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NOVEMBER

- 1 **Boy Scout/Girl Scout Swim Day**, Hickman Pool, 1-3 pm, call 874-7460 to register
- 1-22 **Massage & Stretch Lunchtime Workshop**, Parkade Center, Saturdays, 11:30 am-1 pm, 18- adult, \$39 (Session 2: Nov 12-Dec 3)
- 6, 13, 20 **Kayak Nights**, Hickman Pool, 8:10-9:30 pm (Nov. 6), 6:30-8 pm (Nov. 13 & 20), \$3.50 drop-in rate, bring your own kayak/canoe
- 16 **"Fowl Shooting" Contest**, throw free throws for a turkey! Armory Sports Center, 1-3 pm, all ages, winners in each age category will receive a certificate redeemable for a turkey at a local supermarket, \$1 per set of ten shots, plus a canned food donation, may pay \$1 for each additional set of shots (as time allows)
- 17 **50+ Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance**, Parkade Center, 6-10 pm
- 21 **50+ Ham & Bean Lunch**, Parkade Center, 11 am-2 pm, \$3
- 21 **Game Night**, cards and games at the ARC, 6-9:30 pm, snacks, drinks, and pizza provided, \$10/couple ARC members, \$15/couple non-members
- 27 ARC closed

**Twilight Fees at Lake of the Woods and L.A. Nickell Golf Courses through March 31. After 2 pm:**  
Monday - Thursday, \$11  
Friday - Sunday, \$14

## Nominations are now being accepted for the 7th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards

Please help us celebrate diversity in our community by nominating an individual, family, organization or group for the *7th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards*. This is a great way to show your appreciation for those who have had significant impact in our community in promoting diversity and cultural understanding!

These awards will be presented at the *11th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration* on Thursday, January 15, 2004 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 Friday, December 5, 2003. Nomination forms are available by calling the Office of Community Services at (573) 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the web at: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) Please call for accommodations related to disability.

### Did You Know?

#### Community Line J

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 669, you can learn about the Arts Express newsletter.

#### Web Mail

A popular service on the City's Web site allows visitors to request e-mail delivery of certain newsletters and announcements. Several new subscriptions have been added recently. Through Web Mail, visitors can request subscriptions for press releases; sports cancellations; Leisure Times Activity Guide; 50+ Programs, OAK Tours, and Older Americans Klub announcements; Activity & Recreation Center news; and Arts Express newsletter. Request a subscription by visiting the Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) and look for the "Web Mail" link.



## November Volunteer of the Month

November's Volunteer of the Month, Judy Knudson says, "Fitness is something we owe ourselves and our communi-

ty." Those are words she lives her daily life by now. Two years ago Mayor Hindman asked Knudson, a board member on the Mayor's Council of Physical Fitness, to chair the then newly established Mayor's Challenge: Bike, Walk & Wheel Week. The Mayor's Challenge raises awareness about human powered transit. Knudson has devoted more than 60 hours of preparation for several weeks before the event each year. Without her hard work this event would not take place.

During the summers of 1999 & 2000 she toured on the Coast-to-Coast Bicycle Event and was a featured writer about her adventures for the Columbia Tribune. "Journaling and coming into fitness in my 50's drew a large and interested response from local people," said Knudson.

Being an avid traveler and music teacher keep Knudson busy, between volunteer work, from dusk to dawn. The City of Columbia wishes to publicly thank Judy for her time and volunteer efforts toward the fitness and well-being of Columbia citizens.

For information on how to volunteer with the City of Columbia, visit our website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Volunteer](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Volunteer) or call 874-7499.

## Council Action

The Council on Aug. 18:

- Set the 2003 City Property Tax rate the same as last year, at 41 cents.
- Agreed to a request by the downtown Special Business District (SBD) to increase their special assessment from 43 to 49 cents with proceeds to be used for downtown beautification.
- Authorized a grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for sanitation inspections at child care facilities. The contract amount is \$19,150.
- Confirmed a contract related to construction of the Rollins Road Improvement Project. Includes traffic calming, five-foot sidewalk and alternate pedway at a cost of \$783,168.70 which will be paid from tax bills to abutting property owners, Transportation Sales Tax funds and County Road Tax Rebate funds.
- Accepted a \$675,000 FAA grant for an aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle at Columbia Regional Airport.

The Council on Sept. 2:

- Authorized an agreement with Trans States Airlines Inc. to provide financial incentives for 90 days to continue providing an early morning departure and late evening flight from Columbia Regional Airport.

