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September festivals



Columbia Festival of the Arts

Sept. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Courthouse Square, downtown

Don't miss the 12th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 27-28. Downtown Columbia's Courthouse Square will be the site of the weekend-long Festival that is open to all. More than 40 live performances of music, dance, theater and literary readings will take place on three stages. A visual art fair will include 50 artists and art work by local public schools students will be displayed in the County Government Building. The Children's Art Area will feature free participatory art activities and performances on the Children's Stage. Local arts organizations will also be at the Festival as well as a variety of food vendors. A special feature this year will be a 35-ton sand sculpture created on-site during the Festival.

The Festival is a program of the city's Office of Cultural Affairs and is funded by the Missouri Arts Council, local businesses and the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau. For more information, call 874-6386, TTY 874-7488, log-on to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (on the Cultural Affairs page) or e-mail festival@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Above: Stephens College Repertory Dance Theatre, Flamenco Dancers. Columbia Festival of the Arts 2001. Left Face painting in the Children's Art Area, Columbia Festival of the Arts. Below left: An artisan demonstrates her trade at the Heritage Festival. Below: Townspeople in 19th century attire are featured at the Heritage Festival. Photo by Hack's Custom Photography.



Heritage Festival

Sept. 20-21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S & AC exit west

The good ole' days are back at the Heritage Festival. Throughout the weekend, visitors will be taken back to a time when everyday items were hand crafted. The festival will feature artisans and tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire who demonstrate their trades and sell their wares. Visit an 1859 town with shopkeepers, townspeople and a medicine show. See cowboys with their chuck wagons, a Native American display with teepees and music and a Lewis and Clark display with trappers and their accouterments. A large contemporary craft area will also be featured.

Enjoy a wide range of entertainment on four stages to include music, dancing and storytelling. Children will enjoy numerous activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area and the entire family can enjoy a hayride. Tour the Historic Maplewood Home and the Walter's Boone County Historical Society Museum. Great food and a beautiful park setting will make the Heritage Festival a family tradition.

Sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation. If you would like an application to exhibit or entertain, or for more information call 874-6397.

Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Residential refuse and blue bag collection will not be made on Labor Day and will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Also, the landfill will be closed. City buses will not operate and parking meters will not be enforced on Labor Day.

HELP WANTED

Your publicly owned utility needs your help!

Columbia Water & Light will soon celebrate its centennial anniversary. We need:

- Photographs of Water & Light employees or projects.
- Interesting stories.
- Interesting artifacts.
- Ideas on how to celebrate or mark our centennial anniversary.

If you have family members who have worked for Water & Light in the past, please enlist their help — pry into their memories and raid their scrapbooks.

Anything you can think of that would help us with a printed history, a video documentary, an exhibit or a celebratory event would help!

Please call 874-7325 or contact us via e-mail at wmail@GoColumbiaMo.com

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Walk to School Day

October 8 is "Walk to School Day." This is an event to remind everyone of the joy of walking, or biking, to school, the health benefits of regular daily activity and the importance of improved pedestrian safety.

Obesity rates among children have more than doubled in the past 20 years. The U.S. Surgeon General recommends a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate physical activity most days of the week.

Walking/cycling to and from school is an ideal way to get that activity.

The number of children injured as pedestrians by motor vehicles each year is about 25,000. Some of the best ways to increase the safety of a child's walk/bike to school are:

- to provide safe, well-maintained walkways;
- to teach children to cross streets only at marked crossings;
- to provide ample, well-designed, accessible, and when necessary, monitored crosswalks;
- to drive slowly in neighborhoods and near schools.

Many communities realize that what they want is for children to be able to walk to school every day, not just as a special event. This can lead to the kinds of permanent changes that make the community a safer, healthier place—better sidewalks, safer street crossings, and improved driver and pedestrian behavior.

Further information on "Walk to School Day" can be obtained by calling the Columbia SAFE KIDS Coalition at 874-7556.

