

# Council Action

The Council on Jan. 18:

- Authorized construction of improvements to Nifong Park, Cosmo Park, Twin Lakes Recreation Area and American Legion Park. The city's fiscal year 2005 budget includes an appropriation of \$44,000 for an Annual Park Improvement Program. Funding comes from the 1999 ¼ cent sales tax.
- Called for a municipal election to elect council members for Ward 1 and Ward 5. The election will be held April 5.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Safety Center to conduct enforcement activities for promoting seat belt usage. The Missouri Safety Center Youth Enforcement Grant, in funds up to \$4,608, provides reimbursement for officers' overtime pay to enforce seat belt and traffic violations around the high schools.

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.



Barb Seabolt, and other MRC volunteers assist with Homeland Security.

## April Volunteer of the Month

By volunteer Amy Coble

April's volunteer of the month is Barb Seabolt, who was nominated by the Columbia/ Boone County Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC.)

The MRC consists of medical/health care professionals and staff who volunteer in times of disaster and as needed.

Seabolt has been assisting them for one year. Her organizational level and staff experience help the MRC keep up with the demands of the community. Barb says, "Volunteering is an extension of your faith . . . something heartfelt that you can

do to share and help people."

Seabolt is a charter volunteer for the Columbia Hospitality Corps, which staffs the Lake of the Woods Visitor Center.

The City of Columbia thanks Barb for her dedication. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visit our Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), e-mail volunteer @GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7499.

## Mark Your Calendar!

- Free Mulch Giveaway, Capen Park and Parkside Drive Mulch Sites, April 2 and 30, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site loader.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 1313 Lakeview Ave, reopens April 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Bag Deliveries: Yard Waste Bags, April 4-8; Black Trash Bags, April 11-15; and Blue Recycling Bags, April 18-22. Questions? Call 874-6291.
- Saturday Compost Sales to the Public: April 9 and 23; 8 a.m.-12 noon. Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, 474-9145. Also Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Fourth Squad is Back

Prior to the Columbia Police Department officially going to the community-policing concept there existed a special unit of officers called 4<sup>th</sup> Squad due to the time of day it worked, which was from 7 p.m. till 3 a.m. Fourth Squad was created to address many of the crime issues confronting central Columbia. Many of the residents in central Columbia grew to like the 4<sup>th</sup> Squad officers because they were out on foot and they got to know the citizens in that area.

Chief Randy Boehm has now decided to bring 4<sup>th</sup> Squad back. Sgt. Don Hawkins, who has a great deal of experience in this area, will supervise 4th Squad. Sgt. Hawkins will supervise Officers Brendan Taylor, Clint Nickelson, Leslie Harris, Alan Mitchell II, Justin LaForest and John Hoff. Officers will generally work from 6:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

## Tree Power

Shade trees can greatly reduce your summer cooling costs. Electric customers can sign up for Tree Power and a representative will come to your house to show you the best way to shade your home. You will then receive a coupon for a free tree.

## Columbia Water & Light

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## Cleanup Columbia. . .

Get Out, Get Active & Spruce Up Your City!

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual city-wide trash pick-up event, Cleanup Columbia, will be held Saturday, April 9. Volunteers will be all over town throughout the morning picking up litter and afterward are invited to lunch at Twin Lakes Recreation Area. You, your family, business, or organization are invited to participate.

Not only does picking up trash make our city more attractive and help the environment, it is also great exercise. Getting a little physical activity each day, even if it's only taking a 30- minute walk around your neighborhood or picking up trash to Clean Up Columbia, can help you build strong bones and muscles, reduce body fat and feel great!

Cleanup Columbia is sponsored by KOMU-TV 8, the Columbia Daily Tribune, KBXR, Atkins, APAC-Missouri, Inc. and CenturyTel. The event also has special partners including the Golden K Kiwanis Club, Columbia Public Works, the Columbia/Boone County Health Department and the Bike, Walk & Wheel: A Way of Life in Columbia project.