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.

## City Budget

The City Council approved the City of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2004 budget during September following a series of public hearings. The budget was effective October 1.

Copies are available at the Columbia Public Library and at the Finance Department, 701 East Broadway. The budget can also be viewed on the City's web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).



Little Dixie Kiwanis maintains this attractive Adopt A Spot Beautification bed near the MU campus on Providence Road.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Closes for Season - November 15th

Don't store your household hazardous waste this winter! Bring it to the Columbia Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility located at 1313 Lakeview, one block west of the City Power Plant. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month through November 15. For more information, call 874-6291 or visit the Public Works Department web page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Residential refuse and blue bag collection will be delayed for the remainder of the week. Also, the landfill will be closed. City buses will not operate and parking meters will not be enforced.

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First Ward .....	Almeta Crayton
Second Ward .....	Chris Janku
Third Ward .....	Bob Hutton
Fourth Ward .....	Jim Loveless
Fifth Ward .....	John John
Sixth Ward .....	Brian Ash
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## Columbia/Boone County Health Department's New Home

Renovation is underway at the former Nowell's location on Worley - the new home for the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. Interior demolition to remove old wiring, pipes and duct work is complete, as is most of the exterior demolition. The contractor for the renovation is Coil Construction, and the architect is Rafael and Associates of Kansas City. The Health Department will occupy approximately 30,000 sq. ft. of the building, while the Family Health Center, a non-profit federally qualified health center, will utilize the remaining space. The additional space is needed to ease overcrowding at the current facility. The City and County are sharing the cost of the renovation, and completion is expected in the first half of 2004. For more information about the Health Department go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the Health Department page.



## Ballot Issues Will Fund Water, Wastewater Projects

The Columbia City Council has placed Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Issues on the November 4 ballot. There are no tax increases with either ballot issue. Approximately every five years, the City asks voters to consider approving funding of major capital improvements. Mayor Darwin Hindman has appointed a Citizens Committee to inform voters about the ballot issues. The committee is co-chaired by former Mayor Mary Anne McCollum and from Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources David Shorr. Charles Digges, Jr., is the treasurer.

#### Proposition 1 Wastewater Revenue Bond Ballot Issue - \$18,500,000

- Capital improvements to upgrade existing sewer collection and treatment system and to pay City's share of trunk extensions to service its territory.
- Includes repair and rehabilitation of old sewers, replacement of 20-year-old plant equipment, relief sewers in existing service areas, extending main sewer trunk lines to 80-acre point in developing drainage basins, and elimination of lagoons that discharge into creeks flowing through the City.
- Passage will necessitate four annual rate increases of about \$0.55 a month for in-city residential customers.
- Last Wastewater Ballot Issue approved in 1997 for \$18,901,000.

#### Proposition 2 Water Revenue Bond Ballot Issue - \$28,300,000

- Capital improvements to the water system for present and future water supply reliability and enhanced fire flows.
- Includes replacement and upgrades to existing lines, a second 36-inch line from the Water Treatment Plant to the City, an 8-million gallon per day Water Treatment Plant addition and wells to meet projected demands for water, and major maintenance to existing water towers and control systems.
- Passage will necessitate six annual increases. An average in-city residential customer, based on current rate structure, would average monthly increases of about \$0.56 annually.
- Last Water Ballot Issue approved in 1997 for \$16,125,000.

More detailed information about both ballot issues is available on the City's web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

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LOAD SHEDDING \* LOAD MANAGEMENT \* PEAK WARNING

# Thanks!

To all customers who helped us control our peak electric load.



WHEN WE SAVE MONEY, EVERYONE IN COLUMBIA SAVES!

## Coming Soon! On-line Activity Registration

The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is proud to announce the availability of on-line registration for classes and activities coming this fall. This feature will make it even more convenient to register for most programs offered through the Department. A convenient search feature will make it easy to select an age-appropriate activity for you or your family. Once your on-line household application has been accepted, you can register and pay for the activities when it is most convenient for you. Registration will be a few clicks away! Look for this service in late fall.



