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## Council Action

### The Council on Sept. 7:

- Authorized an agreement with Lincoln University to provide public health experience for student nurses. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department has collaborated with Lincoln for a number of years to allow nursing students to work with agency nurses to gain experience in public health. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.
- Authorized an amendment to the agreement with the Curators of the University of Missouri to expand campus transportation services. The amendment calls for providing two additional day shuttle buses for four hours each per day. The cost is estimated at approximately \$48,182.40 and will be fully recovered by the rates. Last school year the city transported approximately 740,966 passengers on campus.

### The Council on Sept. 20:

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. The \$277 million budget went into effect Oct. 1.
- Accepted the Fiscal Year 2004 Homeland Security Grant. The total approved funding from the State Emergency Management Agency is \$442,100.
- Authorized an agreement with the Health Adventure Center for tourism development funds. The \$250,000 funding will be used to assist with the renovation and construction of the former federal building, located at 608 E. Cherry St., for the development of a science center focused on health.

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.

## News from Columbia Regional Airport

The opening of a new restaurant at Columbia Regional Airport (COU), added AmericanConnection flights, delivery of a new aircraft rescue fire fighting (ARFF) vehicle, and taping of a major cable TV show all highlight recent area aviation news from COU. Of most significance to area travelers, a second Saturday flight was added in May and a fourth daily roundtrip was added in June. With at least 18 additional American Airlines departures from St. Louis being added this Fall, Columbia's access to far flung destinations is the best it has been for over a year.

During July, the airport's new ARFF vehicle was delivered just in time for the History Channel to feature COU's firefighters and vehicle in a segment being filmed for the show "Tactical To Practical." The segment showcases the mobile aircraft fire trainer, purchased with Federal Aviation Administration and Missouri Department of Transportation funding and operated by MU's Fire Rescue Training Institute.

Anita's Homestyle Catering Airport Restaurant features home baked breads, rolls and desserts and validated free parking for patrons. Call the airport for more information and hours.

*Columbia Regional Airport is a full-service commercial and general aviation airport serving all of mid-Missouri and located 12 miles south of I-70 on US 63. For information on airport services, call 874-7508 or see the City of Columbia website.*



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## First Night Columbia 2005

December 31, 2004

Celebrate the New Year with friends and family at the 10th anniversary

of First Night 2005—mid-Missouri's premiere event! Entertainment includes more than 50 performances plus activities and art at 12 locations in Downtown Columbia. Doors open at 6 p.m. Entertainment begins at 6:30.

Event-goers will travel from one location to the next enjoying great entertainment such as jazz, klezmer, dancing, bluegrass, Irish, storytelling, rock-a-billy, rhythm & blues, poetry, fiddling, magic and juggling. A venue is planned just for teens!

Make a mask, crown or noisemaker at the Children's Art Area, participate in the 5K Run/Walk at 4 p.m., carry a giant puppet or balloon in the Procession, or ride on a carriage through beautiful Downtown Columbia.

A Children's Procession at 9:15 will end with a fireworks display. At 11:30, the People's Procession will lead revelers to the finale at Courthouse Square with entertainment and fireworks at midnight.

Admission buttons are \$7 for those seven years and older. Buy your button early and enter a drawing for prizes at Parks and Recreation, Streetside Records and Gerbes Supermarkets beginning December 17. For information or to volunteer, call 874-7460 or visit [firstnight.missouri.org](http://firstnight.missouri.org). Volunteers receive free admission.

First Night is sponsored by Boone Electric Cooperative, Boone Hospital Center, 102.3 BXR Radio, City of Columbia, Columbia Convention and Visitor's Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), and KOMU-TV8.

## Operation Red Wreath

During this holiday season, the Columbia Fire Department will be continuing the annual fire service tradition of "Operation Red Wreath." The Downtown Fire Station will display a wreath with red holiday lights from December 1 to January 3. The challenge is to keep the lights red. Should a fire occur in Columbia that involves holiday lights or decorations, a bulb in the wreath will be changed from red to white. The purpose of this campaign is to remind everyone that the happiness of the holiday season can be forever changed in a moment by fire. Common sense and awareness of fire threats can help to keep our wreath red. Please do your part to keep the wreath red.

For more information, contact the Columbia Fire Department at 874-7556.

## Holiday Happenings

### Santa's Drop and Shop

Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon  
\$12 first child, \$10 additional children  
Drop your children (6-10 yrs) off at the ARC for Christmas crafts, swimming, movies and snacks while you do your holiday shopping. Call 874-7460 to register.

### Christmas at Maplewood

Sunday, December 5, 1-4 p.m.  
Celebrate "Christmas Past" with a guided tour of the historical Maplewood Home at Nifong Park. Call 443-8936 to make your reservation.

