



City of Columbia’s 4th of July Fire in the Sky

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Put on your red, white and blue and celebrate our nation’s birthday and Declaration of Independence on July 4. Columbia’s 59th annual 4th of July celebration will feature music, fun activities for kids, entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display.

Enjoy all the fun at the University of Missouri Memorial Stadium. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. Fireworks will begin after 9:30 p.m. The celebration is free and concessions are available. Please do not bring any fireworks to the stadium. For more information, call 874-7460 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Parks and Recreation Photo Contest

Columbia Parks and Recreation invites all photographers 18 years and older to share their best original photos taken at any Columbia Parks and Recreation facility, event, sport, program or class. We’re especially looking for high-resolution photos that best represent the Parks and Recreation slogan—“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs.”

All photos submitted have the possibility of being used in Parks and Recreation publications and promotions, along with photographer acknowledgment when feasible. Contest rules and information can be found on the Parks and Recreation page of the City’s website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

There will be \$1,200 in prizes awarded. So, submit your favorite Parks and Recreation photos by July 1, 2011, and show us what “Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs” means to you.

Parks and Recreation presents Family Fun Fests

Columbia Parks and Recreation will present a free Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park from 6-8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month through September. The Fun Fests will feature a new theme each month. Entertainment for the entire family will include music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, balloon animals, 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 Home & Lifestyle Magazine.

June 15: Fitness is Fun — During an evening of fun with nature, come see and learn about Missouri fish, birds, parks and camping from local and state organizations that share what the outdoors has to offer.

COMING UP:

- July 20— Summer Fun
- Aug 17— Around the World
- Sept 21— Creative Kids



Summertime Safety

This is the first of a four-month feature on staying safe in the summer.

The return of warmer temperatures brings thoughts of freedom, relaxation, exploration and being closer to nature. Whether you’re relaxing in the backyard, turning up your garden, enjoying the pool or exploring the great outdoors, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services offers the following tips to help keep you and your family healthy this spring and summer.

SUMMERTIME FOOD SAFETY

Nothing says warmer weather like picnics, grilling and eating outdoors. To help prevent food poisoning from germs when preparing and eating foods outside, be sure to follow four basic and simple food safety steps: clean, separate, cook and chill. More in-depth information can be found at <http://www.food-safety.gov/keep/basics/index.html>.

When grilling, always use a meat thermometer to ensure that meats reach the minimum recommended internal cooking temperatures. Put cooked meat on a clean platter, rather than back on the one that held the raw meat, to avoid cross-contamination. Always wash your hands after handling raw meat.

Whether you’re cooking out in the backyard or on a picnic, always keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. When you’re finished eating, refrigerate leftovers (or place them in a cooler with ice) promptly. Don’t let food sit out for more than two hours. On a hot day (90°F or higher), foods should not sit out for more than one hour.

Volunteers of the Month — Alpha Phi Omega



Alpha Phi Omega

May volunteers of the month have taken “spring cleaning” to a whole new level. As members of the Mizzou Beta Eta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a national co-ed service fraternity, they have spent many hours over the past two years, rain or shine and in ice and snow, collecting trash and debris from streets and waterways.

APO members are standout volunteers for their unconditional dedication. Mike Heimos, stormwater educator for Columbia Public Works, says, “APO is a great group of young men and women who show up no matter what the conditions. Twice this past year, they cleaned Rock Quarry Road with the Public Works Department in freezing rain and ice cold temperatures, both times walking the full length of the road and picking up trash before it went into Hinkson Creek.”

Volunteering has obvious benefits for the community, but it also has benefits for volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to meet people with similar values and a passion for helping others. APO recognizes that college is a time to meet others who may change their lives completely. Members focus their energy on volunteering and are encouraged to volunteer in groups to help foster lasting friendships.

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

Written by volunteer Brittany Perrin

City offices closed for July 4 holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection 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 July 4. The regular City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 3 AT NOON

Columbia Library District Board • Storm Water Advisory Commission
Water & Light Advisory Board • Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 8 AT NOON

Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission • Building Construction Codes Commission
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.

