



Face on the Block

The City of Columbia welcomed a new Water and Light director, Dan Dasho (left), on February 23 from Shawano, Wisconsin. Columbia Water and Light serves approximately 39,000 water and electric customers. The department also operates the city's Columbia Terminal (COLT) railroad, the fiber optic network and oversees the government access channel for the city.

When asked about his experiences as the new director, Dasho replied, "My impressions are of a dedicated, professional staff providing quality service to our customers. Water and Light faces a number of challenges in the near term. The expansion of the water system to meet our service territory's growth will be our first one. A number of projects are involved that will begin this spring. There are many more issues that I am in the process of learning more about. As part of the Water and Light team we will continue our tradition of quality service at reasonable rates.

Dan Dasho is not a stranger to Missouri, having grown up in Kirkwood and graduating from the University of Missouri in Columbia with a degree in electrical engineering. As a professional engineer he has spent his career working with various aspects of the electric industry. Most recently, he was the General Manager of the Shawano Municipal Utilities and was responsible for their electric, water, wastewater and fiber optic operations. Mr. Dasho also lead the Badger Power Marketing Authority that purchases and delivers wholesale electric power for Shawano and Clintonville, Wisconsin.

City Arts Funding

Local arts organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible to receive city funding to support their programming. Previously funded projects have focused on presentation of visual, performing and literary arts and related educational offerings. Applications are due May 7, 5 p.m. For information about eligibility or for an application, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, (tty 874-7488), oca@GoColumbiaMo.com. An on-line application form is available on the Cultural Affairs page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoArtsFunding).

Heritage Festival Call for Crafters

The 26th Annual Heritage Festival will be held September 18 & 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S. at the AC exit. Craft booth spaces are available in the large contemporary craft area. Artisans and tradesmen, dressed in period attire, are needed to demonstrate and sell 19th century crafts in the traditional area. For more information or for an exhibitor application, call 874-7460 or go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click on Parks and Recreation.

Did You Know?

Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 634, learn more about the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC).



Methods of treating water so it looks and smells better have been recorded since 4000 B.C. However, it was not until 1908 that chlorine was used to disinfect water from harmful contaminants. Today, water treatment has been named by some as the most significant public health advancement of the 20th Century. Over the past three decades of testing Columbia's water at the McBaine Water Treatment Plant, no violations of federal water standards have occurred. Columbia's clean water gives us something to celebrate during National Drinking Water week, May 2-8.



Council Action

The Council on Feb. 2:

- Amended Chapter 16 of the City Code relating to false identifications. The amendment specifically prohibits minors from possessing the identification card of another person who is 21 years or older.

The Council on Feb. 16:

- Authorized acceptance of 75 Townson Law Enforcement Trauma Shooting Kits from the Columbia Police Foundation. This gift, valued at \$1,387, was made possible by contributions received from the community. The kits provide law enforcement officers with medical equipment necessary to help save lives.
- Accepted an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). The approved amount is \$30,000. The funding assists in reimbursement for specific emergency management related expenses.

The Council on March 1:

- Authorized construction of improvements to Highpointe Park, located at 801 Huntridge Drive. The project is included in the city's capital improvement budget and construction is scheduled to begin as weather allows. Total project cost is \$75,000.
- Authorized a grant agreement with the March of Dimes for the Latino Home Visiting Expansion Project. The \$13,776 grant will be used to increase home visitation services to Spanish speaking prenatal patients. This funding will allow the Health Department to hire an additional bilingual visitor to augment existing staff.

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.

Community Line - City Information At Your Fingertips

Interested in employment opportunities with the city? Want to learn about the Police Department's Citizens On Patrol (COP) Program? Need information regarding services provided by the Health Department? All of this and more can be found by using the city's Community Line.

Community Line is a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, automated telephone information system. By calling 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697) on a push-button telephone, users have access to more than 300 pre-recorded messages which provide information about the city.

After dialing the Community Line number, an introductory message will answer your call. You may either listen to the entire greeting and then enter the three digit number for the message you want, or keep listening to hear a listing of message categories.

For a free Community Line directory of message listings, call the Public Communications Office 874-7220 or 874-7240 or write to P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205.

