

Bike, Walk & Wheel Week



4th Annual Mayor's Challenge
Columbia, MO • May 7-14, 2005

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Mark your calendars for May 7-14. Bike, Walk, Wheel Week is an opportunity to build physical activity into daily routines and to identify safety issues that need to be addressed to make Columbia a walkable, bikeable, wheelchair-friendly city.

Events for the week include:

- *Friday, May 6:* A fun, surprise event featuring local celebrities—details forthcoming!
- *Saturday, May 7:* Kickoff Celebration—Flat Branch Park and MKT Trail bicycle ride/hike
- *Sunday, May 8:* Cycle-Recycle—the Intersection
- *Monday, May 9:* Skate Party—Empire Roller Rink
- *Tuesday, May 10:* Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health Fitness Forum: the ARC
- *Wednesday, May 11:* Women's Adventure Series, Women's Intersport Network of Columbia
- *Thursday, May 12:* PedNet's Scavenger Hunt—downtown
- *Friday, May 13:* Breakfast Station Day throughout Columbia
- *Saturday, May 14:* morning: Columbia Bike Club's Poker Ride – Boone County Fairgrounds; afternoon: Final Celebration—Flat Branch Park
- *This week only,* "Your Bike is Your Ticket!" Individuals utilizing bike racks on Columbia Transit buses ride for free to any destination on the city bus routes (space available only, maximum two bikes per bus).

Check PedNet's Web site at www.pednet.org for details. Please plan to support this event and bike, walk or wheel yourself to your destinations throughout the week of May 7-14. To participate as a sponsor or volunteer, email Judy Knudson, coordinator, at JudyKnudy@aol.com.

Show Me Yards and Neighborhoods is coming to our city!



Available to residential or business lawns, SMY&N offers alternatives to the traditional lawn care practices that contribute to runoff of contaminants and excess nutrients; that polluted runoff eventually winds up in our streams. SMY&N originated in Florida several years ago when runoff from yards and other urban areas began to affect the Everglades. Springfield, MO, successfully adopted SMY&N three years ago in an effort to protect city drinking water and nearby Ozark streams. Now Columbia is introducing SMY&N.

In addition to raising awareness of polluted runoff from lawns, solutions and recognition incentives will be provided for homeowners, lawn care providers and neighborhoods that put the practices to work. Assistance is available for builders, developers and landowners.

Workshops will be held for interested citizens and lawn care companies. For more information or to receive a brochure, call 817-6447.

SMY&N is sponsored by a joint effort through Boone County, the City of Columbia, University of Missouri and University Extension.

Try Columbia Transit in May

During Bike, Walk & Wheel Week, May 7-14, bring your bike on the bike rack and you ride free! Wear your "I've made Connections!" button Thursday, May 19, and ride the Orbiter all day for no charge. Also on Thursday, May 19, connect to our Theater Special—the Purple route—for a free ride to the movies. Watch for the latest discounts for pass holders. Go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoBus) or call 874-7282.

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 2006. The commission is seeking written public comment on social service needs to assist in making funding recommendations for 2006. Funding has been requested in the following general categories:

- Basic Needs and Emergency Services
- Youth Education and Employment Services
- Counseling and Rehabilitation Services
- Elderly and Disabled Services

To obtain a list of 2006 funding requests, please contact the Office of Community Services. Phone: 874-7488 (v/tty) or E-Mail: OCS@GoColumbiaMo.com

Please submit written comments by May 3, 2005 to:

Mr. Jordan Alexander, Commission Chair
c/o Office of Community Services
P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Council Action

The Council on Feb. 7:

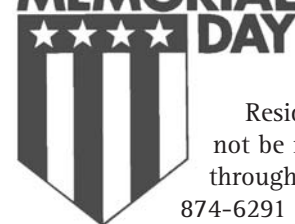
- Adopted the Parks & Recreation Department adult financial assistance guidelines. The program is to allow economically disadvantaged adults to obtain access to the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC).
- Appropriated "Share the Light" funds to the Fire Department for the purchase of fire prevention education equipment. The \$5,500 will be used to purchase a "Hazard House" from Modeltech International for use at schools and safety/health fairs. The target audience is 6-12 years. "Share the Light" allows Columbia residents to contribute to one or more of six areas of city programming that extend beyond basic services.

The Council on Feb. 21:

- Authorized construction of improvements to Paquin Park. Improvements include a new shelter, fence replacement, and small basketball court. Project cost is estimated at \$70,000, including \$10,000 in force account labor, and is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Confirmed the contract with River City Construction LLC for construction of the McBaine Water Treatment Plant expansion project. The expansion project is the first phase of three water projects identified in the 2003 bond issue. The expansion will increase the daily capacity from 24 million gallons to 32 million gallons. The engineer's estimate was \$8.6 million with low bid of \$8.3 million.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day Holiday



City offices will be closed Monday, May 30 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.

