

# CITYSOURCE

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Hugh Merrill talks with Hickman High School art students about his experiences as a working artist.

## Educated Art

Kansas City artist Hugh Merrill knows a lot more about Columbia than he did when he was selected for the city's Percent for Art project at the planned City-County Health Department last year. Merrill recently completed an artist-in-residence program with three sections of art classes at Hickman High School. The residency was coordinated by the city's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) as part of an effort to involve the community in the Percent for Art program. Funding from the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts made the project possible. Merrill was a student of sorts himself, learning about our town and the people who live and work here. As he develops his art for the Health Department, his experiences in Columbia will surely play an important part. For more information about the city's public art program, contact the OCA at 874-6386 (TTY 874-7488), or log on to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Campaign Continues

The City of Columbia New Century Fund, Inc. is continuing the drive to raise funds for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Project. The project committee, co-chaired by local citizens Eliot Battle and Susan Stalcup Gray, is well on its way to raising \$100,000 to repair the Memorial and create a maintenance endowment. Since the Memorial was dedicated in 1993, it has suffered water damage resulting in calcium carbonate deposits that have stained the blue tile making up the steps of the amphitheater, a focal point of the site. The Memorial is located near Stadium Boulevard at the entrance to the MKT Trail. Donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to New Century Fund, P. O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205. Learn more about the project by calling 874-7504 or visiting [www.NewCenturyFund.org](http://www.NewCenturyFund.org)

**On the Web** You can sign up to receive the online version of the Arts Express newsletter... a free monthly listing of arts-related classes, exhibits, performances and special events in the mid Missouri area. To request a subscription, log on to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) and look for the "subscribe to web mail" link.

## Supporting the Arts

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. Applications are due May 10, 5 p.m. For information about eligibility or for an application, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, (TTY 874-7488), [oca@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:oca@GoColumbiaMo.com) An online application form is available on the Cultural Affairs page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Festival Artists Needed!

Visual, performing and literary artists are needed for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 27-28, 2003. If you are interested in performing or exhibiting at the Festival or want to submit art work for the official Commemorative Poster, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs: 874-6386, (TTY 874-7488), or [festival@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:festival@GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Columbia Channel Wins Awards

The Columbia Channel, the government access channel for the City of Columbia, was recently awarded two Telly awards and one local Addy award. The Telly awards began in 1980 as a way to recognize videos that were produced by non-network professionals. There were in excess of 10,000 entries in the competition from firms who produced videos for clients such as the Discovery Channel and MTV. The Addy awards were given by the Mid-Missouri Ad Federation.

One Telly award, in the cultural program category, was for the Artist in Residency video. This video documented New Haven elementary students creating a stained and etched glass window for their school with artist Susan Taylor-Glasgow. The series "Play as Learning" also won in the miscellaneous television program category. These shows taught parents play techniques to develop different skills in their children. The video series was funded through EduCare Boone County, in association with the Parks and Recreation Department. The silver Addy was awarded for a West Nile Virus public service announcement. The commercial is being forwarded to the district Ad Federation competition.

The Columbia Channel is broadcast on Mediacom channel 13 and Charter Communications channel 2.