Free Compost Workshop

Join us for a free compost workshop on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. at the Capen Park Mulch Site off Rock Quarry Road. Participants will get a free or reduced-price bin for attending the workshop.

Fill it with yard waste and food scraps, and then use the finished compost around any tree, shrub or grass. Register for the workshop to learn more. To register, call the Public Works Volunteer Program at 874-6271 or email pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com. More workshops are scheduled for the fall.

Did You Know?



You can find details about Columbia’s renewable energy supply on the City’s website. Last year, Columbia had 5 percent renewable energy. Incentives are available for customers who wish to install solar systems. Visit GoColumbiaMo.com and search for “renewable energy”.

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City welcomes Matthes as new manager

Mike Matthes took over as Columbia’s city manager May 1. He replaced Bill Watkins who retired in March. Matthes, 42, has 15 years experience with the city of Des Moines, Iowa, including 10 years as assistant city manager.

“I couldn’t be more excited about moving to Columbia, and I am profoundly honored by the City Council’s vote of confidence,” Matthes said. “Columbia is a great place to live and work, and my family is excited about it, too.”

Mayor Bob McDavid announced the selection on March 21. From a field of four candidates, Matthes was the unanimous choice of City Council members.

Matthes grew up in Chillicothe where, he said, he became a Kansas City Royals fan. He said that the City is in as fine a financial shape as any he’s seen, something he attributes to a history of good, local decision making.



Earth Hour – Success



Columbia residents were encouraged to turn off lights and reduce energy consumption during the annual Earth Hour event. Columbia Water & Light estimates that there was a 2.5 megawatt

reduction in electricity usage from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 26. The global event is held each year to raise awareness about saving energy and avoiding greenhouse gas emissions. Activities around Columbia included a pedal-powered cell phone charger demonstration, candlelight dining at homes and local restaurants and an evening of painting by candlelight.

The electric load during this time period was evaluated by Columbia Water & Light staff. Temperature was considered in making the estimate for this year’s electric load reduction during Earth Hour. The 2.5 megawatts of electricity is equivalent to the amount of power used by 98 homes in Columbia on an average day.



Pools open for the summer

Don't miss the fun at Columbia's pools this summer! The pools will open June 4. Douglass Family Aquatic Center will feature a \$1 admission price for patrons 2 and older. Recreation swim prices at other outdoor aquatic facilities are free for ages 1 and under, \$2.50 for 2-15 year-olds and \$3.75 for patrons 16 and older. Admission after 5 p.m. is \$1.75.

Coupon books for 20 visits are available for \$37.50 for children (2-15) and \$56.25 for those 16 and older. Season passes are available for \$220 for a family of up to 5, \$115 for an adult and \$70 for a youth.

Appropriate swim attire is required to enter all aquatic facilities and is defined as clothing specifically designed for use in the water (swim trunks or swimsuits). Examples of inappropriate attire include basketball shorts, cut-offs, sports bras, sweatpants and cargo shorts. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

