

The City of Columbia started operating the water and electric utility August 4, 1904, with eight employees. Employees worked 12-hour days, and pay ranged from \$35 a month for an assistant fireman (power plant employee) to \$75 a month for an electrician. There were doubters from the start. Some thought the new location for the utility (on present-day Business Loop 70) was too far out of town. And, about the fledgling utility, a neighboring community's newspaper editorial insisted, "It will never work."

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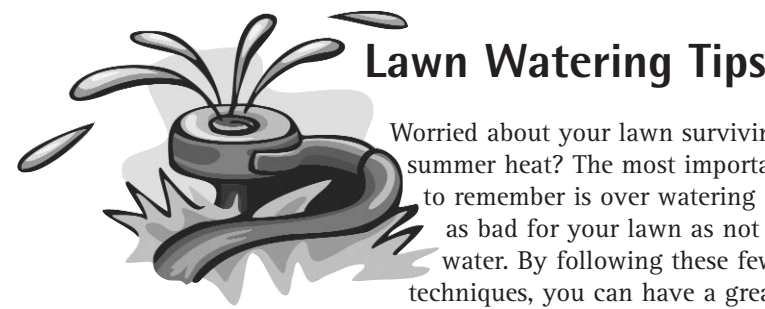
## Power Supply Crunch

Supply is down and demand is up in the Midwest's wholesale electric market. Regional power plants built in the 1980's have reached their production capacity while the population and the need for more electricity continues to grow. Unfortunately for Columbia, this means higher prices for electricity. By initiating a Fuel Adjustment Allowance during July, August and September, a significant portion of the additional costs can be recovered.

Columbia Water and Light utilizes a variety of power supply options. This includes electricity produced in Columbia, power from regional plants that are jointly owned by Water and Light, and the wholesale electric market. Supply and demand coupled with natural gas price increases have caused higher costs for electricity in the Midwest. The Fuel Adjustment Allowance will be used to pay for these higher electric costs.

The Fuel Adjustment Allowance was established in 1972 for the utility to deal with market volatility without constantly changing the electric rate. This summer, the Fuel Adjustment Allowance charge on a residential customer's bill will be \$0.006217 per kilowatt hour. This will add \$7.46 per month for the average residential customer using 1,200 kWh during the summer months.

An important part of holding down costs is conserving electricity. If every citizen reduces their electric consumption, then less energy has to be produced or purchased by the utility. For more information about conservation, please consult our website, [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call 874-7325 for a free energy audit of your home.



## Lawn Watering Tips

Worried about your lawn surviving the summer heat? The most important thing to remember is over watering can be just as bad for your lawn as not enough water. By following these few simple techniques, you can have a great looking lawn and save water! You will also be helping the community by ensuring the availability of water during peak water use periods.

Watering *thoroughly but infrequently* develops a deep root system so plants can utilize moisture and nutrients deep in the ground.

### Do I need to water?

- Base watering on moisture in the soil, not a fixed schedule
- Lawns are dry when footprints remain in the grass long after being made

### How much should I water?

- Lawns need only 1 inch of water per week—that's approximately 3 times a week for 20 minutes
- Use a rain gauge or an empty can to accurately measure the amount of irrigation
- Water in the early morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., avoiding windy conditions.
- Set a timer as a reminder to turn off the sprinkler system

Longer grass blades will shade the ground and have deeper roots: mow grass to a height of 2½ inches with a sharp blade

Mow frequently enough so clippings are 1 to 1 ½ inches long

## Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Volunteers

There are nearly 60 landscaped beds throughout Columbia that are maintained by volunteers as part of the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Program. You may have seen these at an intersection or in a median and seen the green sign that bears the volunteer's name.

Adopt-A-Spot Beautification volunteers make a four year commitment to care for the bed and are responsible for weeding, mulching, watering, and planting annual flowers. This is one of the most challenging volunteer positions the city has to offer as the beds require hours of work in all types of weather. The City covers some expenses.

Volunteer adopters love the support of citizens who recognize their hard work. If you have a chance, please thank them.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification program and how you can participate, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit us on the web at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).



