

EZ-PARK Available in the District and Campus Areas

If your destination is the District or Campus area, EZ-PARK is for you! Now there are 1,320 EZ-PARK meters in the District and Campus areas converted to accept EZ-PARK debit cards (using coins is the other option). The five Pay on Foot machines located in the three Cherry Street parking garages also accept the EZ-park card. Please look for meters with the blue EZ PARK symbol displayed.

Need to Purchase an EZ PARK Card?

EZ PARK cards can be purchased or have more value added to the card at one of four locations: (1) 701 E. Broadway, 3rd floor east end of Daniel Boone Building; (2) City Utility Accounts lobby at Eighth & Broadway; (3) Special Business District office, 11 South Tenth St.; and (4) Memorial Union on Campus.



They're Rechargeable!

In addition, all Cherry Street Parking Garages are equipped to "recharge" the EZ PARK debit card. The EZ PARK dispensers will accept \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. The use of a \$20 bill will add \$1 more of extra time on each purchase to thank each patron for a quick transaction. Purchases are limited to \$99 per card.

For more information or to see a map of locations for modified meters, visit the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoParking) or contact Public Works at 874-7250.

City Volunteers Celebrated on May 3

The annual City of Columbia Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held on Tuesday, May 3 at Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Over 200 volunteers and staff were treated to the dancing of Halau Hula O Missouri (mid-Missouri's own hula dancers) and were invited to don their favorite island shirt. KFRU's David Lile served as emcee for the evening and Mayor Darwin Hindman was on hand to thank our volunteers for all they do.

In 2004, volunteers provided 40,167 hours of service to the city. Based on the national value for an hour of volunteer service, \$17.55, this is worth nearly \$705,000.

Everyone can volunteer! To learn more, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499.

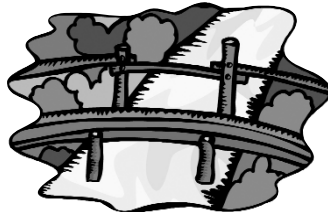
NEVER PLACE YARD WASTE ALONG A STREAM BANK NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE STREAM

Here in the middle of summer everyone is enjoying their yards and lawns. However, all that yard care can produce large amounts of yard waste. Sometimes homeowners mistakenly place their lawn clippings and/or brush along stream banks or small waterways, thinking it might help stabilize the banks.

In fact, yard waste and grass clippings smother the naturally occurring vegetation that helps keep stream banks from eroding. It is actually a violation of City Ordinance to place yard waste into a storm drain or any waterway, no matter how small the stream or open channel.

The Right Place for Grass Clippings . . .

Consider leaving the grass clippings on the lawn, where they contribute back some of the nitrogen needed for healthy grass. If you choose to bag your lawn clippings or other yard debris, it must either be composted, set out curbside in a clear City yard waste bag or taken to the mulch sites at Capen Park (south of Stadium, off Rock Quarry Road) or Parkside Drive (north of Memorial Park Cemetery, off Creasy Springs Rd). For information call 874-6291 or check the Web site at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



Holiday Schedules

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be collected on July 4 and will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions.

Also, city buses will not operate, the land-fill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced.

Web Did You Know?

Learn how to prevent sanitary sewer overflows and damage to city sewers caused by fats, oils and greases. Information is available on the city's Web site www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word is GoFOG).



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Happy Independence Day!

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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

City Hall Lobby 874-7111
Community Line 874-7650
TTY Users 874-7697
Pre-Recorded Information 24 Hrs A Day
Bus System And Information 874-7282
Energy Conservation 874-7325
Parks And Recreation 874-7460
Recreation Hotline/Cancellations - 24 Hrs 874-7663
Police Emergency 911
Access to Officer Voice Mail and General Information 874-7652
Non Emergency 442-6131; 442-6132
Columbia Police Programs/Crime Prevention 874-7405
East District Commander 874-7525
West District Commander 874-7523
Prosecutor - City 874-7229
Recycling Information 874-6291
Roll-Off Service 874-6291
Recreation Hot Line 874-7663
Solid Waste Collection 874-6291
Street Maintenance 874-6289
Street Sign Maintenance 874-6292
Traffic & Parking Violations 874-7230
Utilities Account Information 874-7380
Water & Light Turn On & Off 874-7380
Sanitary Sewer - Emergencies - 24 Hrs 445-9426
Storm Sewer Maintenance 874-6289
Power - Emergencies - 24 Hours 875-2555
Water - Emergencies - 24 Hours 875-2555
Volunteer Services 874-7499
Weeds & Health Complaints Hotline 874-7339

Recreation Scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers youth and adult scholarships. Financial assistance at the 50% or 75% level is available to Columbia residents who meet the income/household size criteria.