September Volunteer of the Month



With the skilled assistance of September Volunteer of the Month Julie Tobias, the Columbia/Boone County Health Department has been able to offer HeartPower classes to city and county residents. Since October 2002, Tobias has helped prepare, and teach, monthly classes at the Daniel Boone Regional Library.

"I love helping younger kids" says Tobias, a Registered Dietician, who has a penchant for doing just that. In hopes of lessening a growing childhood obesity problem in our community, Tobias teaches preschoolers the benefits of healthful eating habits, physical activity and the perils of smoking. "Contributing to our community without reimbursement provides personal satisfaction for me," says Tobias.

The City of Columbia extends thanks to Julie for her time and assistance in reaching our community's children.

To learn more about the HeartPower classes call the Health Department at 874-6345. To learn about city volunteer opportunities call 874-7499 or visit volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Youth Recreation Scholarships

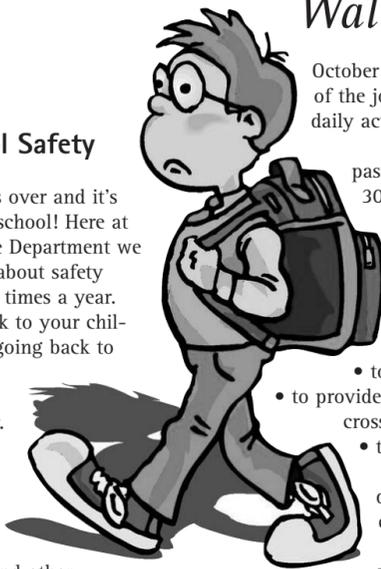
Columbia Parks and Recreation offers scholarships for youth through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. Scholarships can be used for the ARC and other Parks and Recreation programs. Call 874-7460 for more information or find the application form on-line at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the Parks and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

Back to School Safety

Summer vacation is over and it's time to go back to school! Here at the Columbia Police Department we tell parents to talk about safety issues at least three times a year. The best time to talk to your children is just before going back to school, Halloween and just before the start of summer. Listed below are some tips to share with your children.

- If your children walk to school, find other students their age to walk with them.
- Explain traffic safety to them.
- Teach them to stay on well-walked and driven roadways.
- Talk to them about strangers -- teach them to never go into a stranger's house, to never go with a stranger on foot or in a car, and to never answer the door to strangers.
- Train them to not answer the phone; use an answering machine or caller ID instead.
- Train them when to call 911 and to report suspicious activities to you.
- Advise your school on who is allowed to pick up your child.

Most children under the age of eight have a difficult time understanding the concept of danger and the issue of stranger danger. For this reason you must practice constant supervision!



Festival Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed for the 26th annual Heritage Festival, September 20-21, and the Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 28-29. work an hour, a day or the entire weekend booth-sitting for an artist, assisting with children's activities, helping at an information booth or distributing surveys. Contact Parks and Recreation, 874-6397, klr@GoColumbiaMo.com, or the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874- 6386, festival@GoColumbiaMo.com for more information.

Register Now for Fall Programs!

Sign up for swimming lessons, classes, sports programs, and trips for those 50 years and better. Check out the calendar of events to see what fun activities and festivals are scheduled. The fall issue of the Leisure Times activity guide is included with the August 13 Columbia Daily Tribune and is also available at the Parks and Recreation office, 1 South 7th Street. Or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click on Parks and Recreation. Call 874-7460 for more information.

Funding Opportunity for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity Programs

In an effort to increase community education on human rights/civil rights and cultural diversity issues, the City of Columbia's Human Rights Commission is requesting funding proposals from local organizations for human rights educational programs in our community during calendar year 2004. *Examples of previously funded programs include:*

- National Federation of the Blind: Educating Children About Blindness- \$550
- Parkade Elementary School: Black History Month Job Shadowing Project-\$1,000
- Regional AIDS Interfaith Network: HIV/AIDS Education-\$500
- MU Center for Multicultural Research, Training and Consultation: Educational Seminars-\$575

Proposal forms are available from the Office of Community Services by calling 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the commission's web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Click on Community and Volunteer Services Office of Community Services).

