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FEBRUARY

Youth Baseball and Softball registration open until Feb 15 deadline

- 3 Black History Exhibit thru Feb 28, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wilkes, Daily 3-7pm
- 3 Summer jobs posted at the City Human Resources Department
- 6 Golden Soul & Rapper's Delight Night, 6:30-9pm, Douglass School
- 9 Boy/Girl Scout Day at Hickman Pool, 2-4 pm, \$2.50/child, pre-register
- 10-14 Adult Summer Softball advanced registration for returning teams begins
- 10 Softball Spring Training League registration begins
- 13 50 + Sweet Tooth Sale, Parkade Center, 8 a.m.
- 15 The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Railroad Show, Paquin Tower, 1201 Paquin, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 17-21 Adult Summer Softball Open Registration begins
- 17 Swim Lessons begin, Winter Session II (register by 2/13) Hickman Pool
- 17 Summer Volleyball League registration begins
- 21 50 + Valentine Dance, 7pm, Parkade Center
- 23 Annual Gospel Explosion, 3 p.m., TBA

*Winter Golf Special ends February 28 at Lake of the Woods and L.A. Nickell Golf Courses.*  
Call 447-4166 for tee times.  
Mon-Thurs: \$20 with cart, \$10 without  
Fri-Sun: \$24 with cart, \$14 without cart

*Schedule your Private Golf Tournament*  
Call L.A. Nickell at 445-4213 or Lake of the Woods at 474-7011 and find out about the new pricing available for Tee Time and Shotgun Start Tournaments.



## February Volunteer of the Month

by volunteer Megan Clark

In his 2.5 years as a Park Patroller on the city trail system, Bob Wolfe has dealt with a variety of situations, including picking up litter and helping trail users in need of assistance. The biggest emergency he has ever encountered was a biker who had broken his leg.

"He was in terrible shape," Wolfe said. "Fortunately, it was right by a call phone." Trained patrollers provide a visible presence on the city trail system to help support a safer environment for the trail users.

Wolfe said he joined Park Patrol because he was an avid user of the trail. There have been more than 325 trained patrollers since 1997.

"I just like to use the trail," he said. "Whether or not I was with Park Patrol, I'd still be there. It's a beautiful, beautiful place and a wonderful asset to the city."

For volunteer opportunities contact us at [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com) or visit our web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Public Works Volunteers are Making a Difference

In the spring of 1994, the first Public Works volunteers began serving Columbia at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. Other projects quickly followed.

Public Works volunteers have made things happen in the waste arena. They took the mission of the program to heart, ". . . to extend waste reduction and environmental clean up programs, educate citizens about waste reduction issues, and encourage the spirit of volunteerism in the City of Columbia."

Public Works volunteers are in your neighborhood and offices. They provide the answers to those prickly recycling or composting questions. They advise where to get extra garbage bags or how to get involved with the Adopt A Spot Program. They urge their friends to use both sides of the piece of paper BEFORE it goes into the recycling bin. They help with Earth Day and Day with Wildlife events, festivals, and classroom presentations. They create and design recycling literature and mailings. The Public Works volunteers choose a task they enjoy and are truly the ones making a difference in waste reduction and our community. They deserve our appreciation and regard.

THANK YOU TO ALL PUBLIC WORKS VOLUNTEERS!

## Join The Public Works Volunteer Team

The Columbia Public Works Volunteer Program invites you to join their volunteer team. You can make a difference in your community volunteering as little as two hours a month. You and your family can volunteer together to improve the earth, learn new skills, meet new people, and have fun! We will help you find a volunteer position just right for you! Orientation and training are also provided. We have immediate openings for the following programs:

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection, April - November
- Earth Day Children's Activity, April
- Mulch Giveaway Day, 4 times per year
- Drop-off Recycling Area Monitoring, ongoing
- Bring Recycling Games and Activities to Schools and Youth Groups
- Adopt-A-Spot Litter Collection, ongoing
- Composting Projects, ongoing
- Appear as "Mr. Bag-It" at Events

*Questions?* Contact the Public Works Volunteer Program Assistant.  
Phone: 874-6271, Email: [pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com)  
Web site: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Council Action

*The Council on Nov. 18:*

- Appropriated funds for the Share the Light program. In August 2001, the Share the Light program was created as a way for residents to contribute to city of Columbia projects through their utility bills. A total of \$4,500 was appropriated to youth recreation scholarships (\$2,700) and crime prevention (\$1,800).

*The Council on Dec. 2:*

- Adopted the Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2002 Facilities Needs Update. The plan updates the inventory of existing public and private park, recreation and open-space facilities.
- Authorized to proceed with a New Century Fund fund-raising campaign for the Martin Luther King Memorial restoration. The New Century Fund Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to support city of Columbia projects. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$100,000 to repair the memorial and create an endowment to fund future maintenance.