Board Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the following Board and Commission. Applications and current vacancies are on the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the City Council page. Call 874-7208 for information and specific requirements.

- Library Board - three vacancies
- Energy & Environment Commission - two vacancies

Youth Recreation Scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers scholarships for youth through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. Financial assistance is available for City of Columbia youth ages 3-17 who meet the income/household criteria established by the USDA's free/reduced lunch program. Financial assistance amounts are available in the amounts of either 50 percent or 75 percent depending on the household. Scholarships can be used for recreational classes and programs, outdoor pool passes, and ARC admissions. Call 874-7460 for more information. Find application forms at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoYes).



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Memorial Day Weekend at Columbia Regional Airport

The Memorial Day Weekend Corporation announces that "GLACIER GIRL", the unique, world-famous P-38 Lightning recovered from the Greenland Icecap after 50 years will return to headline the FREE 2004 Salute to Veterans Air Show at Columbia Regional Airport on May 29-30 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FOUR other active duty U.S. fighter plane demonstration teams will perform along with WWI, WWII, Korean War and Viet Nam era aircraft flying and on static display.

TWO new military parachute teams will participate: The U.S. Army Special Operations Team, "The Black Daggers", from Ft. Bragg, NC; and the U.S. Special Operations Command Team (USSOCOM), which is made up of Army Rangers, Navy SEALs, Air Force combat pilots and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel from MacDill AFB, FL. Both teams will "Jump-start" the 16th annual 144-Unit Salute to Veterans Corporation parade on Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. in downtown Columbia. All of the planes from the air show will fly over the parade as a salute to fallen comrades. Every child and senior citizen will be given an American flag.

Following the parade, the 6-Day Salute to Veterans Celebration will end with a military ceremony at the Boone County Court House Veterans Memorials. It will include patriotic music by the Columbia Community Band, wreath laying, introduction of the Honored

Military Guests, a short speech about Memorial Day, a 21-Gun Salute by the VFW, "Amazing Grace" by the Boone County Fire Protection District bagpipers band, and taps.

A special event this year will involve the return of two famous honored guests: Colonel Fred Cherry, USAF, Ret., and Commander Porter Halyburton, USN, Ret., along with author Jim Hirsch who will debut his book about their

friendship and ordeal as POWs for over seven years primarily in the infamous Hanoi Hilton.

"Glacier Girl" will return to headline the FREE 2004 Salute to Veterans Air Show at Columbia Regional Airport Memorial Day Weekend

Additional Improvements Planned for King Memorial

Columbia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial at Battle Garden will undergo a number of improvements during the next few years thanks to a \$99,000 grant from the Department of Interior's "Save America's Treasures" program. The grant was secured as a result of the efforts of Senator Kit Bond.

The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department has proposed new signage, additional landscaping, and improvements to the parking lot. The digesters that remain from when the site was a wastewater treatment plant are slated for removal.

In 2003, a citizen committee raised over \$83,000 to repair the King Memorial that had suffered water damage, leaving a calcium carbonate crust on the blue tiles making up the amphitheater. Donors can be assured that their contributions to the project will be used to restore the Memorial and the grant funds will be focused on additional site improvements.

Currently, conservators are working on the King Memorial, removing the damaged tiles and granite pavers. This summer, a new section of tile will be installed for testing purposes. If testing is successful the Memorial should be fully restored by late 2005.

The King Memorial and Battle Garden are located off of Stadium Boulevard at the entrance to the MKT Trail.



Brittany Bias (above) is one of the May Volunteers of the Month.

May Volunteers of the Month

by volunteer Sara Rechten

Scott McCumber and Brittany Bias are Columbia's May 2004 Volunteers of the Month. Both students are participants in the Youth in Action (YIA) program sponsored by the Office of Volunteer Services. YIA is aimed at young people ages 12-15. The program offers a variety of supervised volunteer opportunities for the Columbia youth during the summer. Past activities have included a litter pick-up along Ash Street and Flat Branch Creek, caring for abandoned pets at the Central Missouri Humane Society, and helping with preschool activities for

HeadStart. YIA's 86 members have made a great impact on the community with volunteer hours totaling to more than 700.