An informational meeting will be held on September 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway. Interested applicants should plan to attend. The proposal deadline is Oct. 20, 2003.

"LET'S TALK, COLUMBIA!" Engaging Citizens

On May 3 and 4, nearly 40 people chose not to be "Bowling Alone" in Columbia. Instead, they chose to be a part of the spring "LET'S TALK, COLUMBIA!" community study circles event.

Robert Putnam's book "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," posits that "we have been pulled apart from one another and from our communities." Our community is challenging this trend by engaging in intentional, small-group dialogues on diversity.

Participants rated their study circle experience highly and volunteered to help expand the program to reach other citizens. Here is what participants had to say. . . "Met some delightful new friends;" "Moved out of my comfort zone;" "Good interaction, good dialogue;" "Freedom to express beliefs, even addressing controversial issues;" "Loved the diversity, loved the sharing;" "Helped me to think in new ways;" "Comfortable sharing personal thoughts and concern," "Gained perspectives about other cultures;" "Reexamined my stereotypes about other people;" and "Impressed with small-group process and its effectiveness."

You are invited to share and listen as a participant in "LET'S TALK, COLUMBIA!" Contact us at 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the web at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. Bowling anyone?

Columbia Parks and Recreation CALENDAR

Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click on Parks and Recreation or call 874-7460.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Oakland Family Aquatic Center open 12-6 pm, Final day for the season
- 8 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session 1, Hickman Pool
- 19 50+ Fall Dance, Parkade Center east side, 601 Bus Loop 70 W, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 20-21 Heritage Festival, Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S at AC exit, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 22-26 Advanced Registration for Adult Basketball, returning teams
- 23-Oct 4 Register for Mid-Winter Volleyball
- 27-28 Columbia Fall Festival of the Arts, Downtown Courthouse Square, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 29-Oct 3 Open Registration for Adult Basketball, new teams

Register for Youth Basketball until October 1 (for boys and girls in 4th-7th grades)

Register for the Kids Duathlon until October 3.

Emergency Management Tip Disasters and Your Pets . . .

Our pets are a large part of our lives. Many people consider pets as family just like other family members.

What happens to pets during disasters? We stress how important it is to have a family disaster plan in place, ready, and rehearsed. Do our plans include our pets? They should. Our pets depend on us for their safety and well being!

Having a "Pet Plan" requires these following considerations;

- Ensure that your pets have current vaccinations and records available.
- Have a current photograph, identification and collar on your pet. Consider micro-chipping.
- Have a properly sized pet carrier available. Many "people" shelters do not allow pets but may make consideration if a pet can be crated. Animal shelters may require crating as well.
- Ensure that your evacuation strategy includes your pet and consider pre-planned locations and options.
- Your "pet disaster supplies kit" should include; Health Certificates
Crate, leash, collar, etc.
Food, water, bowls
Medications, special needs (muzzle, etc.)
- Bring pets indoors well in advance of a storm, reassuring them.
- Pets can be as devastated by a disaster as a person
- Monitor your pet's behavior until conditions return to normal, avoiding disorientation that may cause distress, aggression or defensive behavior.
- Walk your pet on a lead until they become re-oriented and feel comfortable in their home. Do not let them run free until they are comfortable.
- Ensure that areas are free from downed power lines, debris, strange animals or other potential hazards.

If you cannot find your pet after a disaster, contact your local animal control office for information. Enjoy your pets and keep them a part of your family.

Fall Leaves and Grass Clippings

The rich colors of fall are breathtaking, but when they've lost their color and fallen in your yard, what do you do with them? Blow them into the street? Shove them down a storm drain? Bag them? Compost?

The options that are beneficial to your yard, garden and community are composting in your garden, around your trees or in a compost bin. You can also use the city's clear yard waste bags for curbside pick up.

