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Commission Vacancy

The City is accepting applications for the following 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.

- Community Development Commission (3 vacancies)

Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget

The proposed FY 2005 Annual Budget can be viewed at the Columbia Public Library, on the City's Internet site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Finance Department at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.

Remaining public hearings are September 7 and September 20 at 7 p.m., both in the Council Chamber located on the fourth floor of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.

October Volunteer of the Month

by Debra Hardin

Sondra Hopkins, [left] the October volunteer of the month, has served on the City of Columbia Cultural Affairs Festival of the Arts (FOA) steering committee for three years.

As volunteer co-chair Hopkins attends meetings throughout the year in preparation for the highly-anticipated annual festival. Hopkins facilitates the placement of volunteers into appropriate positions as the festival approaches. The FOA requires nearly 100 volunteers. Hopkins schedules, relays task and set-up instructions as she works closely with these volunteers to ensure a seamless and successful event. The annual FOA attracts visitors from as far away as Russia and Canada to view the displayed artwork of area and regional artists.

"It's nice to be part of the effort that brings cultural events and people to Columbia," said Hopkins.

The City of Columbia thanks Hopkins for her volunteer spirit.

Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com, or call 874-7499 to find out more about volunteer opportunities in Columbia.

Council Action

The Council on July 6:

- Accepted Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Homeland Security grant funds for the purchase and installation of exhaust removal systems in city fire stations. The \$51,639 grant monies will be used to retrofit the systems into Fire Stations 1, 2 and 7.

The Council on July 19:

- Accepted a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for repair of runways and taxiways at Columbia Regional Airport. The grant for \$940,500 is the 95 percent federal share of the \$990,000 estimated total. The city's share of \$49,500 was previously appropriated in the Airport Capital Improvement Program.

The Council on Aug. 2:

- Authorized construction of improvements to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial at Battle Park, appropriated funds and authorized a grant agreement with the National Park Service. Work will include testing and study of conservation treatments, restoration of tile on the memorial, construction of an interpretive shelter, creation of ADA parking spaces and walkway and installation of interpretive signs. The project will receive a \$98,768 Save America's Treasures Grant in federal funding and \$98,768 in local match was raised through the New Century Fund for a total project cost of \$197,536.

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.



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"Share the Light" Continues to Shine!

"Share the Light" allows City of Columbia utility customers to donate funds to a number of programs through their utility bill. Participants can select the programs they want to support and can

decide if they want to make a one-time or on-going contribution when they pay their utilities. Utility customers will find a participation form attached to this month's remittance envelope.

Since Share the Light began in August 2001, nearly \$45,000 has been raised for city programs. The supported activities are truly unique and are above and beyond the basic services of municipal government. Funds support specific activities including helping children access the Activity & Recreation Center, teaching preschoolers about dental hygiene, and providing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to low income households.

Participants can select from six program areas:

- Public Art
- Community Beautification
- Youth Recreation Scholarships
- Youth Dental Care
- Fire Prevention & Education
- Crime Prevention

The City of Columbia appreciates all those who support Share the Light. Your financial contributions are making a difference and allow the city to provide programs and services that would not otherwise be possible. To learn more, call the Columbia Trust at 874-7504.

TREE POWER

Plant Now for Energy Savings

How would you like to reduce your summer cooling costs by up to 30%? Sign up for the Tree Power program and we'll show you the best place on your property for shade trees and give you a coupon for a free tree. Then all you have to do is sit back and watch your savings grow!



Electric Customers call 874-7325

sign up online: www.GoColumbiaMo.com



The Walnut Street Water Tower, which holds one million gallons of water, was completed in October of 1947. In 1949, Halloween pranksters left a goat on top of the 168-foot tower. Water and Light staff members safely removed the goat from the tower using a pulley and a rope.

1904-2004

Help Celebrate 100 Years of Columbia Water & Light

Open House

October 9, 2004
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Electric Distribution
1514 East Business Loop 70
(across from the power plant)

Fun for Kids and Adults

- check out our equipment (big trucks and a train!)
- tour our historical displays
- meet your friends and neighbors who run your local utility



Change Your Clock / Change Your Batteries

On Sunday, October 31, change the batteries in your smoke alarms while setting clocks back one hour. Test the smoke alarms

after replacing the batteries. Use a dry cloth for cleaning. Replace smoke alarms that are over 10 years old. For more information, contact the Columbia Fire Department at 874-7556 for a free brochure.

Save the Date for Your Flu Shot

The Columbia/Boone County Health Department is working to keep residents protected from the flu. During the 2003-04 flu season, more than 600 cases were reported in Boone County. The health department is anticipating another high demand for the flu vaccination this season. Flu shots will be administered during an organized 12 hour event. The one-day event is designed to make the vaccination process a convenient, low-cost and time saving experience for the public. The new health department facility offers ample free parking, a central location on the city bus route, and an expanded waiting area.

When and where?

- Thursday, November 4 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sanford-Kimpton building 1005 W. Worley (new health department location)

How much will it cost?

- Immunizations will be given at no charge to Medicare and Medicaid recipients. A valid Medicare or Medicaid card must be presented at the time of service.
- The fee for all other residents is \$10 a person.

Will other services be available that day?

- All walk-in services, TB testing, and WIC services will be suspended on November 4.

What vaccinations will be offered?

- Flu-mist (ages 5 - 49)
- Flu shot (6 months +)
- Pnuemococcal (pneumonia)

For more information call the Columbia/Boone County Health Department Division of Nursing and Social Services at 874-7356.

Fire Prevention Week 2004 Test Your Smoke Alarms

Surprising new data from the United States Fire Administration (USFA) indicates that many smoke alarms are not working or have been intentionally disabled by occupants.