Outdoor Aquatic Facility Hours

	LOCATION	MAY	JUNE/JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	Douglass Family Aquatic Center	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Opening Day</i> June 4 Open Mon-Sat, 1-7 pm Open Sun 1-6 pm	Open Mon-Sat 1-7 pm Open Sun 1-6 pm Last Day Aug 14	<i>Closed for the Season</i>
	Lake of the Woods Pool	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Opening Day</i> June 4 Open M, W, Sa, Su 12-5:30 pm Open T, Th, F 1:30-7 pm	Open M, W, Sa, Su 12-5:30 pm Open T, Th, F, 1:30-7 pm Last Day August 7	<i>Closed for the Season</i>
	Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center	<i>Opening Day</i> May 28 12-6 pm May 29 & 30 12-6 pm	<i>Closed</i> June 1-2 <i>Open for Season</i> June 3 M-F, 12-7 pm Sat-Sun, 12-6 pm	M-F, 12-7 pm Sat-Sun, 12-6 pm Last Weekday Aug 19 Open Aug 20, 21, 27, 28 12-6 pm Closed Aug 22-26, 29-31	<i>Closed</i> Sept 1-2 <i>Open</i> Sept 3-5 12-6 pm <i>After Labor Day, Closed for season</i>
	Little Mates Cove at Pirates' Landing	<i>Closed</i>	<i>Opening Day</i> June 4 M, W, F 10 am-7 pm T, Th, Sa 10 am-6 pm Sun 12-6 pm	M, W, F 10 am-7 pm T, Th, Sa 10 am-6 pm Sun 12-6 pm <i>Last Day Aug 14</i>	<i>Closed for the Season</i>

Neighborhood Watch Training

Please join Columbia Neighborhood Watch and the Columbia Police Department in keeping your neighborhood safe. Learn about the benefits of being a part of Neighborhood Watch.

Training dates and locations:

- June 22, 7-8 p.m., Mill Creek Elementary, 2200 Nifong Blvd. West
- July 21, 7-8 p.m., City Hall, 701 E. Broadway

- Aug. 23, 7-8 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 2513 N. Stadium Blvd.
 - Sept. 19, 7-8 p.m., Fairview Elementary, 909 S. Fairview Rd.
 - Oct. 26, 7-8 p.m., The Links Apartment Community, 5000 Clark Lane
- For more information, visit www.ColumbiaNeighborhoodWatch.org.

Water Boil Advisories and Orders

Columbia Water & Light is being required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to call a water boil advisory for any main breaks where the pressure drops below 20 pounds per square inch (PSI). This is a newly enforced requirement that will let water customers know when there is a risk to the water quality.

Columbia Water & Light maintains approximately 3.5 million feet of water distribution lines ranging from 1.5 inches to 36 inches in diameter. The utility has an ongoing maintenance plan and strives to provide reliable water service. There are things that can go wrong with the system that are beyond the utility's control. Columbia has soil that has a high clay content which can shift during times of high moisture content and/or drastic temperature changes. This shifting can lead to pipes in the ground moving, which can cause breaks.

The amount of water main breaks for the system has been less than two per week for the last 10 years. The average number of affected customers for each break is less than 20. The new announcements regarding these breaks are the only changes that are occurring for Columbia's water system.

What is a boil advisory?

A boil advisory is called when there is a water main break that causes the pressure to drop. A pressure drop could cause a backflow situation. This means there is a threat that a possible contaminant could be siphoned into the water distribution system. Boil advisories could end after one day if the water quality tests show no problems.

What is a boil order?

A boil order is issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources when there are known problems with the water supply. This requires water customers to boil their water for safety purposes. A boil order will last a minimum of two days to allow for water testing results to confirm the water is safe to drink.



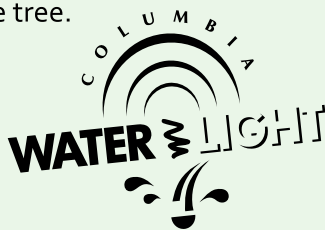
Save money on cooling costs—Tree Power

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.

874-7325

sign up on the Web—ColumbiaPowerPartners.com

(limit one tree per electric meter)



What should I do during a boil advisory/order?

Customers are urged to take the following precautions during a boil advisory or order:

- Boil water for three minutes prior to using it for cooking or drinking.
- Do not use ice from an automatic ice maker. Remake ice with water that has been boiled.
- Disinfect dishes and food contact surfaces by immersing for one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented bleach per gallon of water.

What is the fastest way to get information?