## Council Action

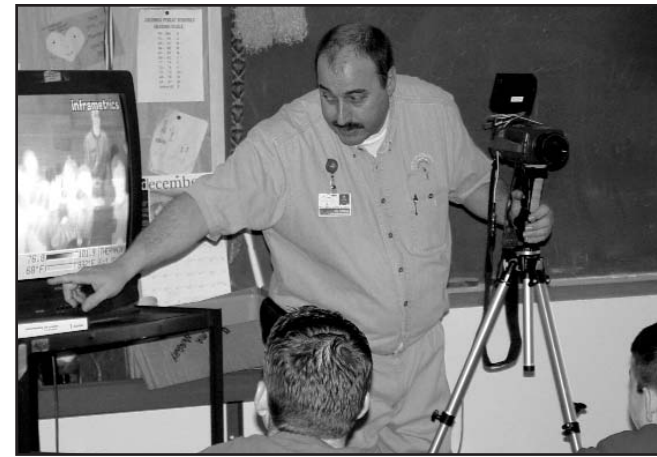
*The Council on Feb. 17:*

- Called for bids for the construction of improvements to Lake of the Woods Golf Course. The improvements will include the conversion of the fairways to zoysia grass turf. It is believed the entire fairway will convert to zoysia within three growing seasons. The estimated cost of the project is \$74,000. Paid for by Golf Course Improvement Fees.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for smallpox immunization services. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department is one of five local public health agencies statewide approved to provide the smallpox vaccination to approved public health agency staff and smallpox response teams in Missouri. Through the agreement, the city is reimbursed at a rate of \$30 per vaccination, in addition to a base contract amount of \$15,000. The total contract amount will not exceed \$31,440.

*The Council on March 3:*

- Amended Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to the Substance Abuse Advisory Commission. The membership qualifications listed in the ordinance were changed from requiring one member be a student under the age of 19 to one member be a student under the age of 25.
- Authorized the sale of surplus land in the Indian Hills Subdivision. The lots will be conveyed by quit claim deed containing covenants requiring that single-family, owner-occupied structures be constructed on the property within two years.

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.



Water and Light employee, Tim Pohlman demonstrates how an infra-red camera can be used to show heat loss as part of the Energy Challenge. This Partners In Education program teaches the science of energy and how it can be conserved.



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*Mayor:* Darwin Hindman.

*City Council Members:*

First Ward, Almeta Crayton; Second Ward, Chris Janku; Third Ward, Bob Hutton; Fourth Ward, Jim Loveless; Fifth Ward, John John; Sixth Ward, John Coffman.

*City Manager:* Raymond A. Beck

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## Memorial Day Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made on that day, and will be delayed for one day throughout 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.

## National Homeland Security Advisory System

Following are the five alert levels of the National Homeland Security Advisory System and recommended actions. It is recommended that citizens become familiar with these threat levels.

**RED - SEVERE** (Complete recommended actions at lower levels, plus)

- Listen to Radio or TV for current information and instructions
- Contact businesses and/or schools to determine status of work and/or school day
- Adhere to any travel restrictions announced by local government authorities
- Be prepared to shelter in place or evacuate if instructed to do so by local government authorities
- Discuss children's fears concerning possible terrorist attacks

**ORANGE - HIGH** (Complete recommended actions at lower levels, plus)

- Exercise caution when traveling
- If a need is announced, donate blood at a designated blood collection agency
- Take additional precautions at public events

**YELLOW - ELEVATED** (Complete recommended actions at lower levels)

- Practice your Disaster Plan on the 11th of each month
- Develop alternate routes to and from work or school and practice them

**BLUE - GUARDED** (Complete recommended actions at lower levels)

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities
- Provide volunteer services and take advantage of additional volunteer training opportunities

**GREEN - LOW**

- Review and print a copy of Terrorism: Preparing For The Unexpected
- Develop a Personal/Family Disaster Plan and update as needed
- Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit and update as needed
- Prepare a Shelter In Place Kit and update as needed
- Develop emergency communication plan with family members, neighbors and friends and update as needed
- Examine volunteer opportunities in your community; choose an agency to volunteer with and receive initial training
- If not known to you, contact school to determine their emergency notification and evacuation plans for children

Additional information and copies of brochures are available on the City's web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the Columbia/Boone County Office of Emergency Management page or contact Emergency Management at 874-7400.

## Public Comment Sought on Social Service Needs

The Community Services Advisory Commission has received funding proposals from social service agencies to provide a wide spectrum of social services in Columbia and Boone County for the year 2004. The Commission is seeking written public comment on social service needs to assist the commission in making its funding recommendations for 2004. Funding for social services is being considered in the following general categories:

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

A list of funding requests may be obtained by calling the Office of Community Services at: 874-7488 (V/TTY) or by e-mail at: [OCS@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:OCS@GoColumbiaMo.com)

*Please submit written comments by Monday, May 5, 2003 to:*

Ms. Lisa Scribner, Commission Chair  
c/o Office of Community Services  
P.O. Box 6015  
Columbia, MO 65205-6015

