

Completion of State Farm Parkway & Southampton Drive

The Columbia Public Works Department held a September 6 ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of State Farm Parkway and Southampton Drive. The total cost for this project was \$1.7 million, funded by the MODOT Surface Transportation Program, special road district tax and development charges. Drop-off recycling bins, previously located on Grey Oak Drive, were moved to this location. This project includes two Adopt-A-Spot beautification projects. State Farm Insurance will maintain the roundabout, and the area near the recycling bins will become a native plant demonstration area. The recycling bin spot is being designed by Derek Moeller, a Rock Bridge High School student, who is working on the bed as his Eagle Scout project. Look for both of these beautification projects to be in full bloom in 2008.



Fall efficiency projects

Reduce your energy bills and help the environment by completing some efficiency projects.

Caulk to plug leaks...

- around window and door frames and in foundation cracks
- where siding meets the foundation, roof and chimney
- outside where wires or plumbing lines meet your structure

Weatherstrip...

- along the bottom of exterior doors or doors that lead to unheated areas
- on the inside of door jambs

Insulate...

- attic (R-38 level or approximately 12 inches)
- floors over unheated areas (R-19 or approximately 6 inches)
- exterior walls
- basement walls
- ducts that pass through unheated areas

Columbia Water & Light can help you with these projects. Sign up for a free energy audit or our low-interest loan program to help finance larger efficiency projects. Call 874-7325 or go to GoColumbiaMo.com to sign up for either program.

Festival thanks

September 29-30 marked the 16th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, the signature event of the City's Office of Cultural Affairs. The event could not take place without the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of sponsors. Thanks to all, especially: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Boone County National Bank, CenturyTel, the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau's Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Commerce Bank, Dave Griggs' Flooring America, Days Inn and Travelodge, Deck the Walls, KBIA 91.3, KOMU TV8 and Mid-Missouri's CW Network, MFA Oil, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Missouri Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, Regency Hotel Downtown and State Farm Insurance.

Load Management + Load Shedding = savings

Columbia Water & Light thanks all Columbians who participated in the Load Management and Load Shedding programs during peak electric conditions. Columbia Water & Light was able to keep the City's electric peak load at 265 megawatts in 2007 (compared to 272 megawatts in 2006). Although the number of customers grew, Columbians conserved enough energy to lower the peak demand. By reducing peak electric consumption on hot summer afternoons, the utility avoids buying expensive wholesale energy at the last minute. Controlling the utility's power supply costs helps control electric rates. And conservation is good for the environment.

Join the energy saving team by calling 874-7325! Sign up for Load Management and receive a discount on next summer's electric bill.



Local visual artists should apply

Several upcoming City public art projects will emphasize the role of local art with some commissions open to local artists only. To be notified of projects, visual artists residing in the mid-Missouri area should contact the City's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and provide full contact information: name, mailing address, zip code, phone number and email address. Reach the OCA by email, fax, or phone: oca@GoColumbiaMo.com, 573-874-7681 (fax), 573-874-6386 (phone). For more information about the City's public art programming, go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: arts).

Heritage Festival thank you

The 30th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, coordinated by Columbia's Parks & Recreation Department, was held Sept. 15-16 at Nifong Park. Parks & Recreation wishes to thank the following for their support: Boehmer Chiropractic and Acupuncture; Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund; Columbia Daily Tribune; Hilton Garden Inn; Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers; Walter's Boone County Historical Museum and staff; the individuals participating in the 1859 town, the Lewis & Clark camp, WWII exhibit, and the cowboy camp; the Metro Rotary Club; and the many artisans, craft persons, volunteers and others who make the festival possible.

City of Columbia Solid Waste Division

Free Mulch: Saturday, November 3, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. while supplies last, on-site loader provided (Capen Park mulch site only)

Compost for Sale: Every Wednesday, 1 – 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 10, 8 a.m. – noon at the City Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road. 474-9145

Free Composting Workshop: Saturdays, October 27 & November 10, 10 a.m., at the Compost Demonstration Site at Capen Park off Rock Quarry Rd. 874-6271

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility: Open first and third Saturdays, 1313 Lakeview, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Closing November 17 for the season, will re-open in April) 874-6291

America Recycles Day: Thursday, November 15, 12 – 4 p.m., Daniel Boone Regional Library, recycling information booth. 874-6271

Use Less Stuff Holiday Campaign: November 15 – January 1, a nationwide event promoting waste reduction efforts across the country during the holiday season. Contact us for more information at 874-6271

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Columbia's online utility bill payment service provides a quick way to review how much energy and water you have been consuming. Sign up for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to gain access, then click on "consumption history." By tracking your usage, you can learn how your efficiency efforts are paying off!



