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### Community Line ]

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.

### Funding Opportunity for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity Programs

The City of Columbia's Human Rights Commission is requesting funding proposals from local organizations for human rights educational programs in our community during the calendar year 2004. Community education programs on human rights/civil rights and cultural diversity issues will be considered for funding.

Proposal forms are available by calling 874-7488 (V/TTY) or on the commission's web page at: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Click on Community and Volunteer Services, then Office of Community Services)

The proposal deadline is October 20, 2003.

### Council Action

*The Council on July 7:*

- Accepted a grant from the State Emergency Management Agency to conduct local weapons of mass destruction exercise training programs. This \$8,750 grant is to be used for expenses incurred during a training exercise.

*The Council on July 21:*

- Authorized an agreement with Central Missouri Food Bank Network Inc. A balance of \$3,875 from another contract was left unspent. The reallocation of these funds will allow the Food Bank Pantry to provide approximately 35,277 pounds of food at an estimated 11 cents per pound to hungry families in the community.

*The Council on Aug. 4:*

- Called for an election on Nov. 4, 2003 for sewer revenue bonds. If approved by voters, the bonds will be used to complete capital upgrades to the existing sewer collection and treatment system and pay the city's share of sewer line extensions in accordance with city policies.

- Called for an election on Nov. 4, 2003 for water and electric revenue bonds. If approved, the bonds would be used for water utility financing to make improvements in capacity and reliability, enhanced fire flows, and for system replacement and upgrades over a five-year program.

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 Vacancies

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.

- Community Development Commission - 2 openings

### City Plans to Buy Hybrid Cars

The City Manager recently announced that the City of Columbia will purchase up to three hybrid cars. This gives the City the opportunity to evaluate this new technology within municipal operations. Hybrid cars offer significant increases in fuel economy. Generally, the three cars currently available (one from Toyota and two from Honda) advertise approximately 50 miles to the gallon for City driving. This level of fuel economy offers potential savings in the daily operating cost for the vehicles.

Hybrid vehicles save gasoline by combining electric motors with internal combustion engines. The vehicle uses the electric motor as much as possible, but will use the gasoline engine when additional power is needed and when the battery requires recharging.

The hybrid technology appears to be gaining in popularity. All of the Detroit automakers are planning to market hybrid vehicles including larger vehicles such as pickup trucks and SUVs.



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### Basic Fire Escape Planning

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5 - 11. Home fire escape planning is an important factor in saving lives. The Columbia Fire Department offers the following advice -

- Make an escape plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Draw floor plans with two exits from each room, including windows and doors. Mark smoke alarm locations. Have at least one per level.
- Everyone must understand the plan. Ensure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows open easily.
- Choose an outside meeting place (neighbor's house, light post, mailbox, stop sign) at a safe distance. Show it on your plan.
- Ensure your street number is visible from the road. If not, paint it on the curb or install house numbers that emergency personnel can see.
- Memorize 9-1-1 so you can call from a neighbor's home or a cellular phone.
- Assign someone to assist infants, older adults or mobility impaired members. Assign a backup.
- Ensure that security bars have inside quick-release mechanisms for a quick escape without compromising security.
- Share your plan with guests or visitors. When staying at other homes, ask about their plan. Offer to assist if they don't have one. This is especially important when children attend "sleep-overs."
- When a smoke alarm sounds, leave immediately. High-rise and apartment residents may be safer "defending in place."
- Never return to a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher. Firefighters have rescue skills and equipment.

For more information visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or [www.FirePreventionWeek.com](http://www.FirePreventionWeek.com).



## Share the Light

Share the Light was created in the summer of 2001 to support six areas of city programming that are above and beyond the traditional services of city government. Through Share the Light, utility customers can contribute once or on a monthly basis to community beautification, public art, youth recreation scholarships, youth dental care, fire prevention and education and crime prevention.

Over the last two years, Columbia residents and businesses have generously given over \$28,000 to Share the Light. These funds have been used to teach preschoolers about proper dental care, purchase smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for low income families and the elderly, and support volunteer and youth programs in the Columbia Police Department.

With this month's remittance envelope, you will find a form and more information about Share the Light. We invite you to learn more and support this local program. Your contribution is tax-deductible. To learn more, call 874-7504 or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

### Halloween Safety

Consider safety when choosing costumes.

- Wigs should be non-flammable. A suitable alternative is hair spray.
- Wearing make-up is much safer than wearing a mask, since masks can obscure vision.
- Wear reflective strips on clothing and treat bags.



Stress basic stranger and traffic safety.

Know your child's plans.

- What's the route?
- Have older children go in groups of 3 or 4.
- An adult or older child should go with young children.
- What homes will they go to? Tell children not to enter strangers' houses.
- Determine a reasonable time for them to be home.

Columbia Parks and Recreation  
C A L E N D A R

Visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) for information and registration or call 874-7460.

O C T O B E R

Register for Youth Basketball until Oct 1, (boys and girls grades 4-7).

Register for Kids Duathlon until Oct 3.