This is just a brief look at the Council's actions. Complete minutes are available at the City Clerk's Office, 701 E. Broadway, the Columbia Public Library or on the Internet at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the City Council page.

## Commission vacancy

The City is accepting applications for the following Commission. Applications and current vacancies are on the City's Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the City Council page. Call 874-7208 for information and specific requirements.

- Human Rights Commission (2 vacancies)  
Apply by noon, Friday, February 7.

## TreeKeepers 2003 Class

The fifth TreeKeepers training begins on February 25 as volunteers learn tree identification. Five more sessions are held to cover tree diseases, tips to plan and plant, how to prune, insects, and soil, air and water requirements.

In exchange for the training received through the program, TreeKeepers agree to give 36 hours of volunteer service toward Parks & Recreation Department tree projects, which take place on Saturdays throughout the year.

All classes are held at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Class dates are February 25, March 1, 4, 11, 18 and April 1 and 8. A tree project followed by graduation will be held on April 19.

To find out how to become a TreeKeeper, call 874-7499 or E-mail [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com)



### MESSAGE FROM MR. BAG-IT

Empty motor oil containers should be placed in the black trash bag, not the blue recycling bag. Although the motor oil containers may be marked #1 or #2 plastic, the oil in these containers leaves a residue and contaminates recyclable materials. Containers with used motor oil can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility for disposal. Thank you for recycling!



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## City Sponsors Boy Scout Skill Center

The City of Columbia sponsored a Boy Scout Skill Center in November. The skill center provided an opportunity for Boy Scouts to earn merit badges to fulfill their advancement requirements. The merit badge counselors were City of Columbia employees who volunteered their time and job skills. Badges offered were Emergency

Preparedness, Public Health, Crime Prevention and Fingerprinting, Computers, Energy and Electricity.

"We are quite pleased with the success of the skill center," said Bill Watkins, Assistant City Manager. "The skill center gave City employees an opportunity to share their job skills with the scouts while also assisting these young men as they progress through the scouting ranks."

Hank Stoltz, Assistant City Attorney and event coordinator, said "One objective of the skill center was to provide a positive experience for all involved - the scouts, their parents and our City employees. I was thrilled with the result. The scouts came away from the event with a better understanding of skills required for some City staff, and our employees got an opportunity to show off their skills and make some new friends in the scouts and their families."

Leigh Nutter, Volunteer Services Coordinator, added: "Events such as this require substantial volunteer efforts in order to be successful. It's nice to know that our City employees also unselfishly volunteer their valuable time for worthwhile community endeavors."

Discussions are in progress with the Girl Scout Council about conducting a similar event with them.



Lt. Bruce Britt, Columbia Fire Department, works with a scout on the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge.

### Community Line ☎

By dialing the City of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 751, you can learn about the Columbia Trust.

### On the Web 🌐

Find facility and program information about the new Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

Did you know?

## Receive an Estimated Bill?

During the winter months there are times that Water and Light meter readers cannot read customers' meters. Water and electric bills are estimated in mass when weather conditions create safety hazards for employees. Wind chills below zero pose a frost bite threat and heavy snow cover makes it difficult to read water meters in the ground. When the meters cannot be read, an estimate is based on the average usage for previous months.

## No Lights? No Water? Call 875-2555

One of the goals of Columbia Water and Light is to provide reliable service. Unfortunately, snow, ice, cars hitting utility poles, squirrels, etc., can cause damage to utility lines and interrupt service. If you experience a problem with your water or electric service, call the emergency number right away. Any details you can provide will aid the workers fixing the problem. When an outage occurs, crews are dispatched immediately. Since no two outages are the same it is often difficult to estimate how long it will take to restore service, but there will be crews working on the problem until service is restored.



## Some Police Units Reorganize

Police Chief Randy Boehm announced that effective January 5, the Columbia Police Department's Community Action Team (C.A.T.), Crime Prevention Unit and the School Resource

Officers were reorganized into two new units: Community Services and Youth Services.

"This is the first major implementation from our Strategic Plan," said Boehm. "I believe it will help these units to be more effective and will allow us

to place more officers in our schools. This is a result of our people examining their jobs and how we might make changes to improve how we do things."

Sgt. Danny Grant will supervise the Community Services Unit, which will consist of three full-time crime prevention officers and three C.A.T. officers. Neighborhood Watch will still be run by the same staff.

Sgt. Dianne Bernhard will supervise the Youth Services Unit, which will consist of eight school resource officers/DARE officers and a juvenile detective.

No additional funds will be used for this reorganization. To reach either unit, call 874-7405.