Summer Hours—Don't Be Caught Snoozing

Summer hours for residential refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will begin on May 31 at 7 a.m., one hour earlier.

The new hours will be in effect through September 9. All waste must be curbside by 7 a.m. the day of collection or no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before collection.

Memorial Day is May 30, a city observed holiday; therefore, collection of refuse, recycling and yard waste will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. For additional information, please visit our Web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoPublicWorks) or call 874-6291.



In Memory of Officer Molly Suzanne Bowden 1978-2005

On January 10, during a traffic stop, Officer Molly Bowden sustained wounds to her neck and shoulder. Thirty days later, she passed away from her injuries.

Molly was 26 years old, a native of Columbia and a Hickman High School graduate. She graduated from Columbia College with a degree in Criminal Justice and served with the University of Missouri Police Department before coming to the Columbia Police Department three and a half years ago.

Molly is survived by her husband, Officer Corey Bowden; parents, David and Beverly Thomas; her brother, Matthew; and two step sons.

Molly was an excellent officer, who stood as an example for those who worked with her. She was a fighter, which is evident in her monthlong battle with her injuries.

After Molly's death Feb. 10, the public outcry and support was remarkable! Chief Randy Boehm, along with the men and women of the Police Department, wish to thank the community for the incredible support during what is possibly the saddest day in the department's history.

Emergency Operations Plan and meet the demands of a major disaster affecting Columbia and Boone County," said Paula Hertwig Hopkins, assistant city manager. "The cooperation between governmental entities, the business community, volunteer organizations and others was a highlight of the week. We came together as a team and were able to successfully solve problems presented in the exercise scenario. We plan to take the lessons learned from this exercise and make our plans even better."

"The University of Missouri appreciated the opportunity to participate in this important community activity and looks forward to continuing to build on the excellent working relationships we enjoy with the city, county and business leaders," said Lisa Wimmenauer, associate director of administrative services, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Don Laird, president, Columbia Chamber of Commerce, added, "The course enabled me to interact with many of the key providers in Columbia and Boone County. I have a whole new appreciation for their dedication and professionalism."

City, County Participate in Emergency Training Exercise

A group of 70 emergency responders, local government officials, medical personnel, school administrators, community and business leaders, volunteer organizations and other agencies involved with emergency operations completed a weeklong emergency training exercise at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md., Feb. 14-18. The Integrated Emergency Management Course builds awareness and skills needed to develop and implement policies, plans and procedures to protect life and property in the event of a disaster or emergency.

The course was conducted by the FEMA Emergency Management Institute and a team of instructors with extensive emergency management experience and knowledge. Participants were involved in a scenario that involved a major disaster simulating a tornado that hit the heart of Columbia and Boone County.

"During this training opportunity, we tested our emergency plans that were developed by emergency personnel, and I am pleased to say the plans worked," said Presiding Boone County Commissioner Keith Schnarre. "I am confident that our emergency management system is prepared to effectively execute our plans to protect lives and property in a real disaster."

"This training exercise tested our ability to implement our community's



The Little Sisters of the Pearls and Rubies, University of Missouri-Columbia.

May Volunteer of the Month

By volunteer Amy Coble

The May volunteer of the month is University of Missouri-Columbia, campus organization ~ The Little Sisters of the Pearls and Rubies honored for their Adopt A Spot Litter partnership with the Columbia Public Works Department.

The organization's purpose is to promote academic and social interaction with the members of UMC's Farmhouse Fraternity. The current president, Andrea Shaw, says, "We love being able to get out and help our community whether it's through cleaning up our adopted spot or helping organizations, such as Relay for Life, raise funds. We have a wonderful group of women that are committed to the betterment of our

community and we appreciate that Columbia has been very supportive of us as well."

Aside from their campus work, the Little Sisters have helped Public Works since October 1998. Their current project is picking up litter in Paquin Park and at Lee Elementary School with close to 100 volunteer hours since starting the program.

The City of Columbia thanks them for their hard work.

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

Get Ready for Summer & Save

It's time to get your cooling system ready for the summer!

Maintain your heating and cooling system by replacing air filters at least four times a year.

Clean dust and lint away from the heating/cooling unit on a regular basis so the motors run more efficiently.

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on regularly scheduled maintenance.

Columbia Water and Light



A powerful community resource.

Save 3% on Summer Cooling Bills

Join the Load Management program and help Columbia Water and Light control peak electric use during the summer. That saves the utility money and the savings are passed on to you!

When you sign up for Load Management, 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 by rotating the number of air conditioners running on hot afternoons. As a customer, you shouldn't notice any difference in how cool your house is. You'll just notice a 3% savings on your summer bill.

Sign up today!
874-7325
www.GoColumbiaMo.com

Have an irrigation system?