## 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 the calendar year 2005.

Examples of previously funded programs include:

- El Centro Latino: Teaching Human Rights \$500
- Paxton Keeley Elementary School: Creating a Multicultural Community \$600
- Parkade Elementary School: Black History Month Job Shadowing Project \$900
- The Intersection: The Intersection Diversity Program \$600
- MU Center for Multicultural Research: Educational Seminars \$575

Proposal forms will be available from the Office of Community Services on August 2 by calling 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the commission's web page at: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Go Word: GoHumanRights)

An informational meeting will be held on September 8 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 October 22.



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## August Volunteers of the Month

by volunteer Sara Rechten

Brian and Joy Pape have been active in the Public Works Adopt-a-Spot litter program since its inception. Together they maintain a section on the MKT trail at Stadium Blvd. since October 1997, and Brian J. Pape Architect and Consultant maintains the MKT trailhead at Stewart Road since February 1997. The Papes remove litter and plant flowers to beautify their areas.

The Papes' commitment has seen them picking up litter on Christmas 2003. Brian said, "The benefits of the Adopt-a-Spot program are satisfying to us by helping to keep Columbia clean and the trails more enjoyable." Joy added, "I love helping to keep Columbia beautiful because we love living here." The City of Columbia thanks Brian and Joy for their dedication to our city environment.

Anyone interested in the Adopt-A-Spot litter or beautification programs should contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499.

## Refuse Collection

Black trash bags will be delivered August 16-20 and blue recycling bags will be delivered August 23-27 on your regular collection day.

If you need to dispose of bulky, oversized items, call 874-6291 or complete an online request form at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (*GoTrash* in the Go Wordbox). Residents may also request curbside collection of major appliances online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Go Word is *GoApplianceCollection*).

For additional information on Solid Waste services, call 874-6291 to receive a brochure or you may view these services on the Public Works Department website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Council Action

### The Council on May 17:

- Authorized a grant agreement with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for purchase of a scrap metal baler for the Material Recovery Facility. The total cost is \$135,000. The city's match is \$35,000 from the solid waste enterprise fund. With the baler, the city will be able to crush and bale appliances to sell directly to the scrap metal market.

- Accepted a donation from the Boone County Community Trust and a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office for renovation to the Blind Boone Home, both in the amount of \$10,000. The Boone County Community Trust donation required a match that will come from the State Historic Preservation Office. It will be used for renovation to the Blind Boone Home porch.

- Authorized a professional engineering services agreement with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff Corporation relating to pavement repairs at Columbia Regional Airport. The work to be performed includes: designing and observing the construction for repair of runways and taxiways; performing a pavement condition survey for the airport and developing a pavement management database; and determination of possible scope for subsequent complete rehabilitation of both runways, all taxiways and aprons.

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.

# CITYSOURCE

Your source for city news and information

COLUMBIA IS A "FULL SERVICE CITY" providing comprehensive services with a budget of about \$238 million and over 1,150 permanent full-time employees. Your city government provides not only typical local government services such as, police, fire, public health, etc., but it also provides utilities, including water, electric, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water management. Our total transportation system includes a municipal airport, bus system, short line railroad, and vehicle and pedestrian facilities to meet all residents' needs.

Columbia's population is estimated at over 90,000 and continues to grow at an annual rate of 1-2 percent. Our geographic area is 56.51 square miles. Last year, there were 21 voluntary annexations, totaling 0.556 square miles making last year's growth in land area slightly less than 1 percent. Within the city, building permits were issued for 1,682 dwelling units with 909 for single-family homes. About 1,153 dwelling unit permits were issued in Boone County outside the city limits. Census figures show that Boone County's growth rate is next among the top 10 fastest growing counties in our state.

## State

by Raymond A. Beck,

## of the

City Manager

## City

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budget cuts experienced by many others. Much of the city's revenue sources, particularly sales tax, are impacted by the economy. As the economy begins to improve, we are hopeful that financial pressures will be somewhat less. We are pleased to see major employers rebounding from the economic downturn and major new retailers coming to Columbia.