### Community Services Unit

Sgt. Danny Grant; Secretary Jeanette Nelson; Crime Prevention Officers Jessie Haden, Mike Hayes and Tim Thomason; C.A.T. officers Chris Kelley, Bill Lee and John Logan. C.A.T. Officers are assigned specific areas of town to solve special enforcement problems. They also organize and assist with special assignments such as City warrant round-ups, special traffic enforcement and other assignments based upon specific crime concerns.

### Youth Services Unit

Sgt. Dianne Bernhard; Officer Cathy Dodd - Hickman High School; Officer John White - Rock Bridge High School; Officer John Warner - West Junior High School; Officer Linda Fincham - Oakland Junior High School; Officer Stephanie Winscott - Gentry Middle School; Officer Jay Bramblett - Smithton Middle School; Officer Rob Kiesling - Lange Middle School; Officer Melvin Buckner - Jefferson Junior High School. Six of the eight School Resource Officers also teach DARE in elementary schools in Columbia.

## Verifying 911 Data

Joint Communications uses an enhanced 911 system to identify the address of a call during an emergency. Enhanced 911 indicates an address, the name of the resident and the phone number from which the call is made. However, calling 911 does not always ensure that the enhanced 911 system will display your exact location. There are several reasons the location address could be inaccurate.

"911" data can be inaccurate if the resident has recently moved and maintained the same phone number. The phone company is responsible for making the address change, but occasionally the change is not made promptly. To verify correct address information, call 874-7400, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ask if you can verify a "911" address.

Calling 911 from a cellular phone may also provide incorrect location information. 911 will either display the address of the cellular phone tower or no address at all.

Another reason for an inaccurate address is disconnected phone service,

or "Express Dial." Express Dial is a feature in Boone County that allows a disconnected phone to access 911. The caller can reach 911, but an address may not be displayed.

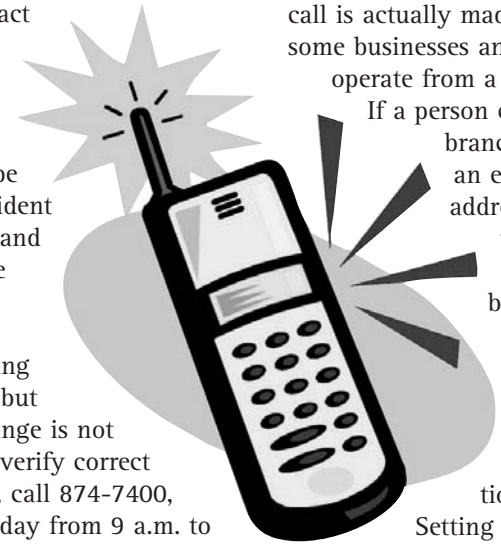
Businesses operating a switchboard may also display inaccurate locations. 911 calls placed through a switchboard will read the location of the main switchboard and not from where the call is actually made. For example, some businesses and organizations operate from a central switchboard.

If a person calls from one of its branch offices to report an emergency, the address displayed at 911 would be the main address, not the branch office address.

Do not assume that the enhanced 911 system is displaying the accurate location of the emergency.

Setting the phone down and walking away will not ensure that emergency services will know where to find you. A good rule to remember is to always verify the address of the emergency when you make a 911 call.

Whenever you call 911 in an emergency, the first thing that occurs is verification of your address.



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Project

The City of Columbia New Century Fund, Inc. has embarked on a campaign to repair the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. The goal is to keep the Memorial a fitting tribute to Dr. King and his legacy by raising \$100,000 for repairs and create a maintenance endowment.

The Memorial, completed in 1993, is a unique piece of art, dedicated to the teachings of Dr. King. Located near the Stadium Boulevard entrance to the MKT Trail, the Memorial includes an amphitheater built into the ground and features eight triangular columns, each with a quote from Dr. King.

Since the Memorial was constructed, it has experienced water damage to the face of the blue tiles making up the steps of the amphitheater, a focal point of the site. Regular cleaning has not been sufficient to solve the problem.

Beginning in 1999, the city has worked to evaluate the Memorial and determine its problems and how it can be repaired. A study by art conservators estimated costs to permanently repair the Memorial at \$55,000 to \$80,000.

The Memorial was built through a public/private partnership funded partially with private donations. Over 500 Columbia residents, including children, contributed to make the Memorial a reality. It is the hope of the New Century Fund that the campaign to repair the Memorial will continue the public's support and continue the Memorial as a place of pride for generations to come.

To find out more about how you can support the Memorial restoration project, contact the New Century Fund at 874-7504 or [newcenturyfund@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:newcenturyfund@GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Art at the ARC

A special and one-of-a-kind feature of the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) is site-specific public art in the atrium of the facility. Artist Norman Courtney was selected in 2000 by the city's Standing Committee on Public Art to create art for the ARC and has worked with the project design team since then.

