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## Street Talk

The Scott Boulevard corridor is a significant thoroughfare in west and southwest Columbia carrying about 10,000 vehicles per day. The corridor is defined with a beginning point on State Route E to the north and continues south to State Route K. **Anticipated growth in west and southwest Columbia requires upgrades to the Scott Boulevard corridor.** In 2011, phase I of the project concluded with completion of a four-lane stretch of Scott Boulevard between Rollins Road and West County Hill Drive.

In January, a Federal Highway Administration Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) report cleared the way for the City to find funding sources for the extension of Scott Boulevard between West Broadway and State Route E, including an overpass and interchange at I-70.

Design work has been completed for phase II from Bellview Drive to just south of Vawter School Road. This work will involve roadway realignment, replacement of the bridge over Hinkson Creek and the construction of a roundabout at Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road. Phase III is in the design phase and tentatively slated for construction in 2016.

The improvements will occur between Vawter School Road and Route KK. This phase will involve the replacement of the bridge over Mill Creek and roadway widening with sidewalks and pedways. Phase IV will eventually widen and improve Scott Boulevard from Route KK to Route K. All of the project phases are coordinated to provide an adequate roadway network to move traffic safely and smoothly today and in the future. Learn more about the Scott Boulevard Corridor Improvement project at [ScottBv.com](http://ScottBv.com).



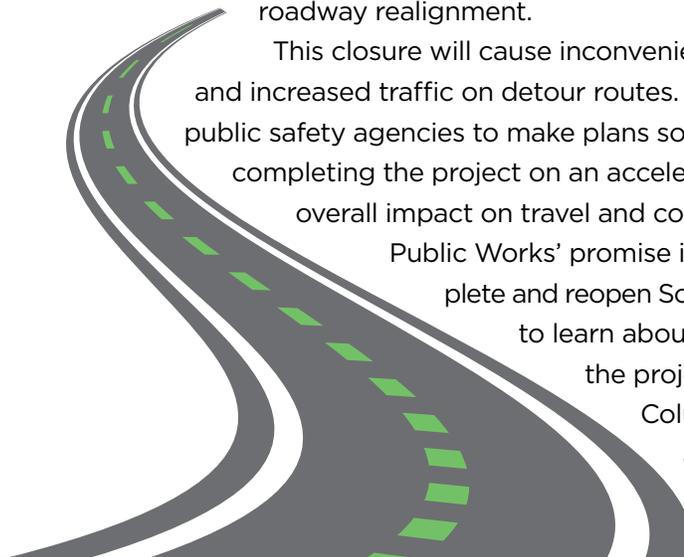
## Scott Boulevard to close in January

The Scott Boulevard corridor project phase II will begin in January. This phase involves realignment of the current Scott Boulevard between Bellview Drive and Vawter School Road, the construction of a roundabout at Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road and the replacement of the bridge over Hinkson Creek.

Scott Boulevard will be closed to all traffic from January through August 2014. Completing this phase in eight months, as opposed to a year, will save nearly \$500,000. The closure will allow for the demolition of the bridge at the same time as the roundabout construction and roadway realignment.

This closure will cause inconveniences for residents and motorists in the form of detours and increased traffic on detour routes. Public Works has worked closely for many months with public safety agencies to make plans so that public safety is not compromised. It is believed that completing the project on an accelerated timeline by closing the roadway will have a lessened overall impact on travel and commerce.

Public Works' promise is to keep you informed of the project status and to complete and reopen Scott Boulevard as soon as safely possible. Visit [ScottBv.com](http://ScottBv.com) to learn about the project, sign up for text or email alerts and view the project progress via real-time video feeds and photo albums. Columbia Public Works thanks you for your understanding and patience while staff works to improve Columbia's roadways.



## Help your neighbors in need

*Donate to utility assistance*

### **CASH and HELP**

Many Columbians have to make difficult financial decisions each month. How would you decide between buying food and paying your utility bill? It is not an easy choice. You can help people in our community by filling out the contribution slip on this month's utility bill return envelope for the CASH and HELP programs or filling out the online form. These programs were established to help seniors, the disabled and families with children pay their utility bills.

There are many times when CASH and HELP assistance programs run out of funding on the first week of the month. By giving a little extra, to one or both programs, you can help someone in our community.