## Obey the Rules, Keep School Children Safe

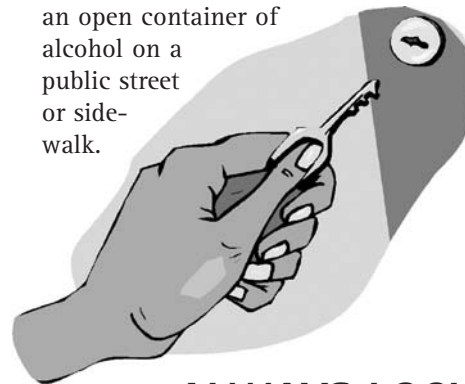
School crossing guards are hired by the Columbia Police Department. The Department continues to get complaints of speeding and drivers ignoring the crossing guards. It is extremely important to know the following rules when driving around schools during the school day. Please help the Columbia Police Department in keeping our school children safe.

- Speed limit in school zones during the school day is 20 MPH!
- School bus drivers are trained to report anyone who violates the stop arm on a school bus.
- Crossing guards will use hand held stop signs. You must stop for these signs.
- You must remain stopped until children and crossing guards are entirely off the street.

## Public Nuisance Issues

Peace disturbance, theft from motor vehicles, sign theft, parking, traffic and alcohol related violations are at the top of the list of issues that create the most work for the Columbia Police Department.

- Peace disturbance violations. From 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. music must not be audible more than 50 feet. From 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. music must not be audible more than 100 feet. It is also illegal to create a peace disturbance from a motor vehicle. These nuisance crimes are enforced and the fines can be costly!
- Theft from motor vehicles. Please **remember to always lock your car! Never leave valuables in plain view! Use your trunk to secure valuables!**
- Street signs. Every year the City replaces as many as 1,500 street and traffic signs at a great cost. It is a crime to steal or to be in possession of any stolen street sign. If someone is injured as a result of a stolen traffic control sign the offender could be both criminally and civilly liable for damages.
- Avoid parking in no-parking zones and pay proper meter fees.
- Running red lights and violating other traffic control devices is a major cause of accidents in Columbia. Take your time and follow all traffic control devices.
- Alcohol. It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess alcohol. Columbia also has an open container law which makes it illegal to possess an open container of alcohol on a public street or sidewalk.



**ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR!**

## Join a Watershed Partnership!

Are you interested in learning more about the watershed you live in? Would you like to meet other folks who live in your watershed and share your interests and concerns? Do you like to hike along our local streams – perhaps taking part in stewardship projects like stream clean ups and tree planting?

Then we are looking for you! The Community Stormwater Project has 13 watershed partnerships in the Columbia area. These partnerships are made up of residents of 12 watersheds and one is compiled of University of Missouri students and employees. The watershed partnerships meet occasionally to discuss issues concerning their area and plan stewardship projects. We invite you to join one of our partnerships and learn more about the watershed where you live! Get involved, meet new people, and get your hands wet.

For more information, contact The Community Stormwater Project at 884-8333, ConwayPL@missouri.edu, or visit our stormwater web page on the City of Columbia's Public Works Department website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Park Construction Update

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is developing Phase 1 of the Master Plan for Stephens Lake Park. This plan was developed with substantial input from the citizens of Columbia and approved by the City Council following public hearings.

The lake water level has been dropped temporarily to dredge the bottom of the lake and allow for the development of a beach swimming area, boardwalk, island, and shelter. An aeration system was installed to oxygenate the lake to help the aquatic life adjust. Other benefits of dredging include restoring some of the original depths of the lake, which will improve fish habitat and water quality, and providing a swimming area that meets the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Development of a new restroom and shelter is nearing completion.

Other current projects include the development of Smithton and Valleyview Neighborhood Parks and master planning for the Highpointe Neighborhood Park. Recent improvements have been made to the L.A. Nickell and Lake of the Woods Golf Courses. New shade structures, fencing, and the expansion of the restroom at the Rainbow Softball Center are complete. Future projects include two new softball fields at the Antimi Sports Complex.

## Emergency Management Publications

With disasters occurring every day in our world, from weather events to terrorist attacks, we often find ourselves as citizens playing the "what if" game. The Office of Emergency Management is here to help you help yourself and minimize the impact of an event should it occur in our community.

The Office of Emergency Management has several publications that assist in planning for disasters, including a Family Disaster Supplies Kit checklist, a Terrorism – Preparing for the Unexpected brochure, Food and Water in an Emergency guide, Emergency Preparedness Checklist, a Severe Weather Guide, a Homeland Security Community Bulletin and many others.