### Santa Hotline

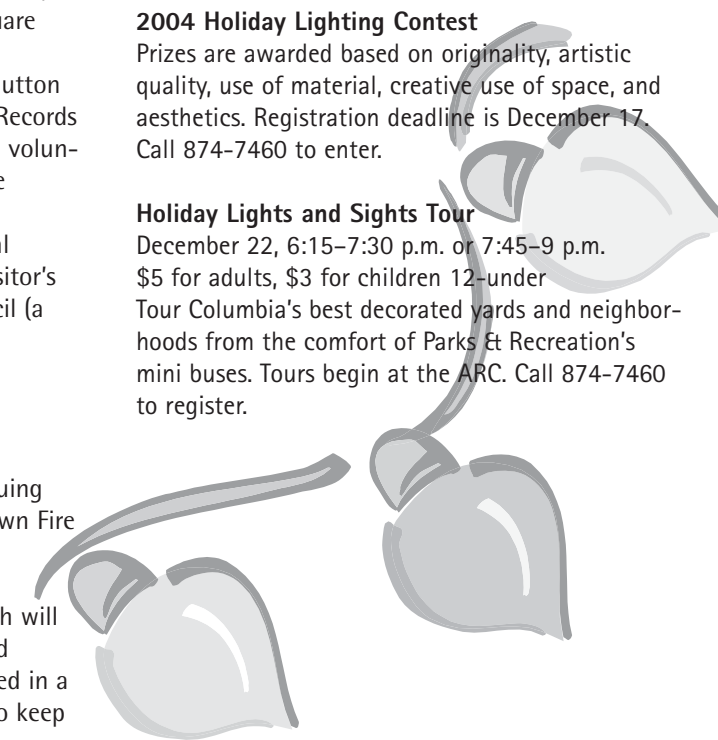
Children between the ages of 3-10 can call the North Pole from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on December 11: 874-7473, 874-6335.

### 2004 Holiday Lighting Contest

Prizes are awarded based on originality, artistic quality, use of material, creative use of space, and aesthetics. Registration deadline is December 17. Call 874-7460 to enter.

### Holiday Lights and Sights Tour

December 22, 6:15-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m.  
\$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12-under  
Tour Columbia's best decorated yards and neighborhoods from the comfort of Parks & Recreation's mini buses. Tours begin at the ARC. Call 874-7460 to register.





## December Volunteer of the Month

by Debra Hardin

Our December Volunteer of the Month, Keely Long, (above) said, "Public Health was fairly unknown to me before I began to volunteer with the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. I love to learn and enjoyed learning of the variety of programs that come under the Public Health umbrella."

Over a six-month period during Spring 2004, Long volunteered more than 400 hours with the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. She wrote grants to help with tobacco education, developed web pages for the Medical Reserve Corps and other disaster preparedness programs and assisted with the teen pregnancy workshop. Her hard work permits better access to the public for the volunteer agencies who work with the Health Department, as well as citizens who use those agencies. Long's ability to easily work with a variety of people helped expand and integrate the area's volunteer agencies involved in the Citizens Corps programs.

The City of Columbia is pleased to publicly thank Keely for her efforts and dedication.

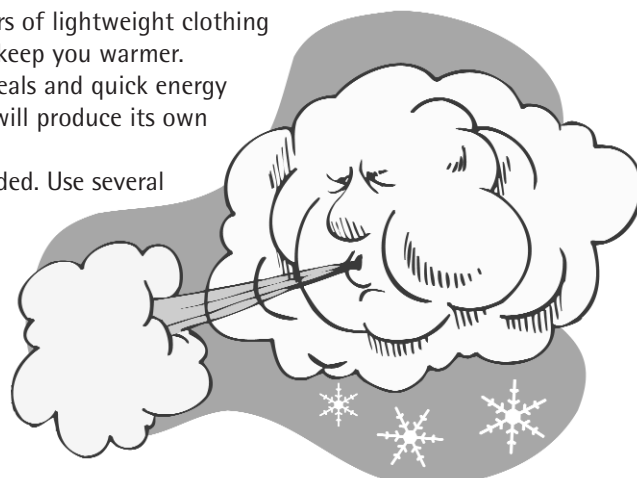
For more information about volunteer opportunities visit our website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call 874-7499.

## Winter Safety Tips

- When a blizzard strikes, don't drive unless absolutely necessary. If you must go out, be prepared.
- Make sure your car is in good condition and has snow tires or chains as authorized.
- Always have a full tank of gas to prevent gas line freeze up. Carry blankets, a shovel, sand or gravel, a working flashlight, matches, a candle and high energy foods in your car.
- If stuck in your car while driving, stay inside unless you see shelter. Run the engine for short periods to stay warm. Always open a window on the downwind side, keep your tailpipe clear of snow, turn on the dome light at night to signal rescuers and take turns sleeping and watching for help.
- DO NOT PANIC.