## Prevent Theft from Motor Vehicles

With spring time comes warm weather and the opportunity to knock off the winter cobwebs. We all love warmer weather and criminals like warmer weather, too. Most crime statistics show an increase in crime during the warmer months of the year. Perhaps the most persistent property crime problem in Columbia is theft from motor vehicles. Each month hundreds of cars are violated in Columbia. But, twenty-five percent of the cars broken into in 2002 weren't broken into to at all – they were left unlocked. Some of the most common items stolen are cellular phones, CD's, stereo equipment, checkbooks, purses and wallets. Each and every checkbook stolen from a vehicle results in numerous bad check cases. These bad check cases become a nightmare for the owner as well as the detectives who work these cases. However, theft from motor vehicles is one of the most preventable crimes in Columbia. Listed below are some simple steps to prevent you from becoming a victim.

1. Park in an area with good lighting.
2. Always lock your car!
3. Avoid leaving property in your car overnight.
4. If you must leave property in your car, place all valuables in the trunk or make an attempt to conceal the property if your vehicle does not have a trunk. Never leave blank checks, cash or credit cards in plain view.

## Community Line J

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 432, you can learn about the Crime Stoppers program.

## Columbia Regional Airport

During this time when major airports are experiencing 15-20 percent reductions in air-line passengers, Columbia Regional Airport (COU) is holding its own. A total of 45,611 passengers enplaned and deplaned in 2002 - comparable to pre-September 11 numbers.

In February, American Connection filled just under one-half of the available seats in and out of Columbia. These low loads are surprising considering the cost of the round trip connection to St. Louis is about \$60 with no check-in, security screening, or baggage handling in St. Louis. Passengers can now print their boarding passes on-line from home or office, saving more time and receiving frequent flyer mileage bonuses.

The first nine "Airport Ambassadors" began assisting travelers at COU in February, following training by the Office of Volunteer Services, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Airport. When you see these helpful, generous individuals in the terminal, tell them "hello" and "thanks"!

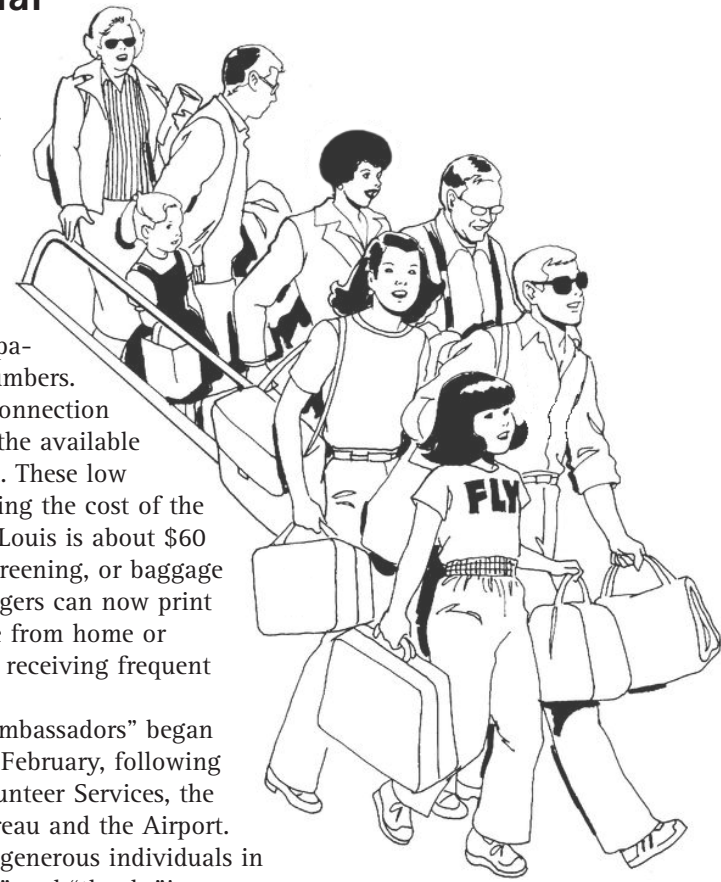
As you're making summer travel plans, take advantage of the convenience of your Columbia Regional Airport.