- 1 Application for 2004 OAK Tours Membership begins
- 5 50+ Programs Open House, Parkade Center east side, 601 Business Loop 70 W, 2-4 pm
- 13 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session 2, Hickman Pool
- 17 50+ October Dance, Parkade Center east side, 601 Business Loop 70 W, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 24 Halloween Family Fun, Nifong Park, 6:15-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m., \$4 per person
- 31 Halloween Event TBA. Watch for more information
- 31 50+ Free Dance, Parkade Center, 7-10 pm

**50+ Travel**  
OAK Tours offers many tours for those 50 and over. All tours are escorted and include exciting itineraries, comfortable pacing, quality accommodations, group costs and the sense of security. Call 442-5353 to sign up.

**Upcoming Trips:**

*November*

- 7-11 Biltmore & Smoky Mountain Christmas
- 25 Shoji Tobuchi Christmas Show

*December*

- 2 St. Louis Basilica/Brass Ensemble
- 8-9 Carthage/Precious Moments & Holiday Lights
- 11 Holiday Surprise

## 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. The projects addressed by these ballot issues cannot be funded through existing revenue sources and the bonds would be paid through user fees.

### 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, a second pumping station to increase reliability, capacity and fire flows north of Interstate 70, and major maintenance to existing water towers and control systems.
- Passage will necessitate six annual increases of 3.5 percent. An average residential customer, based on current rate structure, would realize average annual monthly increase of about \$0.56.
- Last Water Ballot Issue approved in 1997 for \$16,125,000.

### 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 in accordance with council policy in developing drainage basins, and elimination of existing efficient points that discharge into creeks flowing through the City.
- Passage will necessitate a 4 percent rate increase (about \$0.61 per month) in Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006 and a 3 percent rate increase (about \$0.46 per month) in Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008.
- Last Wastewater Ballot Issue approved in 1997 for \$18,901,000.

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

### Free Mulch Days:

Saturday, October 4 and 18 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Capen Park and Parkside Drive mulch sites while supplies last. An on-site loader will be available.

### Compost Workshops:

October 14, 18, 23, 25, 30, and November 1. Free. To sign up, call 874-6271 or email [pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).

### Yard Waste Bags

**Delivery:** October 6-10 on your regular trash collection day. Questions? Call 874-6291 or visit the Public Works page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Think Green and Save Money!

Fall is a great time to think about planting a shade tree. Columbia Water and Light's Tree Power program helps electric customers reduce their electric consumption during the summer months by encouraging energy efficient landscaping. When you sign up for Tree Power, one of our representatives will visit your home and let you know the best place to plant a shade tree. After the evaluation, you will receive a coupon for a free shade tree. It's that easy!  
**Tree Power, 874-7325**  
[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)  
*Electric customers only. Limit one tree per electric meter.*

## Open House, 50+ Programs Sunday, Oct. 5 2 - 4 p.m.

### Parkade Center

Learn about the Parks and Recreation Department's Older American Klub and 50+ Programs. No membership fees! Find out about ceramics, painting, exercising, pool, musical groups, crafts, travel, volunteer opportunities, and intergenerational programs. Enjoy entertainment throughout the afternoon. Call 874-7475 for more information.

## "LET'S TALK, COLUMBIA!"...TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION IN AN AGE OF DIVERSITY

*"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union . . ."*

Each year on July 4, citizens of all backgrounds celebrate our nation's birthday embracing the ideal of moving toward "a more perfect union." September 11 is also an important date for reflection on these ideals. Explore these ideals by participating in "LET'S TALK, COLUMBIA!...Dialogues on Diversity."

In small, facilitated groups, share what is important to you with other diverse community members. What groups do you belong to? How important is race or diversity in your life? Do you ever feel like an outsider? What values do you share with others? Honest, productive conversations are at the heart of living and working together well.

For information about the fall program please contact the Human Rights Commission at 874-7488 (V/TTY) or by e-mail at: [HRC@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:HRC@GoColumbiaMo.com).



Betty Revington Burdick (left) and Laura Perez-Mesa help stuff invitation envelopes for the 2003 Poster Party.

With a combined 17 years service, Betty and Laura have made tremendous efforts in organizing the Poster Party which raises money for the OCA and the Columbia Festival of the Arts.

Betty, Laura, and other committee members meet monthly, March to August, to plan the event. Their tasks include finding host homes, getting food and drink donations, sending invitations, set up and clean up. They are always willing to volunteer for practically any chore.

Thanks to Betty and Laura. Without their efforts the Columbia Festival of Arts could not occur. Find out about volunteer opportunities by calling the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Volunteers of the Month

*by Jessica Graham, Volunteer*

"Their hard work and willing volunteerism is essential to our office," says Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) Manager Marie Nau Hunter about volunteers of the month Betty Revington Burdick and Laura Perez Mesa.

The Columbia/Boone County Health Department is offering

## "Growing with Your Child: A Parent Approach to Sexuality Education"

for children ages 10-12 and their parents. Today more than ever, parents want and need to be involved in the sex education of their children. Parents are often afraid of giving their children too little or too much information about the facts of life. Topics discussed include: abstinence, puberty and body changes, health and hygiene, reproduction, family values, decision-making, and communication skills. Classes begin September 23 and run through October 21 at the ARC.

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