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More fun features at Flat Branch Park

The second phase of construction of Flat Branch Park is nearing completion. This phase adjoins the original Flat Branch Park between Elm and Locust streets in downtown Columbia. The park now features a "sprayground" surrounded by amphitheater seating, a playground, gathering areas with park benches, sculptures by local artist Larry Young, a suspension bridge and parking lot. The bridge is expected to be completed and open later this year.

The park also features the final section of the MKT Trail that allows users to travel from downtown Columbia, under Locust and Elm, along the University land by the power plant and then under Providence and Stewart without ever crossing a busy street.

The sprayground is a plaza with recirculating fountains that shoot up out of the ground, providing a "water playground" for people of all ages. The amphitheater seating around the sprayground can be used for festival performances when the water is turned off.

The park will be extensively landscaped and feature a rain garden that treats stormwater coming off the adjacent parking lots before it enters Flat Branch Creek. The rain garden will have aquatic plants with the ability to filter pollutants. The creek itself will be a play feature for children and is home to fish, turtles, frogs and groundhogs.

The suspension bridge is a unique feature of the park as it symbolically and physically connects the park to the Chamber of Commerce. The bridge was made possible by donations from several local businesses.

Construction of the second phase of Flat Branch Park was funded by the park sales tax approved by voters in November 2005, donations and a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

Art in Stride

Flat Branch Park Phase II is the new home for Columbia's most recent works of public art. Created by accomplished local artist Larry Young, the paired bronze sculptures titled "Marathoners" were recently installed along the park's trail, near the new pedestrian bridge that crosses Flat Branch Creek. Standing six feet tall on top of nearly eight-foot pedestals, the two figures are shown in stride, as if enjoying a walk or run on the trail. First National Bank & Trust Company donated the sculptures to the City as part of the successful public-private partnership to complete the park. For more information about public art in Columbia, go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search word: arts) or contact the City's Office of Cultural Affairs, 573-874-6386, oca@GoColumbiaMo.com.



The "Marathoners" theme was influenced by the intended use of Flat Branch Park and the trail that winds through it as well as the Larry Young's experience as an Olympic medalist in race walking.



Savings with a twist

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City Hall Lobby	874-7111
Community Line <i>Pre-Recorded Information 24 Hours A Day</i>	874-7650
TTY Users	874-7697
Bus System and Information	874-7282
Energy Conservation	874-7325
Fire, Rescue, or Medical Emergency	911
Non-emergency 8a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F	874-7391
Non-emergency 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. & weekends	874-7450 or 442-6131
Health Department	874-7355
Parks and Recreation	874-7460
Recreation Hotline/Cancellations – 24 Hours	874-7663
Police Emergency	911
Access to Officer Voice Mail & General Information	874-7652
Non-Emergency	442-6131 or 442-6132
Columbia Police Programs/Crime Prevention	874-7405
East District Commander	874-7525
West District Commander	874-7523
Prosecutor – City	874-7229
Recycling Information	874-6291
Roll-Off Service	874-6291
Recreation Hot Line	874-7663
Solid Waste Collection	874-6291
Snow Removal	874-6289
Street Maintenance	874-6289
Street Sign Maintenance	874-6292
Traffic & Parking Violations	874-7230
Utilities	
Account Information	874-7380
Water & Light Turn On & Off	874-7380
Sanitary Sewer – Emergencies – 24 Hours	445-9426
Storm Sewer Maintenance	874-6289
Power – Emergencies – 24 Hours	875-2555
Water – Emergencies – 24 Hours	875-2555
Volunteer Services	874-7499
Weeds & Health Complaints Hotline	874-7339

Thanksgiving holiday

City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made that day and will be delayed one day the remainder of the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Also, City buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced.



Have critical medical equipment?

Make a backup plan for electric outages!

Columbia Water & Light makes every effort to deliver reliable electricity to our customers. Sometimes there are situations beyond our control that cause outages. Usually outages only last a short time but, if you have critical medical equipment, you should be prepared with backup plans.