Registration deadline for Cleanup Columbia is Friday, April 1. To get involved, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit us online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com). On the Web, citizens can register to participate and also report trashy areas that need attention.

above, left: Individuals have a great impact during the annual Cleanup Columbia event.

above, right: Working together brings out the volunteer spirit in Columbia.

## Park Patrol Volunteers keep our trails & parks safe

The Park Patrol, established in 1997, is a volunteer program that allows citizens to help keep our trails and parks safe and in good repair. Volunteers discourage crime through their presence and report suspicious activity to the Columbia Police Department and maintenance issues to the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department.

Park Patrol volunteers should be at least 18 years of age, must pass a criminal background check, and must attend a two hour training session. The next Park Patrol training session will be held on Thursday, May 19. Those interested in getting started sooner may participate in video training.

To learn more about the Park Patrol and to volunteer, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or drop an e-mail to [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Try Budget Billing!

Want to avoid seasonally high utility bills? Sign up for the City of Columbia's budget billing program and you can make the same payment every month! All you need to join the program is to have lived at your current residence for longer than 12 months. We'll use your billing history to calculate the average so we can figure your monthly payment. Every March, we'll review your account to see if you have overpaid or underpaid and make adjustments accordingly.

To sign up for budget billing, use the tear off flap of your return envelope.

## Ward Receives Martin Luther King Commission Award

Nanette Chun-Ming Ward, Human Rights Investigator and Community Educator for the City of Columbia, received the 2005 Martin Luther King Commission Award for a government employee in January 12. The award was presented by Governor Matt Blunt.



left: (left to right) Phil Steinhaus, manager of the Office of Community Services; Nanette C. M. Ward, human rights investigator/community educator; and David Finke, chair of the Columbia Human Rights Commission.

One of the most important programs she has planned and implemented is the Human Rights Commission's Community Study Circle Program called "Let's Talk, Columbia!" Through this program, racial tensions in the city are addressed by engaging local citizens in safe, honest, interactive dialogues about personal issues of human diversity.

Ward is an excellent example of how one person can make a difference. Through her diversity programs, she is helping people of all ages, races and religions to understand each other's experiences and backgrounds, thus making Columbia a more integrated and open-minded community.



## Awards Given at Diversity Celebration

Dr. Arvarh Strickland and Mid-Missouri Peaceworks were named recipients of the 2005 Columbia Values Diversity Awards. A special award was presented to Earl and the late Clara Miles.

Diversity awards are given annually to an individual and organization whose work in our community exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Strickland became the first black professor at the University of Missouri in 1969. He chaired

the Department of History from 1980 - 1983; interim Director of the Black Studies Program in 1986; Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1989-1991.

Kim Dill accepted the award for Mid-Missouri Peaceworks. A major thrust of Peaceworks is citizen empowerment and they have consistently offered education, forums, services and activities to enable people to speak and act their mind in matters of civic responsibility.

In the late 1950's, the Mileses and other black families, were determined to build or purchase homes in areas outside traditional black neighborhoods. Overcoming much resistance, the Mileses and the other families, wrote a new chapter in the civil rights history of Columbia when Miles Manor was developed in the mid-1960's.



above: Mayor Darwin Hindman presents Diversity Awards to Arvarh Strickland (top) and Kim Dill, who accepted for Mid-Missouri Peaceworks.

## Columbia Receives 'Financially Fit' Ranking

According to a report presented Jan. 18 to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Columbia is the ninth most financially fit U.S. metro area with a population less than 200,000. The study, conducted by the InCharge Education Foundation in Orlando, Fla., late last year, examined 314 metropolitan areas across three population categories.