## Open Burning

With warm weather already here in Mid-Missouri, a lot of spring cleaning is taking place. The Columbia Fire Department would like to remind everyone that open burning of any kind is prohibited in the city limits of Columbia.

A "Burn Permit" for small piles of brush, (no leaves, garden vegetation, trash or building material scraps) may be requested by calling the Columbia Fire Department at 874-7556. A Columbia Fire Marshal will visit the site and determine if a permit may be issued. Permits are valid only during daylight hours and the fire must be attended at all times. In addition, some type of fire protection, garden hose or fire extinguisher must be readily available.

Another alternative to disposing of lawn and garden materials is through the Public Works Department's weekly collection of solid waste or by taking some materials to local mulching and composting sites. Public Works can be contacted at 874-6291 for more information.



## Don't Be Caught Snoozing!

Summer hours for residential refuse and recycling collection will begin on May 27 at 7 a.m., an hour earlier, so refuse collectors are spared the extreme heat of late afternoon.

The new hours will be in effect until September 12. All waste must be curbside by 7 a.m. the day of collection or no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before collection.

The Solid Waste Division would like to remind you that May 26 is Memorial Day and your regular refuse collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.

## Columbia Storm Water Management Program

The City of Columbia, Boone County and the University of Missouri Columbia campus have submitted a joint storm water program permit application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This permit application is required by both MDNR and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Phase II of the storm water permitting program. The narrative of the city's portion of the storm water permit application may be viewed at the city's web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

EPA regulators have known for some time that storm water runoff from urbanized areas, especially rooftops, parking lots, roadways and highways, contains pollutants degrading the streams which receive this storm water runoff. EPA developed a 6-pronged approach for municipalities such as Columbia to address these storm water runoff issues. These measures, known as Minimum Control Measures, are:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
- Post-construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Fortunately, the city of Columbia has many activities underway which are responsive to the program requirements; however, much work is yet to be done.

Questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 874-7250 or e-mailed to [pubw@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:pubw@gocolumbiamo.com)

## City Offers Web Mail Subscriptions on Web Site, Other Features Added

The City of Columbia is now offering a new Internet-based service that allows visitors to request e-mail delivery of electronic documents. The new Web Mail subscription service was recently activated as a convenience to site visitors and as a means to provide timely information and documents to citizens using the Internet.

Documents available during the first phase include the Arts Express Newsletter, Leisure Times Activity Guide, Parks and Recreation sports information and press releases generated by the City. The sports information has been available on the Parks and Recreation page.

Site visitors who wish to sign up for subscriptions need to go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), select "Subscribe to Web Mail" on the main page and follow the instructions. Whenever the requested document is posted to the Web Site, the customer receives an e-mail message containing a link to the requested document.

The City plans to include additional electronic documents after a brief evaluation period. Additional documents would include meeting agendas and minute, newsletters and more.

- Other features added recently include:
- Homeland Security Information
  - How Do I?
  - Revised FAQ section
  - Interactive GIS Maps
  - Private Golf Tournament Reservation Request

The City's web site is evolving into a more user friendly web site with the ultimate goal of quickly connecting users to the information they seek. Eventually customers will be able to access information about their city utility accounts, pay fees online, make reservations for recreation activities and more.

The City encourages residents and other visitors to check out its web site. It's just a click away at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Bike, Walk & Wheel Week

May 11-18, 2003

Planning is underway for the 2nd Annual Mayor's Challenge: Bike, Walk & Wheel Week. Last year's event was a huge success with over 750 participants, extensive media coverage and enthusiastic support from area residents!

Bike, Walk & Wheel Week is an opportunity to:

- encourage community members to walk, bicycle or wheel themselves to and from their destinations
- increase awareness of the importance of regular physical activity
- increase awareness of the importance of improved pedestrian safety
- promote healthy and walkable communities
- mobilize communities to work together to create safe routes.