During winter storms when you are home and without power, here are some reminders to keep you safe and warm.

- Wearing several layers of lightweight clothing and a wool cap will keep you warmer.
- Eat well-balanced meals and quick energy foods so your body will produce its own heat.
- Close rooms not needed. Use several lightweight blankets instead of a single heavy one.
- Use only safe sources of heat like wood and other fuel-burning stoves to heat your home.



For more tips, visit the city's web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or [www.sema.state.mo.us.com](http://www.sema.state.mo.us.com).

## Transit Watch

**Columbia Transit is on the lookout for your safety.**

Transit Watch is part of a national public awareness and safety campaign that promotes transit as a community partner and safe haven. Our goal, in conjunction with the Columbia Police Department, is to encourage transit employees, passengers and neighborhood residents to stay alert and work together to maintain a safe transit environment.

- Look out for suspicious activities or suspicious packages left on buses.
- Watch out for lost or disoriented children. Lost children can ride Columbia Transit to Wabash Station where staff will watch over them until police arrive to help.
- Check the Columbia Transit Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), or call 874-7282 for details.

Transit Watch was developed by the Federal Transit Administration in partnership with the American Public Transportation Association, the Community Transportation Association of America, the Amalgamated Transit Union and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration. Let's count on each other for a safe ride!

## Holiday Safety

With the 2004 holiday shopping season comes the annual concern over safety issues. Theft from motor vehicles continues to be a big problem in Columbia. Increases in armed robbery during the holiday season should always be in the back of your mind. Please keep the following tips in mind while shopping.

- Shop with a friend, it's safer in addition to being more fun.
- Never leave valuables in your car in plain view or in the passenger area, always lock your car. One third of all thefts from motor vehicles is from a vehicle left unlocked.
- Park your vehicle in an area where there is enough light.
- Have your keys ready when you go to your car.
- Keep all holiday gifts locked and out of sight until the day they are opened.
- Consider not taking a purse to the shopping center. Take a wallet if you can.
- Report all suspicious activities to the Columbia Police Department
- Never carry large amounts of cash.



## Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

An Annual Celebration of the Life and Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The 12th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration is scheduled for January 13, 2005 from 7 a.m.-8:45 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center. The Celebration brings people together from throughout our community to share breakfast followed by a special program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the presentation of the annual

"Columbia Values Diversity Awards."

An original theatrical program of music and drama will be presented that will challenge and inspire you while celebrating the strength of diversity in our community. This is a perfect opportunity for families to celebrate diversity together.

Early pre-registration is required and strongly encouraged. The cost is \$12/adult, \$10/child which includes breakfast. A limited number of scholarships will be available upon request.

Registration forms will be mailed the week of November 15 and are available by calling the Office of Community Services at 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the web at: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

The celebration is designed to be accessible to all. Please call 874-7488 (v/tty) to request a registration form or for accommodations related to disability.

## TREE-CYCLE!

Christmas trees will be collected curbside December 26 through January 31 on regular refuse days. Trees must be free of tinsel, plastic tree bags, ornaments, and tree stands. After January 31, trees must be cut in 4-foot lengths. Christmas trees may also be taken to the Capen Park Mulch Site (south of Stadium Blvd., off Rock Quarry Road) or the Parkside Drive Mulch site (off Creasy Springs Road). Thank you for recycling.

Columbia Public Works Solid Waste Division  
874-6291 [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

## December

- 4 **Santa's Drop and Shop**, ARC, 1701 W. Ash St, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$12 first child, \$10 additional child, pre-register
- 5 **Christmas at Maplewood**, Nifong Park, 1-4 p.m., \$5, pre-register at 443-8936
- 11 **Santa Hotline**, Children ages 3-10 can call the North Pole from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 17 **50+ Holiday Dance**, Parkade Center east side, 601 Bus Loop 70 W, 7-10 p.m., \$3
- 22 **Holiday Lights and Sights Tour**, ARC, 6:15-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children 12 & under
- 31 **First Night Columbia 2005**, Downtown Columbia, 6:30 p.m. to midnight (5K Run 4 p.m.), \$7 for ages 7 & over

## January

- 3 **Private tournament reservation** at either golf course begins

## Help Your Neighbors In Need

**by giving a little extra, to one or both programs, you can help someone in our community a great deal**

Help your fellow Columbians stay warm this winter by filling out the contribution slip on this month's utility bill return envelope for the **CASH** and **HELP** programs. These programs were established to help seniors, the disabled and families with children pay their utility bills. **CASH** (Citizens Assisting Seniors and Handicapped) and **HELP** (Heat Energy and Light Program) applicants are carefully screened by a social worker before being given assistance.