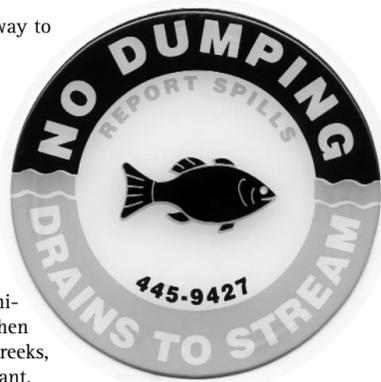


What's Green and Blue And Coming to a Storm Drain Near You?

This fall, a new initiative is underway to remind citizens that the city storm drains near your home or business send water straight into our streams...into Flat Branch, County House, Harmony Creek, Hinkson Creek, Hominy Creek, Merideth, Mill Creek, Bear Creek, Rocky Fork and Grindstone. These streams drain the stormwater that falls in Columbia. Stormwater often picks up pollutants and chemicals from parking lots and lawns then goes through pipes right into the creeks, not to the wastewater treatment plant.



In an effort to reduce pollutants in this urban stormwater, bold green and blue discs with a picture of a fish and "No Dumping: Drains to Stream" will be permanently glued down on curbs next to storm drains. One hundred discs are already in place near the University of Missouri campus, and 200 discs are ready to be applied to pilot areas. You can participate in this project by volunteering to help apply these discs. It's a fun way to get involved with your community and help protect our local streams. For information, call 884-8333.



Are You Wasting Water?

CONSERVATION TIPS

During the summer months, up to 60% of Columbia's water is used outdoors on landscaping. This increased use of water can put a strain on our water treatment plant and distribution system. By following a few simple tips, you can help insure the availability of water during peak use times, have a better looking lawn, lower your water bills and insure a good supply of water for generations to come.

- Water according to moisture in the soil, not a fixed schedule.
- Lawns are dry when footprints remain in the grass long after being made.
- Lawns need no more than one inch of water per week.
- Water from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and avoid windy conditions to decrease evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of hosing off the pavement.
- Mulch to retain water and prevent water-robbing weeds.

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on Summer Cooling Costs

Here are a few things you can do around your home this summer to help you stay cool, conserve energy and save you money!

- Set the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees and turn it up a few degrees when the house is unoccupied.
- Leave window shades that receive direct sunlight down during the day.
- Try to use the oven, dishwasher and other appliances that produce heat during the late evening and early morning.
- Keep fireplace chimney dampers closed.
- Maintain your heating and cooling system by replacing air filters at least four times a year and performing manufacturer's suggested maintenance.

Yard Waste and You

Help Preserve Our City Mulch Sites

The City of Columbia maintains yard waste drop-off sites at Capen Park Drive and Parkside Drive for collection of grass, leaves, brush and limbs.

Only yard waste from City of Columbia residents is allowed at these sites. These mulch sites are not open to commercial businesses. It is illegal to deposit items such as trash, plastic bags, lumber, landscaping timbers and railroad ties at the mulch site; they contaminate the mulch and damage processing equipment.

Misuse of these mulch sites should be reported to the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291. Thank you for your help in keeping our mulch sites clean and serviceable for Columbia residents.



City offices will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Residential refuse and blue bag collection will be delayed one day throughout the week. Also, the land-fill will be closed. City buses will not operate and parking meters will not be enforced.

On the Web

Columbia is on the Go with new enhanced Columbia Transit routes, serving The District, Hy-Vee, Rock Bridge Shopping Center, the Forum 8 and Hollywood 14 Stadium theatres, and more. Visit Columbia Transit's web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: *GoBus*).



September 27, 1910, voters approved a \$125,000 bond issue to build a new power plant building at the current location on Business Loop 70. The wooden "Ice House" building was abandoned for the new brick building in 1911. The power plant has gone through many additions and renovations over the years, but the original structure can still be seen on the north end.

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CAUTION: ONLINE PAYMENTS CAN BE DELAYED

You pay your utility bill through an online bill service and the money gets deducted from your checking account. So, you consider the bill paid, right? Not always. Some online services will hold payments and make one bulk payment to the City of Columbia. If you are pushing the delinquent billing date and are paying through an online service, make sure a prompt payment will be made to the city to avoid service interruptions.

Council Action

The Council on June 7:

Authorized a Boone County Road Improvement/Repair Cooperative agreement for 2004 revenue sharing grant funds relating to the Chapel Hill Road Extension Project. This agreement provides for \$292,500 to be forwarded to the city of Columbia for engineering for Chapel Hill Road. The Chapel Hill Road extension from Scott Boulevard to 1,600 feet west of Scott Boulevard has been proposed for construction in Fiscal Year 2005. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$2.1 million.

Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Division of Highway Safety for a DWI Enforcement Grant. The grant will fund overtime for police officers to saturate areas of the community and identify and apprehend DWI violators. The period of this grant runs through September 30, 2004.

The Council on June 21:

Amended the ordinance relating to the definition of family memberships at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC). The new family definition is such that a maximum of two adults and up to three children or dependents residing at one residence meets the definition of family. The definition of dependents is based on Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Authorized acceptance of a thermal imaging camera from the Columbia Police Foundation. Thermal imaging technology allows a user to see clearly in complete darkness or smoke.

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

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 603, you can learn about the city's aquatic facilities.

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27th Annual HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Visitors will be taken back to the traditions of the past. Listen, learn, and see history as it comes alive. See artisans and tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire demonstrating their trades and selling their wares. Visit a Lewis and Clark replica campsite with a dugout canoe and artifacts on display and an 1859 town with shopkeepers and townspeople. See cowboys with their chuck wagons and American Indian dancing, drumming and tepees. A large contemporary craft area also will be featured.

Enjoy 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 ride on a hayride. Tour the Historic Maplewood Home and the Walter's Boone County Historical Museum—a Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Site. Great food and a beautiful park setting will make the Heritage Festival a family

tradition. Heritage Festival is coordinated by Columbia Parks & Recreation and sponsored by the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Program, Columbia Daily Tribune, Boone County Historical Society, Metro Rotary Club, Missouri Division of Natural Resources and the Missouri River Communities Network.

Call 874-7460 for more information or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com. Call 874-6397 for an application to exhibit or entertain.



See American Indian dancing, drumming and tepees at the Heritage Festival. Photo by Beth Giese.



Citizens and visitors alike enjoy a weekend of art, music, dance and fun at the Festival of the Arts.



September 25-26, 2004
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Courthouse Square,
downtown Columbia

Don't miss the 13th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 25-26. Downtown Columbia's Courthouse Square is the site of the weekend-long Festival that is free and 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 customized 20-foot long "Monster Mural" for festival-goers to help paint.

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, (7488tty), log-on to www.GoColumbiaMo.com or e-mail festival@GoColumbiaMo.com.

More Festival Fun Family Fun Fest!

See page 2 for details.

Back to school safety

Now that summer vacation is almost over, here are some tips to share with your school-aged children.

- If your children walk to school, find other students they can walk with.
- Talk about dangers associated with strangers.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Never go with a stranger on foot or in a stranger's car.
- Stay on well walked and driven roadways.
- Discuss traffic safety.
- Do not answer the phone; use the answering machine or caller ID.
- Don't answer the door for strangers.
- Call 911 in emergencies and report suspicious activities to parents.
- Advise your school who is allowed to pick up your child from school.

Since most children under the age of eight have a difficult time understanding the concept of danger and the issue of stranger danger, you must practice constant supervision!

Police Reserve Reunion Planned

The Columbia Police Reserve unit, founded in 1941 in response to World War II, is the longest, continuous service organization providing volunteer assistance to the City of Columbia. The City has commissioned non-regular officers for over 60 years as a means of allowing participation in a most interesting and exciting activity.

Reserve Officers continue to make significant contributions to the Columbia Police Department. In 2003, 18 Reserve volunteers provided nearly 3,000 hours of service.

The Police Department is now accepting applications for the Reserves.

Family Fun Fest

Mark your calendars for "Family Fun Fest" on Friday, September 10 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC). The Fest is sponsored by the PedNet Coalition's "Bike, Walk, & Wheel: A Way of Life in Columbia" program and is designed to show children and their families that it's fun to be physically active.

Walkable communities promoter Mark Fenton will be the keynote presenter at this public, family-oriented event. Mark is host of the PBS show "America's Walking," former editor of "Walking" magazine, and an accomplished entertainer. Also, KFRU's David Lile will host a stage version of his call-in show with Tom LaFontaine and Melinda Hemmelgarn, TRYPs (Theater Reaching Young People and Schools) will perform skits about physical activity, and there will be a

gallery display of the winning posters from a kids' contest on the subject "Why I Like to Walk and Ride My Bike." Other sponsors of this event include Boone Hospital Center, Boone Hospital Foundation, Cumulus Media and KFRU.

For further information contact Stacia Reilly at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department at 874-6345 or srreilly@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Community Circles

Monthly Dialogue Sessions

Community Circles offer people from different walks of life a safe place for honest dialogue about race and diversity. People listen to and share different perspectives and experiences. People come as strangers but leave feeling connected.

Community Circles say, "You make a difference." Each person has a voice, a story, and it matters that others hear it. So join the conversation. Drop in once, or often. Come with an open mind and willingness to participate.