This year's events include:

- a kickoff celebration on May 11
- breakfast stations on Friday, May 16
- Cycle-Recycle on Saturday, May 17
- a closing celebration on May 18

Details can be found at [www.pednet.org](http://www.pednet.org). Please plan to support this event and bike, walk or wheel yourself to your destinations throughout the week of May 11-18. If you would like to participate as a sponsor or volunteer for the event, please email Judy Knudson, coordinator, at [JudyKnudy@aol.com](mailto:JudyKnudy@aol.com)



## Youth Recreation Scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers scholarships for youth through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. Scholarships can be used for the ARC. Call 874-7460 for more information or find the application form on-line at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the Parks and Recreation page.



Seated, l-r: Ora Lee Epperson, Corrine Young; Back row: Millie Binkley, Dale Semon, Jo Hofsess, Vicky Epperson.

Semon, Corrine Young, Millie Binkley and Vicky Epperson, donated more than 1,025 hours of service over the past year. The length of volunteer service varies from three years to many years. "I enjoy meeting new people. When I travel with them, I help them navigate airports and customs. I have made many new friends," says Dale Semon.

The OAK Tour volunteers answer phones, assist walk-ins, book tours and assemble the newsletter. City staff must manage groups of up to 20 on worldwide travel itineraries. Without volunteers to attend to the daily office work, this travel program would not be feasible.

Eleven year volunteer Corrine Young says, "Every day I volunteer I enjoy the social contact and working with the walkers at Parkade Mall." Many OAK participants walk for health in the carpeted mall. Another volunteer, Jo Hofsess said "I enjoy meeting travelers who participate in the tours, and working closely with the other volunteers."

For information on City of Columbia volunteer opportunities and programs, visit our web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call 874-7499.

## NRT Begins 2003 Property Surveys

In March, the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) began conducting weekly property surveys in the central city area bounded by Providence, Ash, Ridgeway and the Business Loop. Representatives from the Health, Public Works, Police and Planning departments will be contacting individual property owners through the beginning of July to notify them of possible building and safety code violations, and will also be making available financial assistance programs where applicable. Examples of conditions the NRT is looking for include severe peeling paint, roof and guttering problems, trash and debris in the yard, etc. Only those conditions observable from the public right-of-way will be assessed. For more information, please contact Bill Cantin, Neighborhood Specialist, at 874-7248, or [bpccantin@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:bpccantin@GoColumbiaMo.com)

## May Volunteers of the Month

A 50-year-old or older Columbia traveler may know, or may soon meet, one of our six Older American Klub (OAK) Tours volunteers of the month. The Parks and Recreation OAK Tours program provides an exciting itinerary, an experienced tour guide and a safer means of travel than traveling alone.

Six volunteers, Ora Lee Epperson, Jo Hofsess, Dale

## Columbia Parks and Recreation CALENDAR

Visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) and click on Parks and Recreation or call 874-7460.

## M A Y

- 1 Soccer Registration for Fall 2003 & Spring 2004 begins, forms are available at 1 S. 7th St.
- 3 43-Person Scramble, L.A. Nickell & Lake of the Woods Golf Courses, \$150 per team registration forms available at either course or at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), Parks and Recreation ~ Golf
- 3 Kite Competition, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 4 Kite Fun Fly, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 8 Douglass Gym closes for the summer
- 11-18 Mayor's Challenge Bike, Walk, and Wheel to work week
- 16 Whiff & Giggle - Couples Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5:30 p.m., \$30 per couple which includes cart rental and prizes for each event. There will be a limit of 24 teams per event. For more information or to sign up, pick-up a flier at either golf course or call 445-4213 (LA Nickell) or 474-7011 (Lake of the Woods).
- 17 Bicycle Safety Challenge, State Farm, 4700 S. Providence, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., gr K-8, Rain date 5/31
- 17-18 Heritage Weekend, Douglass Park, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 24-26 Opening Day for Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 12 - 6 p.m., open again on 31st
- 31 Local Hershey Track & Field Meet, Hickman High School Track, check in 9 a.m.