Highlights of the USFA's findings include:

- In 2000, 379,000 residential structure fires resulted in 3,445 deaths, 17,400 injuries, and caused \$5.7 billion in property loss.
- Kitchens are where highest percentage of fire started.
- The three leading causes of residential fires were cooking, heating, and incendiary (set) fires.
- Residential structure fires in winter outnumbered those in other seasons.
- No smoke alarm was present in more than half of residential structure fires. When present, they operated in only 32% of these fires.

Ensure that you and your family are protected in the event of a fire. Working alarms increase your chance of escaping a home fire by almost 80%. The Columbia Fire Department urges you to Test Your Smoke Alarm! In addition to testing your smoke alarm, follow these fire safety tips:

- Install alarms on each level of the home and in each sleeping room.
- Replace smoke alarms that are over 10 years old.
- Test at least monthly.
- Replace batteries twice annually with new, fresh batteries.
- Clean with a soft dry cloth every month.
- Prepare and practice a family fire escape plan.

If you cannot afford a smoke alarm, call the Fire Department at 874-7556. Limited quantities are available to noncommercial applicants. For more information on fire safety, contact the Columbia Fire Department at 874-7556 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com. You can also visit the official Fire Prevention Week Web site at www.firepreventionweek.com.



4th & Cherry, Downtown Columbia

Flat Branch Sack Lunch Music Series

Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Free
Leave the fast food lines behind. Bring lunch, a lawn chair, a friend and enjoy great music in a beautiful park setting.

Flat Branch Park Fun Day and Midnight Bike Ramble

October 9 (Rain date Oct. 16)
Children's entertainment: 4-6 p.m.

Outdoor movie: 7-8:30 p.m.

The Ragtag Cinema will present the first outdoor movie in the park. Bring your family, a blanket or low lawn chairs, and enjoy the special free outdoor showing of the movie Shrek 2.

Bike Ramble: 10 p.m.-12 midnight

Enjoy a late evening bike ride through downtown and college campuses.

Event proceeds benefit Flat Branch Park building projects. Registration forms available at Parks and Recreation, 1 S. 7th St, CyclExtreme; and online at www.discoverthedistrict.org.



Communities in Motion

We take you to work, the doctor, the grocery store. Join Columbia Transit for special events October 4-9. We'll celebrate Communities in Motion, a nationwide event designed to spotlight public transit systems.

Give the gift of life on October 4, when the Wabash Station hosts the Red Cross Blood Mobile from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you've been thinking about trying transit, now is the time! October 7 is Free Fare Day; you can ride the buses free. Staff will be available to help first-time riders.

Communities in Motion week will also see the launch of "Transit Watch," a national program designed to help bus drivers and passengers keep our community safer. More events are planned, so keep watching for information. Columbia Transit keeps Columbia, MO on the go! Come ride with us.

Need Bus Tickets?

Columbia Transit riders can purchase books of bus tickets without stopping at Wabash Station. Both Patricia's Foods at 900 Keene St. and the Missouri Resource Center at 1500 Vandiver sell the books. Keep watching for more locations!

Health Department Recognizes Local Family

In July, the Columbia/Boone County Health Department recognized the Heaston Family of Columbia with a "HeartPower" award. HeartPower is a program for children 3-5 and their caregivers to explore how nutrition, physical activity and knowing how the heart works all play vital roles in maintaining healthy hearts and healthy lifestyles.

The Heaston's received the award for their efforts in leading a healthy lifestyle and for near perfect attendance at HeartPower classes over 19 months. The award was presented at the monthly class held at the Daniel Boone Regional Library. For more information on HeartPower and upcoming classes, contact Stacia Reilly at 874-6345 or email at sreilly@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Stacia Reilly, Columbia/Boone County Health Department Health Educator, congratulates the Heaston Family. Back row: Stacia Reilly and Karen Heaston. Front row: Laura, Amelia, Alyse and Jennalee Heaston. Not pictured: Jack Heaston

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com
(GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration)
or call 874-7460

October

Register for Youth Basketball until October 1
Register for Kids Duathlon until October 1

- 1 Application for 2004 OAK Tours Membership begins
- 6 Flat Branch Sack Lunch Music Series, 4th & Cherry, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Free
- 9 Flat Branch Park Fun Day and Midnight Bike Ramble, 4th & Cherry, children's entertainment 4-6 p.m., outdoor movie 7-8:30 p.m., bike ramble 10 p.m.-12 midnight
- 13 Flat Branch Sack Lunch Music Series, 4th & Cherry, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Free
- 15 Family Swim, Hickman Pool, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 1 year and under: Free, 2-15 years: \$2, 16-adult: \$3.25
- 15 50+ October Dance, Parkade Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3
- 18 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session 2, Hickman Pool
- 20 Flat Branch Sack Lunch Music Series, 4th & Cherry, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Free
- 22 50+ Ham & Bean Lunch, Parkade Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$3
- 23 Family Swim, Hickman Pool, 2-5 pm, 1 year and under: Free, 2-15 years: \$2, 16-adult: \$3.25
- 27 Flat Branch Sack Lunch Music Series, 4th & Cherry, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Free
- 29 50+ 5th Friday Free Dance, Parkade Center, 7-10 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Event TBA. Call 874-7460 or look for a school flyer for more info.

Free Mulch Days are scheduled for these Saturdays: October 9, 16, and 30. An on-site loader will be available 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Capen Park Drive mulch site (off Rock Quarry Road) and Parkside Drive mulch site (off Creasy Springs) to assist you while supplies last.

Coming Soon!

Delivery of yard waste bags: October 4-8.