Familiarize yourself with how long your battery backup system will last. Then speak to your health care provider about the availability of electric power at local clinics and hospitals in case the outage is lengthy. Medical centers are at the top of the restoration list.

Youth recreation scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers youth financial assistance scholarships for Columbia residents through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The program is open to those between 3 and 17 who meet the income/household criteria established by the USDA's free and reduced lunch program.

Financial assistance is available for 50 percent or 75 percent depending on the household. Scholarships can be used for recreational classes and programs, outdoor pool passes and ARC memberships.

For more information, call 874-7460. Application forms can be obtained at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Community Line

By dialing the City of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY users dial 874-7697), message 176, you can learn about City employment opportunities.

Volunteer of the month

Written by Lauren Kilberg, *volunteer*



The City of Columbia recognizes Reverend Douglas Stevens as October's volunteer of the month for his service to the Public Works Volunteer Program.

Stevens, who was recently engaged, is a recycling enthusiast, a brother to nine siblings and a licensed minister. When not volunteering he works as an at-risk youth counselor.

As a volunteer with the Public Works Volunteer Program, Stevens helps to maintain their goals of promoting waste reduction and environmental cleanup around the City through community education and encouraging volunteerism.

Stevens has performed as the program's mascot, Mr. Bag It, at various events around the City including the Twilight Festival and Festival of the Arts. While performing, Stevens "likes to bring people awareness and also loves to see them smile," says his volunteer supervisor Rosemary Frank. "He is committed to recycling and wants to make a positive difference in Columbia."

As an active volunteer with the department since 2003, Stevens also has contributed by giving recycling presentations at various local schools.

To learn more about the City's volunteer program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Disasters demand city-county collaboration

At an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), representatives of multiple groups and disciplines, both governmental and private, coordinate response to disaster. The goal of the EOC is to save lives, minimize injuries, protect property, preserve functioning civil government and maintain economic activities essential to the survival and recovery from natural and man-made hazards.

Boone County's communities are vulnerable to many hazards, including both natural disasters (floods, storms and earthquakes) and man-made disasters (terrorism, transportation accidents and hazardous materials incidents). Columbia and Boone County's other municipalities have developed an all-hazards approach to planning for and managing such emergencies.

At the core of this effort is the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) -- guidelines for conducting efficient, effective, coordinated emergency operations involving all resources available. This plan is based on the concept that the various emergency functions assigned to various groups, organizations and individuals involved in the plan will parallel their normal day-to-day functions as closely as possible. The plan mirrors the EOP of the state of Missouri in form and function.

Sometimes the severity or magnitude of a disaster might require more resources than are available at the local level. The EOP provides a framework to enlist additional assistance from local governmental and private agencies. When the emergency exceeds the local government's capability to respond, assistance is requested from the state. If additional assistance is needed beyond state capabilities, the state will coordinate requests to the proper federal agencies.

Direction and control of disaster response originate from the EOC. The EOC is staffed according to the level of emergency. The EOC may activate in varying stages, from a standby (readied) condition to a full-scale activation using all facets and participants of the EOC.

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com
Call 874-7460 for more information.

November

- 2 **Family Fun Night** at the ARC, ARC Gymnasium, 7 – 9 p.m., \$3 per person, pre-register
- 4 **Kids Trout Outing**, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 12:30 – 3 p.m., Cosponsored by Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited
- 16 **OAK/50+ Thanksgiving Dance**, Parkade Center (east side), 601 Bus Loop 70W, 7 – 10 p.m., \$3
- 17 **"Fowl Shooting" Contest**, (shoot free throws for a turkey), Armory Sports Center, 9 – 11 a.m., all ages, \$1 per 10 free throws
- 17 **Holiday Tour and Textile Exhibit**, Maplewood Home at Nifong Park, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 5 and younger

City forms Power Supply Task Force

Where will we get the extra energy we need in the future? Columbia Water & Light is working with a newly formed Power Supply Task Force and the engineering firm Burns and McDonnell to investigate power supply options. The Columbia City Council asked Richard Malon, Hank Ottinger, Richard Parker and David Wollersheim to help the Water & Light Advisory Board review various aspects of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Decisions on Columbia's future power supply will be made by the City Council after receiving input from the Power Supply Task Force and the public.