The result is a 12-foot tall, 15-foot wide, 1,200 pound sculpture of a figure entering water that was recently installed at the ARC. Visitors can't miss the sculpture, made of a variety of materials including plexiglass, fiberglass and silver leaf, as it hangs from the ceiling just past the main entry doors. The splash element of the sculpture is evident from the second level exercise track. The art project is the fourth to be completed as part of the city's Percent for Art program, an effort to place site-specific public art in eligible city buildings. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at 874-6386 (TTY 874-7488), [OCA@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:OCA@GoColumbiaMo.com), or visit the Cultural Affairs page on [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)



## Memorial Gifts

Algae Adams had served as a member of Columbia's Commission on Cultural Affairs. When Ms. Adams passed away last fall, fellow Commissioners remembered her with a gift to the City of Columbia's Share the Light program. Their gift will be used to add and maintain public art in our community.

Memorial gifts can be made to the city to support a number of areas. Whether it's planting new trees, allowing a child to attend summer camp, or building a new park playground, you can remember a loved one or friend with a gift to the City of Columbia. City staff will send a card acknowledging your gift.

To find out more about giving to the City of Columbia, contact the Columbia Trust at 874-7504.

## City Arts Funding

Each year the city supports local arts programming. Funded projects focus on presentation of visual, performing and literary arts and related educational offerings. To qualify, arts organizations must have 501(c)3 nonprofit status and must propose activities that occur within city limits from October 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004. To learn more, attend an informational workshop on January 30, 6-8 p.m. at the Activity and Recreation Center or contact the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, (TTY 874-7488), [oca@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:oca@GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Social Service Funding Proposal Forms Available for 2004

The Boone County Community Services Advisory Commission is requesting funding proposals for social services to be provided in Columbia and Boone County during the year 2004. Areas of funding emphasis include:

- Emergency Services
- At-Risk Youth Services
- Self-Sufficiency and Employment Services
- Counseling and Rehabilitation Services
- Elderly and Disabled Services

An informational meeting will be held on February 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Boone County Commission Chambers, 801 E. Walnut. The submission deadline is April 4, 2003. Proposal forms are available through the Office of Community Services, 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the web at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Citizens Academy

The Columbia Police Department is now taking applications for the first session of the 2003 Citizens Academy. The Academy will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Police Department beginning April 1 and ending with graduation in June.

Classes will include presentations about police topics like department structure, patrol functions, K-9 unit functions, arrest and booking procedures, court and trial procedures, major crime investigation, narcotics, and crime scene and evidence processing. The Academy will include a ride along with a police officer.

If you are interested in the Academy, contact Officer Jessie Haden at 874-7448 for an application.

## Fire Lanes

In recent months there has been a large increase in the number of vehicles found parked in Fire Lanes. Fire lanes are designated by the Columbia Fire Department at hundreds of commercial properties to allow quick and guaranteed access for emergency vehicles to a fire or other emergency. Parking in a fire lane can result in a summons and a fine of up to \$25.

Please remember that fire lanes are there so that in the event of a fire or other life threatening emergency, fire fighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers can maneuver emergency vehicles and park them in close proximity to the emergency.

The next time you are tempted to park in a fire lane—even for a moment to run a quick errand—remember that you could be the next victim of an emergency requiring the quick response of emergency personnel.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the fire lanes in Columbia clear for emergency responders.




## Storms to Streams: It's Not Just Water Under the Bridge

Do you know the effects storm water runoff has on your community or on the streams that run through your neighborhood? Do you know what best management practices (BMP) are? Do you know the impact a parking lot, construction site or lawn fertilizer can have on the life in your stream?

All these questions and more are answered in the Community Storm Water Project's presentation, "Storms to Streams: It's Not Just Water Under the Bridge". This slide show is free and available to clubs, church groups, homeowners/neighborhood associations and other community organizations. The presentation can be as long or as short as your group requires. The average time for the slide show is 30-45 minutes with questions but we are happy to tailor it to your organizations needs.

If you would like more information or to schedule a presentation, please contact Phoenix at 884-8333 or Dean at 884-3242.

To learn more, visit the Community Storm Water Project website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY?

*Watch the Columbia Channel on Mediacom channel 13 or Charter Communications channel 2 for more information about the city.*

**City Hour** broadcasts several times daily:

- Top of the hour – Parks and Rec. information
- :15 past the hour – City Scope
- :30 past the hour – City job listings
- :40 past the hour – Community Calendar
- :55 past the hour – Conservation Tips

*City Council meeting tapes are available for viewing at the Columbia Public Library.*

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