOUR LAWN?

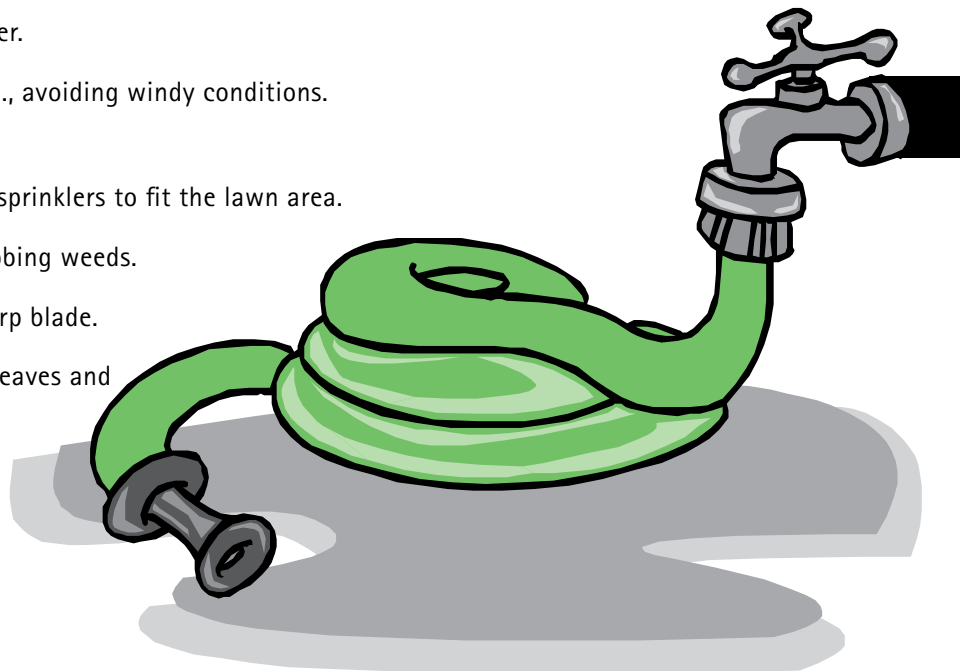
- Watering thoroughly, but infrequently, develops a deep root system so plants can use moisture and nutrients deep in the ground.
- Water according to moisture in the soil; not a fixed schedule.
- Lawns are dry when footprints remain in the grass long after being made.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I WATER?

- Lawns need only one inch of water per week; approximately three times a week for 20 minutes.
- Use a tuna can or a rain gauge to accurately measure the amount of water your irrigation system or sprinkler delivers.
- Set a timer as a reminder to turn off the sprinkler.
- Water in the early morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., avoiding windy conditions.

OTHER EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE

- Don't irrigate the pavement; choose and adjust sprinklers to fit the lawn area.
- Mulch to retain moisture and prevent water-robbing weeds.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ inches with a sharp blade.
- Never use a hose to rinse off pavement; sweep leaves and grass clippings.
- Landscape with native plants that are tolerant to Missouri summers.



Homeownership Assistance Program

The City of Columbia's Homeownership Assistance Program provides assistance for first-time home buyers purchasing a home within the city limits of Columbia. Five percent of the purchase price or \$5,000, whichever is less, can be provided in the form of a 5-year forgivable loan to assist home buyers in purchasing an existing home. These funds may only be used for down payment and closing costs (pre-paid costs such as taxes and insurance are not eligible) or to reduce the principle amount of a loan, and buyers must provide a minimum of \$500 in cash toward the purchase.

Application for assistance is made through the lender in cooperation with the City of Columbia's Community Development Department. Once you have met your lender's requirements to get a home loan, have your loan officer contact the Community Development Department at 874-7239. Buyers are required to attend a home buyer education program designed to help them understand their credit history and the process of purchasing a home.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department on the fifth floor of City Hall at 701 E. Broadway.

Telephone: 874-7239 (TTY: 1-800-MOR-ELAY)

Fax: 874-7546

Email: planning@GoColumbiaMo.com.



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Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City of Columbia Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs and promotes neighborhood stability by providing funds to help low- to moderate-income property owners make improvements to their homes. The program is administered by the Community Development Department, located on the fifth floor of City Hall at 701 E. Broadway.

Minimum cost for the rehab must exceed \$1,000, and maximum funding available for rehab activities is \$25,000. An additional \$10,000 is available to address lead-based paint hazards in homes built prior to 1978. Rehab funds are provided as a low-interest loan; however, a portion of the funds used to address lead-based paint hazards are granted to a homeowner and do not have to be repaid. Loans may be deferred in cases where it is documented that monthly payments would prove a hardship for the homeowner.