Youth scholarships may 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).

Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 631, you can learn about trails and trail etiquette.

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ACE Award goes to Columbia Water & Light for Energy Efficiency

Columbia Water and Light was recently presented with the 2005 Award of Continued Excellence (ACE) from the American Public Power Association. The award recognizes the utility's long-term support of energy efficient developments and programs.

"Columbia Water and Light is known throughout the public power industry as an innovative leader committed to improving the delivery of energy ser-

vices in an efficient and environmentally conscientious manner," said American Power Association President & CEO, Alan H. Richardson.

"It is making Columbia a better community in which to live and work. Columbia Water and Light has also been instrumental in sharing its operational and technology experiences to the benefit of other utilities across the country."



Water and Light Director Dan Dasha, center, is presented the ACE award by Jan Schori, Sacramento Municipal Utility Manager and APPA's Board of Director's Chair on the left and Alan Richardson, APPA President and CEO on the right

Sidewalk Cafes In Columbia

Want to enjoy dinner at a sidewalk café in downtown Columbia? An ordinance passed at the March 21 City Council meeting authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on public sidewalks has made this possible.

In an effort to draw more visitors to the downtown area during special events and to promote a wider variety of enjoyable opportunities, the Special Business District made the recommendation for the ordinance.

"The exciting thing is that it helps us continue to create a very vibrant sidewalk culture here in the District," said Carrie Gartner, Special Business District director.

Restaurants already licensed to sell alcoholic beverages will also be required to have a separate license to serve alcohol outside, and then only on the sidewalk adjacent to the restaurant bar. Other regulations include:

- All alcohol served must accompany a food order.
- Alcoholic beverages can only be served between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Only alcoholic beverages sold by the licensee may be consumed on the sidewalk.
- Sidewalk cafes will be nonsmoking areas.

Business owners who wish to apply for a sidewalk café license should contact the Business License Office at 874-7378.

Drop-off Recycling Containers

Drop-off recycling containers are located at Gerbes on Paris Road, Gerbes on West Broadway, Home Depot on Clark Lane, Moser's Price Chopper on the Business Loop 70, behind the vacant Mega Market on Conley Road, the Grindstone Parkway and Nifong connector (east of Burger King), and behind Bingham Hall (University of Missouri) off Ashland Gravel Road.

The drop-off bins are labeled for either containers or fiber materials. Containers that can be recycled include glass bottles and jars, aluminum food & beverage cans, metal food and beverage cans, and #1 and #2 plastic containers. Fiber materials such as corrugated cardboard, box board, chip board, newspapers, office papers, catalogs, phone books, and magazines should be placed in the drop-off bin for fiber materials.

Recycling correctly prevents contamination of recyclables. Processing the recyclables becomes more efficient saving time and money. For additional information or to take a virtual tour of the Material Recovery Facility where recyclables are processed, visit the web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoRecycling).



Fire in the Sky 2005

The 54th annual celebration of an American tradition

Fire in the Sky will be held on Monday, July 4, at the University of Missouri Memorial Stadium at the corner of Stadium and Providence. Gates open at 6:30 pm. The Chump Change Blues Band will perform at 7 pm, and the Bel Airs will perform at 8 pm. Fireworks will begin shortly after 9 pm and will be choreographed with the Missouri Symphony. The celebration is free, and concessions will be available. Please do not bring any fireworks to the stadium. For more information, call 874-7460 or visit www.kmiz.com.

With Independence day comes the age-old question of fireworks and are they illegal in the city limits of Columbia. Discharging fireworks in the City of Columbia is illegal under Section 16-234 of city ordinance. The Columbia Police Department will be doing special enforcement that night, and you could be subject to arrest for discharging fireworks in the City of Columbia.

LOAD MANAGEMENT

Save 3% On Your Summer Cooling Bill

If you're like most utility customers, you want to save money on your summer cooling bill, and you want to do your part to help the environment. Now is the perfect time to put one of our community's greatest energy resources—conservation—to work.



The first step is to request a free energy audit of your home or business. You'll receive an in-depth analysis of your household energy use and expert advice. Plus, you'll be eligible to apply for a low-interest loan for energy-saving improvements such as replacing your air conditioner, installing a heat pump or adding insulation!

With Columbia's Load Management Program, you can automatically save 3% on your summer electric bill. When you sign

up, a radio controlled switch is put on your air conditioning unit. The switch allows Water and Light to control the amount of electricity being demanded during hot afternoons by rotating the number of air conditioners running at one time. This helps everyone in our community avoid higher energy costs associated with periods of peak demand.