Scott, a freshman at Jefferson Junior High School and Brittany, a freshman at Oakland Junior High both got involved in YIA last summer when they had a lot of free time. "The program is great because participants are in it for a good cause but it is still fun," said Scott. Brittany and Scott's favorite volunteer event was Christmas in July, an annual event, which benefits Mid-Missouri people.

Individuals who are interested in the YIA program and want to learn more should visit <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer>

Public Comment Sought on Social Service Needs

The Community Services Advisory Commission has received funding proposals from local social service agencies to provide a wide range of social services in Columbia and Boone County for the year 2005. The commission is seeking written public comment on social service needs to assist them in making funding recommendations for 2005. Funding has been requested in the following general categories:

- Emergency Services
- At-Risk Youth Services
- Self-Sufficiency and Employment Services
- Counseling and Rehabilitation Services
- Elderly and Disabled Services

To obtain a list of 2005 funding requests, please contact the Office of Community Services. Phone: (573) 874-7488 (v/tty) or E-Mail: OCS@GoColumbiaMo.com

Please submit written comments by Thursday, May 6, 2004 to: Ms. Lisa Scribner, Commission Chair c/o Office of Community Services P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Thanks, Volunteers!

Over 200 volunteers converged on the Activity & Recreation Center for the city's annual volunteer appreciation reception on February 11. The event, emceed by Michelle Linn of KMIZ-TV, recognized the efforts of volunteers in 2003. During the city's 2003 fiscal year, volunteers contributed 40,912 hours toward city programs valued at over \$675,000, an increase of 4.5 percent from the previous year.



Bike, Walk & Wheel Week May 9-16, 2004

It's that time of year again—planning is underway for the 3rd Annual Mayor's Challenge: Bike, Walk & Wheel Week! Last year's event was a huge success with nearly 1000 participants and enthusiastic support from area residents.

Bike, Walk & Wheel Week is an opportunity to:

- encourage community members to walk, bicycle or wheel themselves to and from their destinations,

- increase awareness of the importance of regular physical activity,
- increase awareness of the importance of improved pedestrian safety,
- promote healthy and walkable communities, and to
- mobilize communities to work together to create safe routes.

This year's events include:

- Sunday, May 9—kickoff celebration including Cycle-Recycle and a community bike ride in the vicinity of the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC)
- Friday, May 14—breakfast stations
- Saturday, May 15—organized ride/hike on the MKT Trail
- Sunday, May 16—closing celebration from 2-5 p.m.

Further details can be found at www.pednet.org. Please plan to support this event and have fun biking, walking or wheeling yourself to your destinations throughout the week of May 9-16. If you would like to participate as a sponsor or volunteer for the event, please email Judy Knudson, Coordinator, at JudyKnudy@aol.com.

Watershed-Friendly Lawn Care Tips

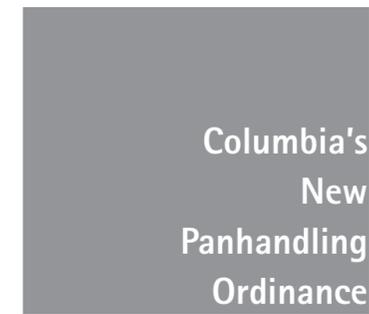
Summer means more outdoor activities and lawn care. Here are a few tips on how to care for your lawn and benefit not only your yard but your watershed and streams too!

- Mow it tall! Let it Fall! Keeping your lawn taller produces stronger, healthier grass with fewer disease and pest problems. Taller grass shades the soil and helps retain moisture making it more difficult for weeds to grow.
- Mulch your lawn with the cuttings! Leaving short clippings on your lawn will recycle nitrogen, supplying up to 30% of your lawn's nitrogen needs. Use a sharp mower blade or mulching attachment for finer clippings that will decompose quickly. Move the mower slower in thicker grass to increase the mulching.
- Water deeply, but not too often! The best rule is to water only when the lawn begins to wilt from dryness – when color dulls and footprints stay compressed for several seconds. If you decide to irrigate, water slowly and deeply, imitating rain. It's best to water early in the morning. Apply about an inch and let the lawn dry out before watering again.