**874-7380**

**[GoColumbiaMo.com/Finance/Forms/cash-help.php](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Finance/Forms/cash-help.php)**

*Donations to the program are tax deductible.*

*All money donated to the program goes to help those in need.*

## Snow Route Changes

As winter approaches and the memories of three significant snowfalls from last year are lingering, Columbia Public Works reminds residents that changes to how snow and ice are cleared will be initiated this winter.

The most significant change is the enactment of an ordinance which establishes the prohibition of parking on priority snow routes when two inches of snow has accumulated. The ordinance will require the owner of a vehicle parked on a snow route to remove the vehicle from the street when two inches of snow has fallen. If the vehicle is not removed, it may be subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense.

The reason for this ordinance stems from lessons learned in 2012. When roadways are clear of vehicles, plowing can be completed in about one-third the time it takes when vehicles are left on the roadway. Crews can also clear the roadway from curb to curb, and vehicle owners do not have to worry about being blocked in by snow piled around their vehicles. By clearing priority routes faster and more efficiently crews can move to

residential streets sooner when snow accumulations of four or more inches occur.

Learn more about snow and ice management at [ComoSnow.com](http://ComoSnow.com). You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts when snow routes are activated.



## CoMoGives

Many Columbia residents have already seen the CoMoGives giving guide circulating around Columbia. CoMoGives is an end-of-year giving campaign powered by the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to benefit 30 local nonprofits. You'll find a copy of the 48-page CoMoGives magazine-style giving guide in the Nov. 14 issue of the *Columbia Daily Tribune* (17,000 copies), and the Community Foundation is distributing 10,000 copies to local businesses this month.

You'll hear more about CoMoGives on TV and radio, and ads will soon appear in the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, all pointing to Dec. 1, when you can start giving to your favorite local charities through the new [comogives.com](http://comogives.com) website.

CoMoGives is powered by the Community Foundation and sponsored by Shelter Insurance Companies, the Commerce Trust Company, the *Columbia Daily Tribune* and MayeCreate Design.

Look for the CoMoGives Giving Guide where you work, shop or play. Review it, keep it for use throughout December, or share it with a friend, neighbor or colleague, and look forward to giving generously in December at [comogives.com](http://comogives.com).

## Holiday toys for Columbia's youth

Please help area children this holiday season! While shopping, pick up an extra gift for a needy child for



Parks and Recreation's annual toy drive. Toys can be dropped off at the Armory Sports Center (701 E. Ash) or the downtown Parks and Recreation office (#1 South Seventh Street).

Toys and monetary donations will also be accepted through Dec. 13. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted. A letter of receipt for tax purposes will be provided for your generosity. Call 874-7460 for more information.

## Nominations sought for Lang Award

It's time to nominate deserving persons to receive the sixth annual *Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia*.

Howard Lang was mayor of Columbia from 1953-57 and made a positive difference for the City. There are now hundreds of volunteers with similar volunteer spirit and dedication who make a positive difference for Columbia in their own way.

The recipient of the Lang Award will receive \$1,000 (which may be designated to a project, program or charity of his/her choice) and an engraved plaque.

Please do your part by nominating a volunteer—someone who serves to benefit the City of Columbia. This person may be a member of a City board or commission, an unpaid elected official or other person who volunteers for the City. The recipient will be chosen based on his/her impact, initiative and length of service.

Nomination forms can be found at **GoColumbiaMo.com**; search for "*Lang Award Nomination Form*." Click, print and return to the address noted on the form. Nominations are due by Friday, Jan. 10.

If you have questions, contact Trust Specialist John Baker at 817-5027 or email [jdbaker@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:jdbaker@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Holiday Lights and Decorations

### • *Maintain your holiday electrical decorations.*

Inspect holiday decorations each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only decorations listed by an approved testing laboratory.

### • *Do not overload electrical outlets.*

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect decorations to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure the extension cord is a large enough gauge to support the requirements of the decorations. Periodically, check the wires; they should not be warm to the touch.

### • *Use only nonflammable decorations.*

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

### • *Don't block exits.*

Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit. In a fire, time is of the essence. A blocked entry/exit way puts you and your family at risk.