Sales tax, our primary source of general fund revenues, is also negatively impacted by Internet sales and those sales that once were made in Columbia but are now being made in communities nearby. It is important that states and cities, working with Congress, continue to find a fair and equitable method of taxing Internet sales. Deliveries of merchandise into our city, purchased through the Internet, impact our streets, traffic systems and other city services primarily funded from sales tax.

Last year, Columbia accomplished many important tasks including voter approval of bonds for water and wastewater utility capital improvements. We will soon complete our new Health Department facility. We completed a Strategic Plan for the Columbia Police Department. The Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) completed its first year, successful financially, with 7,200 memberships.

Columbia will face several high profile issues and challenges next year. These include developing a fair and equitable way for funding our transportation system, park needs, and office space needs. The Howard and Gentry buildings need to be refurbished. The Gentry building will be 100 years old in 2006. Preliminary plans are completed to expand the government office space on the Daniel Boone block and staff is working with the City Council on an acceptable finance plan.

Columbia continues as an award-winning city. Sperling's Best Places and MSN Internet service ranked Columbia 9<sup>th</sup> of 331 metropolitan areas as "best places to live in America." The rankings were based on 70 categories including cost of living, crime rate, education, housing, arts and culture, health, leisure, transportation and weather. The Forbes web site posted Columbia as 38<sup>th</sup> of 168 small metro areas as the "best small places to do business." *Money Magazine* has ranked Columbia in their competition 13 of the past 15 years.

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[State of the City, continued from front page]

My thanks to our volunteer Mayor and City Council and city staff who provided information used to in this report on Programs and Priorities.

### Programs and Priorities—2004 (Not in priority order)

#### Meet Transportation Needs

- Updated right of way, street, sidewalk and pedway standards.
- Develop and present transportation financing plan to voters.
- Provide priority transportation projects to MoDOT.
- Update city sidewalk master plan and review policies for sidewalk construction/maintenance.
- Promote use of American Connection air service at Columbia Regional Airport.
- Plan for parking needs north of Broadway.

#### Provide for Public Health and Safety Needs

- Plan to finance additional fire station and apparatus needs.
- Purchase fire station sites.
- Implement RHAVE, a specialized fire department management information system.
- Place a high priority on emergency preparedness/homeland security.
- Continue implementing the Police Department strategic plan.
- Maintain and upgrade central neighborhoods.
- Revise public health strategic plan and begin preparation for department accreditation
- Develop a chronic disease prevention and screening plan for low income and at risk populations.

#### Provide for the Renovation and Addition of Downtown City Office Space

- Rehabilitate Howard and Gentry buildings.
- Finalize financing plan for renovation and expansion of the Daniel Boone Building.
- Additional space needs for the Police Department.
- Address Major Parks and Recreation Requirements
- Update our finance plan for future

implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

- Consider extending 1/8% parks sales tax.
- Determine the city's role and priority for the development of the Atkins/Fairground park area.
- Complete purchase of Philips Park property and purchase of Crane property.
- Complete Phase I and plan for Phase II development of Stephens Park.

#### Growth Issues

- Coordinate with Boone County to standardize development policies and standards in the urbanizing area around Columbia.
- Continue policy of voluntary annexation.
- Promote orderly expansion from the inside outward.
- Revise procedures and requirements for planned zoning districts.
- Recruit quality business/industry. Work with partners toward incubator, and technology park.

#### Utilities and Services

- Additional power sources for our electric utility. Consider green power alternatives.
- Update and adopt master plan for wastewater collection and treatment.
- Implement EPA storm water phase II permit requirements.
- Develop priorities for undergrounding electric lines.
- Integrate and coordinate electric system with regional power grid.
- Begin discussions to extend territorial agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative.
- Plan for additional landfill cell. Consider bio-reactor technology.
- Plan for use of methane gas as fuel source at landfill.
- Implement water utility bond issue projects.

#### Communications

- Implement online utility payment options, building permits, and other interactive applications.
- Conduct a second comprehensive city-wide survey.
- Expand promotion of city's web site.
- Review city policies and protocols to insure compliance with new open records legislation.