Lead by Example!

Columbia Water and Light encourages the efficient use of electricity to its customers to save money and be environmentally friendly. The utility also makes an effort to be a good steward of the environment itself.

In January, Columbia Water and Light started purchasing a block of energy generated from a renewable resource.

Although the power plant on the Business Loop only provides a small portion of our electric supply, the utility tries

to keep emissions to a minimum by purchasing coal with a low sulfur content.

As an energy user itself, Columbia Water and Light constantly looks for ways to reduce electric consumption. It has replaced lighting ballasts and bulbs to more energy efficient models. Offices are also equipped with occupancy sensors to turn lights off when offices are empty. The staff of Columbia Water and Light is dedicated to conservation to demonstrate that if everyone does their part, the environment can be a healthy one for years to come.

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July 2005 Volunteer of the Month

by volunteer Amy Coble

This month's honored volunteer is Charles Laun, a retired University of Columbia-Missouri biology professor.

Laun was nominated by Mona Menezes from the Public Works Department's Storm Water division for his assistance with the water quality program.

Laun's concern and outreach extends beyond Columbia stream cleanup. He monitors the water quality for two mid-Missouri lakes, formed the Hominy Branch Stream Team and has been a Missouri Department of Conservation "Forest Keeper" for the past eight years. Laun also enjoys community outreach as he helps to educate people about the impact of Missouri's water on the environment.

When asked about the rewards of his volunteer experience Laun says, "The rewards are that I get to work with people and teach them about the importance of water quality." Menezes, storm water educator with adds that Laun's presence and constant assistance "inspires people."

Columbia extends our thanks to Charles Laun for his hard work and dedication.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call 874-7499 or visit our Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

How to Volunteer for a City Board or Commission

The City of Columbia's Boards and Commissions rely on voluntary service by citizens of Columbia. Each Board and Commission has specific prerequisites for membership.

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. The Web site also contains a listing of all Boards and Commissions and current members.



McGruff & CRUISER

Members of the Columbia Police Department will soon have a new friend to assist with community policing. The Columbia Police Foundation has assisted the Community Services Unit in receiving private funding for McGruff & Cruiser.

What is McGruff & Cruiser, and how can this new tool assist in public relations and crime prevention education?

McGruff & Cruiser is a robot produced by Robotronics in Utah. McGruff the robot is a reincarnation of McGruff the Crime Dog. McGruff the Crime Dog is the mascot for the National Crime Prevention Council and long time promoter of Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention initiatives in Columbia and around the nation. McGruff rides in a scaled



down replica of a real Columbia Police cruiser. McGruff & Cruiser uses state of the art electronics to move, talk and communicate with the public McGruff and his cruiser will be a big hit with the kids!

McGruff & Cruiser was made possible through the Columbia Police Foundation. Alarm Communications Center (ACC) and State Farm Insurance both donated \$5,000 apiece to purchase McGruff. Joe Machens Ford painted McGruff's cruiser and Bee Seen Signs completed the detail work. We at the Columbia Police Department thank all the contributors who made McGruff & Cruiser a reality.

Officers with the Columbia Police Department will use McGruff & Cruiser at safe kids events, media events, child identification events, National Night Out and many other activities. You can visit McGruff & Cruiser at any of the Child Safety Days sponsored by the Columbia Police Department.

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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



July

- 4 Special Swim Hours at all facilities, 12-5 pm. No lessons will be held.
- 4 Fire in the Sky, 7 pm, Memorial Stadium
- 11 Annual Park Day, Douglass Park
- 13 Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema featuring 50 First Dates, 4th and Cherry Sts, 8:45 pm
- 15 Teen Night, Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 pm, ages 11-15, \$1
- 22-24 Show-Me State Games
- 26-27 Coca-Cola Junior Championship, L.A. Nickell Golf Course
- 29 O.A.K./50+ Ice Cream Social & Free Dance, Parkade Center east side, 601 Bus Loop 70W, Ste. 216, Rec Room C, 6-10 pm
- 29-31 Show-Me State Games
- 30 Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema featuring ET, 4th & Cherry Sts, 8:45 pm

Note from the ARC

The ARC Water Zone will be closed July 31 to August 6 for annual maintenance.

Parks and Recreation Fall Registration

The fall Leisure Times activity guide will be available Wednesday, August 10, in the Tribune; at the Parks and Recreation office, 1 South 7th Street; the Daniel Boone Regional Library; and online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.