Applications are available at the City's Community Development Department, on the Community Development's page of the City's website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or can be mailed, upon request. The completed application must be submitted to be added to the waiting list.

For more information about this program, contact the Community Development Department, 701 E. Broadway (City Hall), or

Telephone: 874-7239 (TTY: 1-800-MOR-ELAY)

Fax: 874-7546

E-mail: planning@gocolumbiamo.com

Save money on cooling costs

Use these air conditioning efficiency tips to save money on your bills and still be comfortable in your house this summer.

- Set thermostats at 78 degrees or as high as possible while maintaining reasonable comfort level while you're home.
- Set thermostats to 82 degrees when you're away from home or install a programmable thermostat to make the changes automatically.
- Remove weeds, grass, bushes and other obstructions from around the outside condensing unit.
- Replace the system's filter every three months or when dirty.
- For windows that receive direct sunlight, keep shades closed during the day.
- Wear loose-fitting clothes.
- Keep the fireplace chimney dampers closed.
- Use heat-producing appliances (clothes dryers, dishwashers, etc.) during the late evening or early morning.
- Plant deciduous shade trees on the south and west side of your house to save up to 30 percent on your cooling costs.
- Schedule a tune-up for your cooling system by a qualified HVAC contractor.
- Sign up for Columbia Water and Light's FREE energy audit to have a customized energy efficiency plan for your home or business. Or try our online energy audit from the comfort of your home.

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PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

AUGUST

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| 2 | Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, 7-9 p.m., free |
| 3 | Whiff and Giggle Couples Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple |
| 5 | Lake of the Woods Pool closes for summer |
| 10 | Outdoor Movies in the Park, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax," Flat Branch Park, 8:30 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under are free |
| 11 | NFL Punt, Pass and Kick, Cosmo Park Football Field #4, 9:30 a.m. check-in, free |
| 12 | Little Mates Cove, Douglass Family Aquatic Center closes for season |
| 15 | Family Fun Fest: It's a Circus, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free |
| 17 | Teen Garage Band Bash, Parking Garage at Sixth and Cherry, 7-10 p.m., \$2 per person |

Volunteer of the Month...Sarah Lang



SARAH LANG

Have you noticed areas in the city that need fixing up and you say to yourself, "Someone should really do something about that?" July's Volunteer of the Month Sarah Lang did something about it.

A lifelong resident of Columbia, Lang has lived in the Fairview area for 18 years. In 2004, she and some neighbors had discussions with the City about ways to slow traffic in the area. As a result, two new Adopt-A-Spot beds were built along Rollins Road but were neglected. Weeds were popping up everywhere along the beds. Lang noticed and

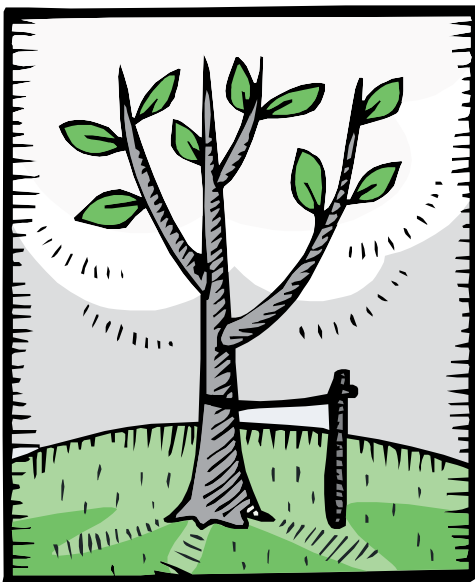
took the initiative to care for the beds, and for eight years she and her family, with occasional plant donations and weeding help from neighbors, have made a project of making their neighborhood more beautiful. Lang says being able to beautify her neighborhood and provide enjoyment for many has been rewarding.

Lang's hard work and dedication has paid dividends. One neighbor noticed and wrote a letter to the City in 2007, commending her for her work on the beds. The mayor then wrote a letter of thanks to Sarah for her service to the City. When a volunteer's efforts are so visible, it encourages others in the community.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com

Written by volunteer James Krewson

City completes tree inventory



The City of Columbia recently completed a comprehensive tree study within the boundaries of Stadium, Providence and Broadway. The data collected included the tree number, species, diameter, condition rating, management needs, comments, dollar value and risk rating for each tree.

The full report can be found on the City's website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development's Building and Site Division at 874-7474.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: Aug. 3 at noon

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing Commission

Application deadline: Sept. 7 at noon

- City of Columbia New Century Fund
- Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
- Personnel Advisory Board

Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

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