Sweeping leaves into the street where they can wash down storm drains and directly into streams can degrade the water quality and health of the stream. Piling leaves along a stream bank can cause erosion because it kills the vegetation holding the bank in place and cause water quality problems.

For more information, contact the Community Stormwater Project at 884-3242 or visit our web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



Remembering the Dream

August 28 is an important date in history.

August 28, 1963 –

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during a march in Washington, D.C.

AUGUST 28, 1993 –

The City of Columbia dedicated our memorial to Dr. King – one of two in the state and the second largest in the country after Atlanta.

AUGUST 28, 2003 –

Our community remembers the dream while completing the fundraising needed to repair our memorial to Dr. King.

"Remembering the Dream: A Tribute to Muriel Battle"

Thursday, August 28, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Holiday Inn Select Executive Center

entertainment • live and silent auctions • hors d'oeuvres (including Muriel's gumbo)

Dr. Muriel Battle was a long-time Columbia educator who passed away in March.

To date, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Restoration Committee has raised more than \$57,500 toward the goal of \$100,000 to repair the Memorial and create an endowment for future maintenance.

To learn more about the Remembering the Dream event or the Memorial restoration project, contact the New Century Fund, 874-7504 or www.newcenturyfund.org.

Council Action

The Council on June 16:

- Authorized an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for placement of an informational depot at the junction of the MKT and Katy trails. The agreement provides for a 100-year lease at \$1 per year. The city has agreed to maintain the facility on the DNR's property.
- Accepted donated funds from Rick and Sally McDowell to purchase police equipment. The \$2,000 donation will be used to purchase equipment in the Major Case Unit.
- Authorized the city manager to accept an Emergency Shelter Grant from the state of Missouri Department of Social Services in the amount of \$75,000 and enter agreements with various emergency shelter providers. The city will subcontract with the following agencies to carry out approved emergency shelter services: Comprehensive Human Services Inc. - \$29,000; Salvation Army - \$29,000; and Welcome Home Inc. - \$17,000.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the 2003 Summer Food Program. The program supplied lunch to children in Douglass Park from June 16 to Aug. 15. Program costs are reimbursed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

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 on the City Council page.

An adopter since January 1998, day lily's adorn Hertz Equipment Rentals' well-maintained beatification bed.

Rental Rehabilitation Program for NRT Area

A rental rehabilitation program has been created for the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) area. This new program is the result of a survey of the NRT area, which found that 90% of the severely deteriorated houses within the area are rental units. The NRT area is bordered by Rangeline, Ash/Park, Ridgeway/West Sexton and Business Loop 70. In the past, City subsidies targeted only those units that were owner occupied or needed to be demolished. The City concluded that a program was needed to help rental property owners substantially address the worst units in the area.

The program requires a minimum investment of \$7,500 by rental property owners. HOME dollars will be provided, in the form of a 1 percent loan, in the amount of two HOME dollars for every dollar of owner investment, up to a maximum of \$25,000 of HOME funding. Additional funding is available in the form of loans and/or grants to address lead hazard control activities. Housing must be provided at or below Fair Market Rent Levels to households earning below 60 percent of the median income. The City expects a minimum of eight rental units to be addressed with the initial funding amount.

For additional information, please contact Tom Lata at 874-7239 or e-mail tgata@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Did You Know?

Community Line J

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY users dial 874-7697), message 176, you can learn about city employment opportunities.

On the Web

The Builder's Inspection Report has been added to the Public Works Department Protective Inspection web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. To locate the monthly report you need, select "Construction Permit Summary" and select the month of the report you wish to view.



You can leave a legacy to our community. Through a gift to the Columbia Trust, you can help keep

Columbia a quality city for generations to come. Your gift might add a new city park, purchase new equipment for the Columbia Fire Department, or allow the Columbia Police Department to hire an additional officer.

Consider a gift to the Columbia Trust through your will or trust. We welcome your inquiries at 874-7504 to discuss ways you can leave a legacy to Columbia.