### 2004 Major Construction Projects

- Renovate Wabash Station for transit operation.
- Expand water plant, construct 36-inch transmission line from plant to city, northeast pumping station and continue replacing old lines.
- Wastewater Utility—continue construction of required trunk sewers, neighborhood replacement projects, and sewer line rehabilitation work.
- Expansion and improvements to solid waste material recovery facility.
- Roadway Projects in development: Garth Avenue bridge over Bear Creek, Green Meadows Road, Providence to AC, Roger Wilson Drive extension in northeast Columbia, South Hampton—extension northward to AC, East Broadway from Old 63 to US 63 (city/state), US 63/I-70 interchange improvements (city/state), Route 763 widening in north central Columbia—plans to be finalized, I-70 widening through Columbia—plans to be finalized, and Blue Ridge Road—Garth to 763.
- Storm water—Meredith Branch Detention

### Other Major Priorities:

- Emphasize traffic management and street maintenance.
- Strengthen the central business district area including Boone House, Health Adventure Center, Flat Branch Park, Avenue of the Columns, sidewalks and benches.
- Adopt Convention and Visitor's Bureau Master Plan Revision.
- Complete a new consolidated plan to guide the allocation of CDBG and Home funds over the next five years.
- Promote volunteer opportunities within the city and gifts.
- Pursue grant funding.
- Emphasize affordable housing.
- Fund and implement 1% for the arts projects.
- Fund, monitor and assist social services at the \$800,000 plus level.
- Place additional emphasis on coordinating and providing summer youth employment opportunities.
- Continue restoration of the MLK Jr. Memorial.



## A Healthy Dose of the Arts

Visitors to the newly completed Sanford-Kimpton Building, housing the Columbia/Boone County Health Department, are greeted by huge strands of DNA in the main entranceway, thanks to the Percent for Art program, an effort to enhance city buildings with art.

More DNA floats on the windows of the building, a large canvas of more than 30 Boone County houses hangs in one waiting room, hand-painted plaques with inspirational messages are installed in all areas of the facility, and a series of large-scale murals

A component of the art work at the Health Department is a series of large-scale collages made up of images from Columbia's past and present as well as health related symbols.

## West Nile Virus . . . What You Need to Know



Along with warm weather and flowers, summer also brings us the mosquito season. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department reminds everyone how to protect themselves from mosquito bites and reduce the number of breeding areas.

### Eliminate breeding areas

- Turn over or remove containers where rainwater collects, such as potted plant trays, buckets, or toys.
- Empty birdbaths weekly.
- Remove old tires from your yard.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.
- Eliminate standing water on flat roofs, boats, and tarps.

### Protection

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 20–30 % DEET for adults, and less than 10 % for children.
- Follow label instructions when using insect repellents.

The West Nile Virus, like most mosquito born viruses, is found in wild and domestic birds. When a mosquito feeds on an infected bird, it can pick up the virus and transmit it to other, non-infected birds. Occasionally, the infected mosquitoes will feed on mammals such as horses, dogs, cats and humans, and transmit the virus to them.

containing historical photographs and images from the mid Missouri area hang along a long hallway.

All these, and several other works, were all created by Kansas City artist Hugh Merrill who was selected in 2002 by the city's Standing Committee on Public Art to create site-specific public art for the new Health Department. The result is an entire program of works that reflect the use of the building as well as the history of the area. Merrill's inspiration came from meetings with Health Department staff, research at the Boone County Historical Society and an artist-in-residence program with Hickman High School art students, funded by the Missouri Arts Council.

While in Columbia, Merrill also met with the staff of the Family Health Center which will occupy a portion of the new building. Merrill has also created art work for that area and will install it in the coming month. The project is

the fifth to be undertaken as part of the Percent for Art Program.

For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) at 874-6386 (TTY 874-7488), or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: GoPublicArt).

