

Special Thanks

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Mayor Bob McDavid
Columbia City Council
City Manager Mike Matthes
Deputy City Manager Tony St. Romaine
Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club
Urban Wussler and family
Columbia Youth Football League
Parks and Recreation Commission

In recognition of Connell Architects, who designed the plan for the shelter/concession facility, and park staff, who constructed the building.



Dedication of

Urban Wussler Shelter
at Cosmo Park

October 20, 2013



The Urban Wussler Shelter and adjoining concession stand and facilities represent a true community partnership.

The inception of this project began several years ago through dialogue with the Columbia Youth Football League (CYFL) and the Columbia Luncheon Cosmopolitan Club. The CYFL has had an increase in participation in recent years, resulting in an increased need for concession and restroom facilities near the Cosmo Park football fields. The project was included on a list of potential capital projects to be funded by the Park Sales Tax. Voters approved the initiative in November 2010. The project details were approved by City Council in April 2012.

The new facilities serve soccer and football/lacrosse programs at Cosmo Park. In addition to Park Sales Tax funds, the project was funded through donations by the Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club (for the shelter) and the Columbia Youth Football League (for the concession stand).

Columbia Parks and Recreation and the City of Columbia is grateful for the contributions of the Cosmo Club and Mr. Urban Wussler, the Columbia Youth Football League and the citizens of Columbia. This project would not have been possible without their support.

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### **Urban Wussler**

The Wussler Shelter is named in honor of Urban Wussler, the Ultimate Cosmopolitan. Urban began making contributions to our community long before becoming a member of the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club in February 1950. Urban is a World War II veteran who bravely gave his service to our country while serving in the U.S. Navy. He has since provided viewers of KOMU-TV insight into what the day's weather would be like as a former weatherman for the station. In 1957, Urban and his family were selected out of 1,200 applicants from 45 different states and Canada as the "Typical American Family."

Urban recently celebrated his 63rd year of perfect attendance with the Luncheon Club. During these years, Urban has served as the Luncheon Club's President, Chaplain, and Sergeant at Arms. He is also the founding member of the Jefferson City Cosmopolitan Club and was inducted into its Cosmo Hall of Fame in 2012. Urban's contributions as a Cosmopolitan exemplify the Club's principles of "Service, Unity and Action" and are a credit to the Cosmopolitan organization and the clubs he represents.

Urban and his wife Gerry are residents of Columbia and the proud parents of five grown children: Janice, Patricia, Mark, Diane and David.

## **Urban Wussler Shelter**

Dedication Ceremony

11:30 am, October 20, 2013

Welcome ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Jon Heider, Columbia Youth Football League

Remarks ~ Pat Zenner, Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club

Plaque Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting ~ Columbia Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

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