For more information or to request a free watershed-friendly lawn care brochure, please contact the *Community Stormwater Project* at 884-3242 or visit our website at www.GoColumbiaMO.com (Go Word is *GoStormwater*).

Spring Compost Workshops

It's not too late to sign up for a compost workshop! You will learn to compost leaves, weeds, and grass clippings, keeping those valuable soil nutrients in your yard. Free compost workshops will be held at the Capen Park demonstration site during May and June. Evening or Saturday morning workshops are offered. Free or reduced price compost bins will be available to participants. To sign up, call the Columbia Public Works Volunteer program at 874-6271 or send an email to pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.



city bus or within 20 feet of any bus station or bus stop, within 10 feet of any entrance to any building, within 20 feet on an entrance to a bank, savings and loan or other financial institution or within 20 feet of any pay telephone.

This new panhandling ordinance makes it unlawful to continue to solicit after being rejected, touching the solicited person without that person's consent, blocking pedestrian or vehicle traffic, using violent or threatening gestures, closely following a person who walks away from the panhandler, using profane or abusive language, panhandling in a group of two or more persons, and panhandling with the intent to intimidate is illegal. If you're interested in reading this specific ordinance or any other city ordinance go to the City of Columbia web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com under citizen's guide. If you feel that you are being targeted by aggressive panhandlers or aggressive panhandlers are affecting your business, contact the Columbia Police Department. For an emergency always call 911. For non emergency calls you can call 442-6131 or 442-6132.

Columbia Neighborhood Watch Board of Directors Opening

Since 1975 Columbia Neighborhood Watch has worked with the Columbia Police Department to keep Columbia neighborhoods safe from criminals. In 1979 Columbia experienced 1,500 burglaries. By 2003, that number had fallen to less than 500. Columbia Neighborhood Watch currently has one board opening and is looking for someone who lives in the City of Columbia to apply for this position. If interested contact Sgt. Danny Grant at 874-7606 or Jeanette Nelson at 874-7405.

In December, 2003 City Council made changes to the Unlawful Panhandling Ordinance, Section 16-186.

While this ordinance has been in effect for several years, the Downtown Business Association and other interested parties felt that it lacked specific provisions for time, place and manner restrictions on panhandling.

The new ordinance restricts panhandling to daylight hours only. Panhandling is now restricted within 20 feet of a public toilet, within 20 feet of an automated teller machine, on any

entrance to any building, within 20 feet on an entrance to a bank, savings and loan or other financial institution or within 20 feet of any pay telephone.

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Summer Hours for Refuse Collection

Summer hours for residential refuse, yard waste and recycling collection begin Tuesday, June 1, 2004 and will end September 10. All waste and recycling must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection or no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day before collection. Don't forget, due to the Memorial Day holiday, May 31, refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Thank you for helping Public Works refuse collectors "beat the heat"!

Columbia Parks & Recreation
CALENDAR

Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com
(GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration)

May

- 1 **Soccer Registration** for Fall 2004 & Spring 2005 begins, forms are available at 1 S. 7th St.
- 1-2 **3-Person Scramble**, L.A. Nickell & Lake of the Woods Golf Courses, \$165 per team, registration forms available at either course or at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoGolf)
- 3 **Registration for Moonlight Hoops** begins. Call 874-6379 for more information.
- 6 **Douglass Gym** closes for the summer
- 14 **Whiff & Giggle** — Couples Golf, L.A. Nickell, 5:30 pm, \$30 per couple which includes cart rental and prizes for each event. Registration forms available at either course, at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoGolf), or call 445-4213 (L.A. Nickell) or 474-7011 (Lake of the Woods).
- 15 **Bicycle Safety Challenge**, State Farm, 4700 S. Providence, 10 am-12 pm, grades K-8
- 22 **Local Hershey Track & Field Meet**, Hickman High School Track, check in 9 am
- 29 **Opening Day for Oakland Family Aquatic Center**, 12-6 pm, open again May 30-31

Memorial Day Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made on that day, and will be delayed for one day throughout the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions.

Also, City buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced.