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Volunteer of the Month—Brenda Peculis



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Since 2007, Peculis has donated time with CARP for shoreline maintenance, created rain gardens and addressed runoff issues.

Building on that experience, Peculis began volunteering with the TreeKeepers program. She assists in planting new trees and tree maintenance in City parks. As a TreeKeeper, she was selected to be part of the City's Street Tree Assessment Team (STAT). STAT members monitor the new trees planted in their neighborhoods.

Peculis guesses that her volunteer work totals about 8-12 hours a month. She says it is time well spent.

"I'm so grateful to the people who have helped organize the volunteers," she said. "They have made such good use of our time and provided the information we needed in a helpful and cohesive manner."

Peculis is an associate professor of biochemistry at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

To learn about City volunteer programs, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.
-Written by volunteer Sarah Madden

When Brenda Peculis first moved to Columbia, volunteering was a way to meet new people and integrate herself into the community. When she wanted to learn more about rain gardens and frog ponds, she attended City-sponsored classes that took her volunteer work in a new direction. Peculis says that volunteering has given her a chance to give back to the community, and learn a lot along the way.

Peculis began volunteering for the First Night New Year's Eve celebration, where she helped for several years. She then took part in the first Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project (CARP) class, which teaches lake and pond ecology.

Most Notable Properties

The City of Columbia Historic Preservation Commission is now accepting applications for the 2011 Most Notable Properties program. Since 1998 this program has recognized more than 100 historically significant places and properties in the City of Columbia.

For more information on the program and the application process, please call the Planning and Development Department at 874-7239 or visit the City's website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Commissions/HPC/index.php

Applications are due by Oct. 1. The Most Notable Properties Gala will be held in February.



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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 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.

Boards and Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

- Cultural Affairs Commission
- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Community Development Commission

Application deadline is noon, Oct. 8. 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.



Your donation helps 'Share the Light'

Since 2001, hundreds of Columbia utility customers have supported "Share the Light," a giving program that supports six areas of City services. This month, you have the opportunity to give a gift that will make a difference in your community. You may fill out the donation form on your remittance envelope or sign up online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Gifts to Share the Light can be made on a one-time or monthly basis in the amount selected by the donor with a minimum gift of \$1. Donors can select the funding area they wish to support, including:

- Community Arts Programming
- Community Beautification
- Youth Recreation Scholarships
- Public Health
- Fire Prevention & Education
- Crime Prevention

Nearly \$150,000 has been donated to the program over the last 10 years and those funds have allowed the City to do many things that would otherwise not be possible. Share the Light funds support the work of volunteers who beautify intersections, assist the Columbia Police Department, teach young children the importance of dental hygiene and fire safety, allow children from low-income households to participate in recreational activities and support cultural activities.

The City welcomes new donors and thanks those who have supported Share the Light in the past. To learn more, visit the City's website or call 817-5027.

Confident City Cycling offered

Get the confidence you need to ride safely and legally in this Parks and Recreation class. The course covers bicycle safety checks, fixing a flat, on-bike skills and crash avoidance techniques and includes a student manual.

Three sessions are upcoming: Tuesdays (Oct. 5, Oct. 12, Oct. 19) from 6-9 p.m.; Saturday (Oct. 9) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday (Nov. 6) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each session is for ages 14 and up and costs \$20. Classes are held at the Stephens Lake Activity Center.

New or experienced riders benefit from this course. Participants need to bring a bicycle and helmet to the class. The instructor is certified through the League of American Bicyclists. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

Web: Did You Know?

Delta Air Lines, Columbia Regional's air service provider, reminds passengers to arrive ONE HOUR before their scheduled flight to ensure all flight arrangements and security measures are complete. For more information, visit www.FlyMidMo.com.





City partners with school for cooperative land use

Construction of a new neighborhood park on Lange Middle School property is underway. The City of Columbia has partnered with Columbia Public Schools for cooperative use of a portion of the 43-acre school property at 2201 East Smiley Lane.

The Parks and Recreation Department will construct and maintain a 5.2-acre neighborhood park bordering Smiley Lane consisting of a playground, small shelter, open space playfield and a gravel trail. In addition, the project includes the construction of a 400-meter track on the northwest corner of the school property, which will be open to the public during non-school hours.

“We search out opportunities to partner with other agencies to save taxpayer dollars,” explains Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Griggs. “The school district was willing to lease the unused portion of the school property for a neighborhood park. It’s a ‘win-win’ scenario for everyone.”

The \$145,000 project budget is funded by the Park Sales Tax and force account labor. Lange Park is the last neighborhood park to be completed that was funded by the 2005 Park Sales Tax ballot.

6th Annual Hinkson Clean Sweep

Help prevent pollution in your neighborhood and in our local waters by joining us for the **Hinkson Clean Sweep 2010** - Saturday, October 16, 10 a.m. to noon.

It’s a morning to get a little bit wet, have fun outside and clean our streams and creeks. Anyone can participate. All supplies will be handed out at the stream cleanup areas. Tip... wear old shoes that can get wet and get ready to have fun.