For copies visit Emergency Management at 17 North 7th Street, Suite A and most City of Columbia offices. You can also access helpful information on our website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

Please call the City of Columbia and Boone County Office of Emergency Management at 874-7400 if you have questions or need further assistance.

## Festival Thanks

### Heritage Festival

The 26th Annual Heritage Festival, coordinated by Columbia's Parks & Recreation department, was held September 20-21 at the historic Nifong Park. Parks & Recreation wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the following for their support: Columbia Daily Tribune; Walter's Boone County Historical Society & Museum and staff; Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers; Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund; the individuals participating in the 1859 town, the Lewis & Clark camp, and the cowboy camp; the Metro Rotary Club; KFRU Radio; the Old Wheels Collector Car Club; and the many artisans, craft persons, volunteers, and others who make the festival possible. A special thanks to Cookie Hagan for coordinating the Heritage Festival for the past 25 years!

### Festival of the Arts

September 27-28 marked the 12th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, the signature event of the city's Office of Cultural Affairs. The event could not take place without the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of many sponsors. Thanks to all, especially: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Boone County Lumber Company, Boone County National Bank, the Callaway Bank, Columbia Daily Tribune, Commerce Bank, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dave Griggs' Flooring America, Days Inn and Travelodge, Deck the Walls, Famous Barr, First National Bank, Heartland Arts Fund, KBIA 91.3, KOMU-TV8 and the WB5, McDonald's, Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Mark your calendar now for next year's Festival, September 25-26!



The Columbia Channel has a New Schedule

Beginning in October, you will see a different line up during City Hour on the Columbia Channel. City Hour is 60 minutes of programming that is divided into various segments. *Leisure Times* is moving from the top of the hour to 15 minutes past the hour. *City Scope* will now be broadcast at the top of the hour.

### City Hour

*Top of the Hour: City Scope*  
Highlights of city services and activities.

*:15 Past the Hour: Leisure Times*  
Your source for Parks and Recreation information.

*:30 Past the Hour: City Employment*  
Job listings with the City of Columbia.

*:40 Past the Hour: City Meetings*  
Listings of this week's scheduled meetings.

*:50 Past the Hour: Community Calendar*  
Upcoming cultural events in Columbia.

*:55 Past the Hour: Conservation Tips*  
Learn how to conserve resources around the house.

The Columbia Channel provides citizens of Columbia, Missouri with information about their government's activities and services. It airs on Mediacom channel 13 and Charter Communications channel 2.

See our full schedule: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), search for 'channel'

## 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 and other Parks and Recreation programs. 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.*

## Columbia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Project Wraps Up Fund Raising

August 28, 2003 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Columbia's Memorial to Dr. King, and the "Remembering the Dream: A Tribute to Muriel Battle" event.

"Remembering the Dream," held at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, raised over \$25,000 for the restoration needed on Columbia's King Memorial. Over 350 people attended and generously supported the live and silent auctions.

During "Remembering the Dream," Eliot Battle and his family were presented with a resolution of thanks from the City of Columbia, renaming the area around the King Memorial as "Battle Garden" in honor of Muriel Battle and her commitment to the Columbia community.

Columbia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is located near Stadium Boulevard near the entrance to the MKT trail. Over the last several years, the Memorial has suffered from water damage resulting in a white calcium carbonate deposit on the blue tiles making up the amphitheater, the focal point for the artwork.

The first phase of repairs on the Memorial will begin later this fall. Additional tax deductible donations are being accepted to build an endowment to fund future maintenance and can be sent to the New Century Fund, P. O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205.

## It's Never Too Late to Share the Light

In last month's utility bill, each customer received information on Share the Light, a program providing for additional financial support to a number of City programs through one-time or monthly donations. Share the Light donations support public art, community beautification, youth recreation scholarships, youth dental care, crime prevention and fire prevention & education. Since Share the Light started, nearly \$30,000 has been raised to enhance these areas of city programming.

To learn more about Share the Light, call 874-7504 or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Volunteers Staff Lake of the Woods Visitors Center

We've all heard about the importance of first impressions. Members of the Columbia Hospitality Corps are serving as good first impressions for our city as they volunteer at the Lake of the Woods Visitors Center.

The center is located just north of I-70 at the Lake of the Woods exit and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers provide information to travelers and stock the center with brochures on Columbia and Missouri attractions.

Additional volunteers are needed in the Columbia Hospitality Corps. If you like to greet the public and can share at least four hours each month, we would love to talk with you! To volunteer, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or e-mail [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).