Community Circles offer a monthly theme and are generally on a week night from 6 - 8:45 p.m. For information about upcoming sessions, call 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the web at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: *GoStudyCircles*). Click on "Web Mail" to receive regular e-mail announcements.

Come experience
the power of the circle!



get involved today ...

Youth Recreation Scholarships

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

Columbia Hospitality Corps

For one full year, Columbia Hospitality Corps (CHC) volunteers have staffed the Lake of the Woods Visitors Center located just east of Columbia. The Center is a program of the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Volunteers are at the center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. everyday, sharing information on Columbia, giving driving directions and visiting with people who are passing through town. Participating in CHC has been a rewarding experience for those who volunteer.

The City of Columbia is looking for a few more friendly faces to add to the Columbia Hospitality Corps. Volunteers need to be neat in their appearance, knowledgeable about Columbia (or willing to learn) and able to share at least four hours per month. Volunteers are particularly needed for shifts on the weekends.

To learn more about joining the Columbia Hospitality Corps, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Human Rights Enhancement Program Funding Information Session

The Human Rights Commission will hold an information session to review the funding application process for their Human Rights Enhancement Program on September 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway. Interested applicants should plan to attend. The proposal deadline is October 22.

Community education programs on human rights/civil rights and cultural diversity issues will be considered for funding.

Proposal forms are available by calling 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the commission's web page at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: *GoHumanRights*)

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Columbia Trust

Twice each year, the City publishes "Vision for Tomorrow" – a newsletter dedicated to donations made to the City of Columbia and how those donations are making a difference. The newsletter recognizes donors to the City of Columbia and shares ideas on how individuals can leave a legacy to their community.

If you would like to receive "Vision for Tomorrow" please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or columbiatrust@GoColumbiaMo.com.



September Volunteers of the Month

by volunteer Sara Rehtin

Norma and Ernie Falloon have been named September's volunteers of the month for their participation in the Columbia Hospitality Corps. The Columbia Hospitality Corps was established in August 2003 and is designed to improve visitor relations in the City of Columbia. Volunteers help staff



Volunteers Ernie and Norma Falloon help promote Columbia through their work with Columbia Hospitality Corps.

the Lake of the Woods Visitors Center on St. Charles Road where they answer questions about Columbia, provide information to travelers and restock brochures.

Norma and Ernie first joined the program upon its inception and together have logged more than 300 volunteer hours. Norma said, "I am impressed by how nice the other volunteers are and it is exciting to have the opportunity to promote Columbia as it has so much to offer visitors."

In addition to their commitment with the

Columbia Hospitality Corps, the Falloons are remarkably active in other volunteer activities such as Meals on Wheels, the Red Cross, Central Missouri Food Bank, and the Show-Me State Games. They were named "Volunteers of the Year" for the 2003 Boone County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Columbia thanks Norma and Ernie for their enthusiasm and dedication to making the City a better place in which to live.

To learn how you can volunteer with city departments visit our website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7499.

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 to register, or register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: *GoRecreationRegistration*)

September

- 2 Flat Branch Park Circus, 4th & Cherry St 6-8 pm during Twilight Festival, Free Enjoy rousing circus music complete with ringmaster, performing dogs, jugglers and clowns.
- 4-6 Oakland Family Aquatic Center open 12-6 pm, Sept. 6 - final day for the season
- 9 Flat Branch Park Twilight Music, 6-8 pm, Free
- 10 50+ Jamm & Dance Session, Parkade Center, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 13 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session 1, Hickman Pool
- 16 Flat Branch Park Twilight Music, 6-8 pm, Free
- 17 50+ Fall Dance featuring Strictly Country, Parkade Center, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 18-19 Heritage Festival, Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S at AC exit, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 19 50+ Fall Dance, Parkade Center, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 20 Registration for Mid-Winter Volleyball begins
- 20-24 Advanced Registration for Adult Basketball, returning teams
- 23 Flat Branch Park Twilight Music, 6-8 pm, Free
- 25 Cosmo Day in the Park, Four-person scramble golf tournament, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Play games and win prizes at Dexheimer Shelter 11 am-2 pm: sand volleyball, horse-shoes, washers, disc golf target, children's activities, a bounce house, dunking booth and more! A fundraiser for youth scholarships to the ARC (Activity & Recreation Center) hosted by the Cosmo Clubs.
- 25-26 Columbia Fall Festival of the Arts, Downtown Courthouse Square, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 27 Open Registration for Adult Basketball, new teams begins
- 30 Flat Branch Park Twilight Music, 6-8 pm, Free

October

Registration Deadlines

- Oct 1 Registration for Youth Basketball (boys and girls 4th-7th grades), Kids Duathlon, Mid-Winter Volleyball and Adult Basketball, new teams