### • *Never put wrapping paper in the fireplace.*

Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

### • *Don't leave electrical decorations on while unattended!*

[http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/holiday-seasonal/holiday.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/holiday.shtm)

## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### December

7	Santa Hotline, children ages 3-7 call 874-7473 only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
7	City Kwanzaa Celebration, Douglass High School, 2-5 p.m., FREE
31	Columbia Eve Fest 5K Run/Walk, Cyclex-treme, 4 p.m.
31	Columbia Eve Fest: A New Year's Eve Celebration of the Arts, Ninth Street in The District, 7 p.m. to midnight, admission button is \$6 for ages 7 and over, \$8 at the door

## Code Corner: Sidewalk Snow Removal

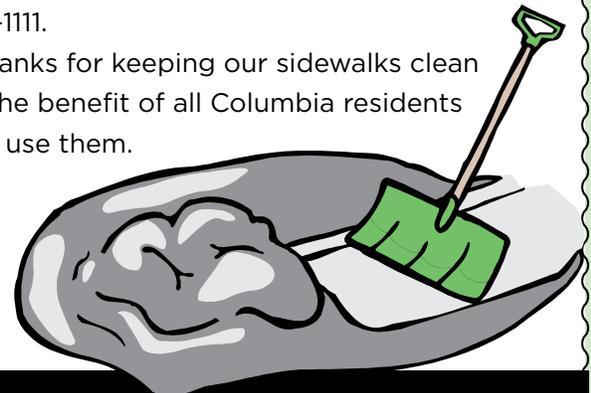
When it snows, a clear sidewalk can be very helpful to those on foot who may be walking to school or work or delivering mail or meals.

**It is the responsibility of property owners and occupants to keep sidewalks clear.** Section

302.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code says that all sidewalks, walkways... shall be...maintained free from hazardous conditions. Chapter 24 of City ordinance requires property owners or occupants to keep sidewalks, "clear and free from rubbish, filth, refuse, dirt, snow, ice and from any and all obstructions and dangerous agencies of every kind and description whatsoever."

Seniors who need assistance with snow removal and volunteers who want to assist can contact the Boone County Council on Aging at 443-1111.

Thanks for keeping our sidewalks clean for the benefit of all Columbia residents who use them.





Many of the volunteers who helped with the 2013 Punt, Pass & Kick event Aug. 10 are members of the Rotary Club of Columbia.

**Volunteers of the Month- Rotary Club of Columbia**  
Volunteering to help run the Punt, Pass & Kick competition, sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation, meshes well with the Rotary Club of Columbia's mission of giving back to the community. For the past seven years, a group of Rotarians has assisted with this event at

Cosmo Park by helping with registration, taking measurements and recording results as 6-15 year-olds compete.

Punt, Pass & Kick is a national competition sponsored by the NFL for the past 52 years. The kids compete in punting, passing and kicking while learning the fundamentals of football. Winners of Columbia Punt, Pass & Kick advance to a sectional competition; the national competition is held at an NFL playoff game in January.

Ed Hohlt, the Rotary Club of Columbia's coordinator for Punt, Pass & Kick, says that volunteering is rewarding and provides instant benefits. "It is fun to watch the kids and observe their smiles as they compete," he said.

Service is important to Rotarians. Members volunteer at a number of community events, including the Punt, Pass & Kick. Their goal is to benefit others and spread goodwill in their community.

To learn more about volunteering with the City, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).

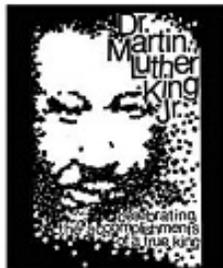
*Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson*

### Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas and Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made on these days and will be delayed one day the remainder of these weeks. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Also, Columbia Transit buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

### Columbia Values Diversity Awards

Help celebrate diversity in the community by nominating an individual, family, organization or group for the 17th annual Columbia Values Diversity awards. This is a great way to show appreciation for those who have had a significant impact promoting diversity and cultural understanding!



These awards will be presented at the 21st annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Jan. 16, recognizing people whose work exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through non-violence. Two awards will be presented: one individual/family award and one organization/group award.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 29, 2013. Nomination forms are available by calling the Office of Cultural Affairs at 874-6386 or on the Web at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: *Diversity Celebration*).

### Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

**Application deadline: Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.**

- Boone County Community Services Advisory Commission
- Finance Advisory and Audit Committee
- Firefighters' Retirement Board
- Police Retirement Board
- Sustainable Farms and Communities, Inc. Board

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

### Web Page Did You Know?

Lake of the Woods and L.A. Nickell golf courses have new websites! Check them out at [GoGolfLOW.com](http://GoGolfLOW.com) and [GoGolfLAN.com](http://GoGolfLAN.com).



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