Sign up today! An online registration form and additional details on the **Hinkson Clean Sweep 2010** can be found at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or by calling Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

The Hinkson Clean Sweep is sponsored by the City of Columbia Public Works Department, Boone County Public Works, Hinkson Creek Restoration Project, Sierra Club Osage Group and the Missouri Department of Conservation Stream Team.



Building Community NOW: Join the City for Neighborhood Organizing Workshops this fall

The Office of Neighborhood Services and University Extension-Boone County are teaming up to offer four workshops designed to help neighborhood associations build their skills and leadership capacities. The sessions are free and open to the public. Even those who are not active in their neighborhoods are invited to come and learn. Residents can select one or more sessions to attend.

Session dates, times and topics include:

Wed., Oct. 6, 7-9 p.m. at the ARC, 1701 W. Ash – What is a Neighborhood Association?

Wed., Oct. 20, 6-9 p.m. – Running the Show: Meeting Facilitation*

Wed., Nov. 3, 6-9 p.m. – Where are we going? Strategic Planning*

Wed., Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. – Get others on the bandwagon: Participation and Marketing*

**Locations for these sessions will be announced.*

To learn more about Building Community NOW, visit the City’s website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7248.

Be prepared for disasters

Whether it’s a house fire, tornado, flood or terrorist attack, disaster can strike at any time and anywhere. While many disasters cannot be avoided, it is extremely important to prepare yourself and your family by having a plan for what to do before, during and after a disaster.

September is “National Preparedness Month,” a time in which federal, state and local agencies encourage residents to have a plan in place and be ready for disasters. Having an emergency supply kit, establishing a shelter and knowing where to meet members of your family are just a few ways that the Columbia/Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages residents and families to be prepared for a disaster.

OEM has a number of publications available addressing disaster preparation. Copies of these materials are available by calling 874-7400, or visiting the OEM page of the City’s website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/EM.

Save 30 percent on your utility bills

Want to get some cash in your pocket and save money on your bills? It’s easy with the Home Performance with Energy Star program. This “whole house” approach to energy efficiency starts with a detailed assessment. You will learn exactly where your house is leaking air and what projects need to be accomplished. If you follow the recommendations of the assessment, you will have an Energy Star qualified home. The average savings of our residential customers completing the program is 30 percent. Plus, the comfort level of your home is increased.

Columbia Water & Light offers many incentives for you to make the recommended energy efficient upgrades to your home. We offer rebates up to \$1,200. You may also qualify for a low-interest loan to help you finance the upgrades. There are also other utility, state and federal incentives for certain energy efficiency items.

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Columbia Transit running on new routes/schedule



Passengers can now go more places around town than ever before on Columbia Transit. New routes and schedules went into effect Aug. 2. Major improvements to the bus system include new service to more Columbia employers, so citizens have transportation to work. Other changes include extending service farther to the north (Brown School Road and Paris Road), east (Lemone Industrial Road) and west (Forum Boulevard), and rerouting the orange route in south Columbia, which often had difficulties with traffic congestion. In addition, the Saturday route now mirrors the weekday routes.

Columbia Transit operates 6:25 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 6:25 a.m. to 10:25 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10:05 a.m. to 7:05 p.m. on Saturday. New maps and schedules are posted online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. Follow Columbia Transit on Twitter at http://twitter.com/Columbia_MO_Bus or call 874-7282.

Keys to the City

Join the City of Columbia for the fall “Keys to the City” event.

- **Wednesday, Oct. 6**
- **The ARC, 1701 W. Ash**
- **5-7 p.m. - City Council Office Hours and City Services Information Fair**
- **7-9 p.m. – “What is a Neighborhood Association?” Workshop**

“Keys to the City” is free and open to everyone. Visit with your council person, learn more about City services, find out more about neighborhood associations and visit with neighbors and friends. Learn more at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or by calling 874-7248.

Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online!

www.GoColumbiaMo.com

Call 874-7460 for more information.

OCTOBER 2010

- 15 Older American Klub (OAK) Autumn Harvest Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3 per person
- 25 Holiday Toy Drive kicks off, through Dec. 17
- 29 Older American Klub (OAK) Fifth Friday Free Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., free
- 31 Halloween Tiger Night of Fun, Hearnes Center, 5-7 p.m., free

Flu News

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services will offer flu vaccine to residents this fall and winter. Public health officials anticipate a different situation than last year, when two different vaccines were needed for complete protection. This year, one shot will provide protection from three different flu viruses, including novel H1N1, which scientists believe will continue to circulate this fall. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that **all persons over 6 months of age receive an annual flu vaccination.**

The health department will offer both Flu-Mist and an injectable vaccine. FluMist can be given to all healthy, non-pregnant persons between the ages of 2 and 49. Please visit the health department’s page of the City’s website for clinic details, including dates, times and locations. Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com and select “**health and human services**” from the menu on the left. For more information, please call 874-7356.