An IRP is a comprehensive strategy for our energy future, and consultants have already started their research. The IRP looks at power sources, energy transmission, environmental impact and energy efficiency benefits. The finished plan will give Columbia information on how to secure reliable, cost-effective and environmentally-sensitive resources to meet our energy needs. Public input is needed for this study. Look for more details on public meetings planned this fall and early winter. The IRP should be complete in the first quarter of 2008.

Wind power flows into Columbia

Columbia started receiving wind power from turbines near King City, Mo., on Sept. 5, 2007. Columbia is scheduled to purchase one ninth of the electric output from the Bluegrass Ridge Wind Farm from Associated Electric Cooperative. At the maximum output, Columbia Water & Light could receive up to 6.3 megawatts.

The amount of wind energy Columbia will receive is variable, depending on the amount of wind and transmission constraints. The wind power contract is predicted to furnish roughly 22,000 megawatt hours to Columbia, or approximately 2 percent of Columbia's electric retail sales. Columbia does not have guaranteed transmission of the wind energy until February 2008. Currently, the utility is receiving the wind energy under a non-guaranteed basis.

In 2008, Columbia will surpass the 2 percent level of renewable energy required by the renewable energy ordinance. Columbia Water and Light has agreements for energy produced from wind and landfill gas. With these three projects, the utility will accomplish the 2013 target of 5 percent by the end of 2008. Total costs of each project will be below the 3 percent threshold cost set by the ordinance.

The myths of flu vaccines

As customary as Thanksgiving turkey, the change in season brings with it the flu. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department provides flu vaccination clinics each year. To help clear up the many flu myths here are some facts.

What is the flu? The flu is a viral illness that presents with symptoms of fever, fatigue, cough and sore throat.

Are there different types of vaccine? There are two types of vaccines, including the "flu shot" that is given to both healthy people and those with chronic disease. The "nasal-spray flu vaccine" is approved for healthy people, 5-49 years old, who are not pregnant.

How does it help? Each year the vaccine changes based on surveillance and predictions about which types of virus strains will circulate. By taking the vaccines, your body will become immune from those strains.

Will it make me sick? With the shot, the viruses are inactive, so you cannot get the flu from the shot. Minor side effects can include muscle aches and a low fever. With the spray, the side effects include headache, muscle aches and cough.

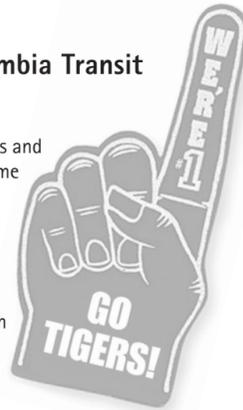
Who should take the vaccine? Anyone who wants to reduce the risk of contracting the flu should be vaccinated with a shot. Individuals at high risk include adults 50 years or older, healthcare personnel, pregnant women and those with chronic disease. All women who are pregnant or breastfeeding during influenza season should be vaccinated.

When should I take the vaccine? October or November is the best time to be vaccinated.

For more information, contact the Columbia/Boone County Health Department or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Catch the Columbia Transit Spirit Bus

Cheer for the MU Tigers and avoid the traffic on game day. The Columbia Transit Spirit Bus shuttles fans to and from Faurot Field for all home football games. The cost is only \$1 each way from downtown locations. Out-of-town friends can ride for \$2 each way from their hotels. Find pick-up locations and hotel information on the Columbia Transit Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com, call the Wabash Station at (573) 874-7282, or call the City's Community Line at (573) 874-7650 and select #717. Stop by and see the newly renovated Wabash Station at 126 N. 10th Street before or after the game.



Savings with a twist

Did you know that you typically spend more to light your home than you do to operate your refrigerator all year long? If you're still using standard light bulbs and inefficient fixtures, you're wasting energy and money. Switching to energy-efficient lighting can save you time, energy and money, and help protect the environment. Make your next light bulb an ENERGY STAR.

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By replacing the five most frequently used light bulbs in your home with ENERGY STAR qualified models, you can save about \$35 each per year in energy costs.

Save even more! From October 1 through December 31, Columbia Water & Light's electric customers can get a \$2 Instant Rebate on ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs at HyVee or Westlake Hardware stores.

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Offer valid Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2007, while supplies last.