The analysis utilized five factors to define and measure "financial fitness:"

- Real personal disposable income—total personal income minus personal current taxes.
- Employment opportunities—Since wages and salaries produce most of personal income, employment is an important indicator of financial success—not only at the family level, but also on a local and national level.
- Credit worthiness—How well is consumer income covering consumer expenditures and debts?
- Levels of savings—Savings is one of the most important indicators of financial wellness.
- Refinancing activity—Refinancing is connected to financial worth, and reflects the ability to convert non-financial assets—like one's home—into money that can be used to decrease debt or to spend or invest in things that will deliver higher returns.

## Summer Employment

Columbia Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer employment for enthusiastic and responsible individuals who have the required skills or are willing to learn. Training is available. Job opportunities include: lifeguards, swim instructors, cashiers, concession workers, umpires, camp staff (director, assistant director, counselors), and park maintenance. Teens must be at least 15 years old. Youth 10 years and older can volunteer to assist with swim instruction. Call 874-7235 for more information or pick up a job application at Human Resources, 1 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, or online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: GoJobs).

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## Columbia Considers Next Generation Waste Management: Bioreactor Landfill

The Public Works Department is planning for the next cell at the City's sanitary landfill. The cell will be needed for operation in 2007. As part of the planning, the Public Works Department is evaluating the use of enhanced stabilization "bioreactor" technology to accelerate the biostabilization of the waste into a harmless inert substance and to produce methane gas at a higher rate for use as a renewable energy source.

The technique would be the first application in Missouri. Camp, Dresser & McKee, an international consulting firm, has been contracted to provide the engineering services associated with the design and construction of the landfill cell. The first phase is to provide an economic and viability analysis on using the bioreactor process.

The primary differences in the bioreactor technique and the current practice are shown below.

Current Cell	Bioreactor Cell
Compact waste and cover to reduce moisture infiltration	Fluff waste and add moisture to augment decomposition. Waste decomposes and settles more completely creating additional landfill volume
Very slow decomposition over decades	Rapid stabilization of waste, within 5-10 years of placement, into an inert mass
Methane gas is generated at a slower rate over a longer period of time	Accelerated gas production over shorter period provides greater volumes for green energy

To learn more about this process, view a presentation at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com). Staff members are available to explain the bioreactor process. Contact Richard Wieman, Solid Waste Utility Manager, at 874-6290 or [rlw@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:rlw@GoColumbiaMo.com) for information.

## Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online at  
[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)  
(GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration)

# April

- Hershey Track & Field registration begins
- 1 Deadline to submit CARE applications
- 1 Douglass Baseball registration deadline
- 6 Registration for summer classes, programs, and Camp Adventure begins. Look for the spring issue of Leisure Times in the Wednesday Tribune, pick up a copy at 1 S 7<sup>th</sup> St, or visit our Web site (above) for information.
- 9 O.A.K. Jamm & Dance Session, Parkade Center, Ste 216 Rec Room C, 7-10 pm, Free
- 11 Annual Easter Hunt, Douglass Park, 10 a.m.
- 15 Youth Soccer Registration begins. Call 874-4640.
- 16 The Amazing Magic Show, 1-2 p.m., ARC, \$6 for children 17-under, \$8 for adults, pre-register
- 21 Tons of Trucks, 4-7 p.m., Rainbow Softball Complex Parking Lot, Free
- 24 Earth Day, 12-7 p.m., Peace Park, Rain date: May 1

## Spring / Summer Program Registration Begins April 6

Registration for spring and summer programs, including Camp Adventure, begins on April 6. Look for your copy of the Leisure Times activity guide in the April 6 Columbia Daily Tribune, at the library, at the Parks and Recreation office at 1 S 7th Street or online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: GoLeisureTimes). Call 874-7460 for more information.

## Columbia Transit's April Events

- April 14: Commuter booth, Advent Enterprises Business Fair, 1500 Vandiver Drive, 1-4 p.m.
- April 24: Columbia Transit at Earth Day
- April 21: Wear your "I've made Connections!" button and ride the Orbiter free
- April Special Connection: For information, visit our Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)