### Symptoms (usually appear 3–15 days after exposure)

**Mild symptoms:**  
slight fever  
headache  
body aches  
skin rash  
swollen lymph nodes

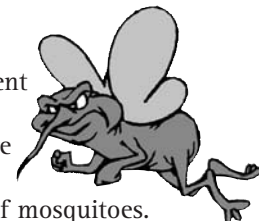
**Severe symptoms:**  
encephalitis  
high fever  
headaches  
neck stiffness  
muscle weakness  
disorientation

### Treatment

There is no specific treatment for infection or vaccine to prevent the virus. Treatment of severe illness includes hospitalization, use of intravenous fluids and nutrition, respiratory support, prevention of secondary infections, and good nursing care.

### How can you help?

Contact the Health Department if you own or know of an area in the city/county where there is standing water or you notice a large number of mosquitoes. Notifying the health department will allow environmental health staff to visit these areas and provide assistance with eliminating the breeding grounds. The health department has a 24-hour concern and complaint hotline that may be used to report a problem area at 874-7339. These messages are checked on a continuous basis. You may also call environmental health at 874-7346.



## 27th Annual Heritage Festival

Historic Nifong Park, Hwy 63 & AC exit west

Saturday & Sunday  
September 18 & 19

Free

Listen, learn, and see history as it comes alive!

## Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Festival, September 18–19, and the Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 25–26. 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. Call the Parks and Recreation Department, 874-6397, [klr@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:klr@GoColumbiaMo.com), or the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, [festival@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:festival@GoColumbiaMo.com) for more information.

## Parks and Recreation Fall Registration

The fall Leisure Times activity guide will be available August 11, in the Tribune; at the Parks and Recreation office, 1 South 7<sup>th</sup> St.; the Daniel Boone Regional Library; area grocery stores; and online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com). Sign up for classes, swimming lessons, sports programs and more. Check out the calendar of events to see what fun activities and festivals are scheduled.

## Online registration is now available

[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration  
In order to use this new secure service, you must first obtain a user I.D. and password. If you've registered with us before, call 874-7460 to obtain your password. New users should complete the online form and e-mail it to us. We'll send your user I.D. and password. You can also browse the course offerings by logging on as a Guest User. Beat the rush and avoid standing in line!

## National Night Out

The Columbia Police Department (CPD) is teaming up with Columbia Neighborhood Watch for National Night Out on August 3 during the evening. CPD beat officers will attend local gatherings to discuss crime concerns. The Columbia Fire Department has also made visits to neighborhood gatherings in the past. Some past neighborhood events included BBQ's, marches, ice cream socials and visits from McGruff the crime dog.

If you plan to organize an event, please contact the Community Services Unit at 874-7405 to register.

## Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 to register, or register online!  
[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration)

# August

- 5 **Family Swim**, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, \$1, 7:15–8:15 pm
- 13 **Teen Night**, Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30–10:30 pm, ages 11–15, \$1
- 14 **Cajun Dance**, ARC, 7–9:30 pm
- 15 **Douglass Family Aquatic Center & Lake of the Woods Pool**—last day open
- 21 **Bowl 4 Gold**—benefit for Special Olympics, 1–6 pm, Town & Country Lanes
- 22 **Pirates Landing**—last day open
- 28–29 **3 Person Scramble**, L.A. Nickell & Lake of the Woods Golf Courses

# September

- 6 **Oakland Family Aquatic Center**—last day open

*August Pool Hours*  
**Douglass Family Aquatic Center**  
August 1–15  
Open Daily 1–7 pm

**Lake of the Woods Pool**  
August 1–15  
Mon/Wed: 12–6:30 pm  
Tues/Thurs/Fri: 12–7 pm  
Sat/Sun: 12–7 pm

**Pirates' Landing**  
August 1–22  
Mon-Fri: Little Mates Cove 10 am–7 pm; Lake 12–6 pm  
Sat: Little Mates Cove 10 am–6 pm; Lake 12–6 pm  
Sun: Entire Facility 12–6 pm

**Oakland Family Aquatic Center**  
August 1–20  
Mon-Fri: 12–8 pm  
Sat: 10 am–6 pm  
Sun: 12–6 pm  
August 21–22, 28–29, Sept 4–6  
12–6 pm