The text message feature through the Nixle service is the fastest way to receive notification. You can sign up for the alert system by visiting the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com. Columbia Water & Light will make every effort to post information on the City's website when possible. Staffing and the time that the boil advisory/order is called will affect posting information on the website.

customer notification procedure

number of customers affected	method(s) of notification	time of notification(s)
BOIL ADVISORY		
less than 50	• Door Hang Tag • Nixle	• 24 hours/day • 24 hours/day
between 50 and 200	• Door Hang Tag • Rapid Notify • Nixle	• 24 hours/day • Between 6 a-10 p • 24 hours/day
greater than 200	• Rapid Notify • Press/Media • Nixle	• Between 6 a-10 p • Anytime • 24 hours/day
BOIL ORDER		
any number	• Rapid Notify • Press/Media • Nixle	• 24 hours/day • Between 6 a-10 p • 24 hours/day

Allton-Columbia Municipal Airport Historic Site Dedication

The Boone County Historical Society and the City of Columbia will dedicate the former Allton-Columbia Municipal Airport site as a Boone County Historic Site Sunday, June 19, at 2 p.m. at Columbia's Park Management Center, 1507 Business Loop 70 West. This site, that now includes Cosmo Park, is historically significant as Columbia's first airport. The Boone County Historical Society Board of Directors has designated it a County Historic Site. The public is invited to stop by for a short dedication ceremony. For more information, contact David Sapp at 443-8964 or dsapp88@mchsi.com.

Sewer Ordinance Changes

On March 21, City Council approved ordinance 20922 amending chapter 22 of the city code as it relates to sanitary sewer rates. The new ordinance includes a definition for a dwelling unit and amends the definitions of user classification (residential and non-residential), along with rate changes for base charges and volume charges.

A residential user will now be defined as a user of a dwelling unit that is connected to the City's sanitary sewer system and served by one water meter. Residential users will receive a residential base charge of \$5.52 per month. Previously, that rate was \$7 per month. A new volume charge of \$1.825 per ccf (100 cubic feet) will also be billed, which is based on the user's winter quarter average. Previously, that rate was \$1.66 per ccf.

Non-residential are all users of the City's sanitary sewer system who are not residential users. These customers will receive a non-residential base charge based on the size of their water meter (Chapter 22-263 City Ordinance). Non-residential users will also be billed a volume charge of \$1.825 per ccf, based on actual water usage each month.

City staff is implementing this new ordinance. Customers will start seeing these changes on their utility bills over the next few months.

\$50 to \$1,600 Rebate

High Efficiency Air Conditioner or Heat Pump

If your cooling system is older than 10 years, you have frequent service problems and/or you see your utility bills going up, it is time to consider installing a new unit. Upgrading to a higher SEER-rated air conditioning unit can substantially reduce your cooling costs.

When you partner with Columbia Water & Light you can save money and energy. Upgrade to an energy-efficient air conditioner or heat pump and you can receive a rebate of up to \$1,600 for a qualified unit. The program is also available to commercial customers.

Rebates are offered to Columbia Water & Light electric customers installing units with a SEER of 14 or higher. For a complete list of the program parameters, please contact us.

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Parks & Recreation Calendar

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

JUNE 2011

- 11-12 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- 13 Registration begins for fall softball
- 15 Family Fun Fest: Explore Outdoors, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free
- 17 OAK (Older American Klub) Summer Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., free
- 17 Free concert at Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater, Time TBA
- 18-19 Juneteenth celebration, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., free
- 18-19 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- 18 Shred Fest Skateboarding Event, Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 4-7 p.m., free
- 18 Father Daughter Dance, ARC, 6-8 p.m., \$15 per couple, \$3 additional daughter

JULY 2011

- 20 Registration begins for fall kickball
- 3 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., free
- 4 4th of July Fire in the Sky, Memorial Stadium, gates open at 6:30 p.m., free
- 4 Special swim hours at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center and Pirates' Landing
- 8 Movies in the Park, An American Tail, Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under free
- 9-10 L.A. Nickell Stroke Play Golf Championship
- 15 Whiff and Giggle Couples Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple
- 15 Older American Klub (OAK) Star Spangled Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3 per person
- 15 Teen Night at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$2 per person