You need to have an annual check of your backflow device to protect our water supply. A list of certified contractors who provide this service is available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com, use GoWord "backflow" to locate the page. You can also obtain a list from the Water Distribution office at 874-6229.



Share the Light Update

Share the Light, a program that allows residents to donate

to specific city programs through their utility bill, has raised over \$57,000 since it began in 2001. Share the Light donors can make one time or monthly contributions at a level of his or her choice. The City thanks all those who have contributed to the program.

Share the Light has funded youth scholarships for the Activity & Recreation Center, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for families and seniors, and mulch for Adopt-A-Spot volunteers. Funds have also helped restore the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and maintain art at the 8th and Cherry parking garage.

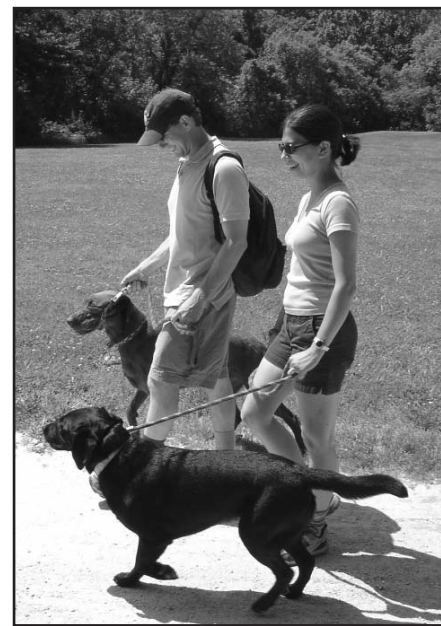
To learn more about Share the Light, call 874-7504.

Dog Running Areas

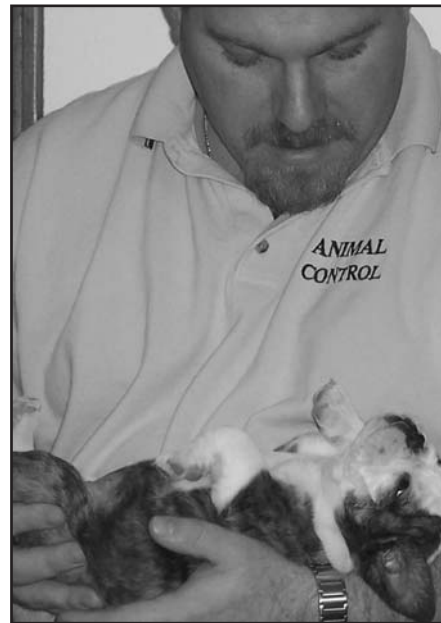
Dogs must be on a leash in all city parks and on walking trails. The following are the only areas approved by the City Council for running of dogs off-leash. Dogs off-leash must be under the control of the owner. Dogs on a trail shall be on a leash and reined in to within four feet of the responsible person whenever approaching or being approached by another trail user. Areas described below are approved as leash-free areas except on established walking trails.

Grindstone Nature Area,
2011 Old 63 South
The entire area is approved except for established walking trails.

Cosmo Park/Bear Creek Nature Area,
1615 Business Loop 70 West



Dogs must be on a leash on established city walking trails.



Animal Control Officer Jesse Crews cares for Charlotte, an English Bulldog puppy. Charlotte, her mother and siblings were all adopted after being rescued and fostered by the Division of Animal Control.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Owning pets enriches our lives in many ways. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department would like to remind city residents of the current ordinances in place to ensure responsible pet ownership.

Vaccination and Licensing

The Columbia ordinance requires licensing cats and dogs over three months old. Animals must be vaccinated for rabies prior to licensing. Any veterinarian located in Columbia, the City's Business License Office or the Animal Control office can issue licenses.

Animal Abuse and Cruelty

Owners or keepers of pets are required to provide adequate and proper food, drink and shelter. It is also wrong to beat or treat a pet inhumanely. Abuse or cruelty should be reported to the Central Missouri Humane Society or to Animal Control.

"Pooper Scooper" Ordinance

If your dog leaves droppings on public property or on private property where the animal does not reside, the owner is responsible for clean up and proper disposal.

Access from skate park parking lot in the north end of the park.

Twin Lakes Recreational Area,
2500 Chapel Hill Road
Area between swimming lake and large fishing lake. Park in shelter lot.

Garth Nature Area, 2799 N. Garth
The area between the trail and the creek and to the west of the parking lot is available.

Hinkson Woods Natural History Area,
2701 Forum Blvd. or 2500 Chapel Hill Road

To access this area, park either at the MKT Forum Blvd. trail access or at the Twin Lakes Recreational Area. Follow the MKT Trail west of Twin Lakes to Hinkson Woods sign. The MKT Trail can be accessed from Twin Lakes by following the trail around fishing lake. Individuals should keep their dogs on leashes until entering Hinkson Woods Area.

Dangerous and Exotic Animals

Dangerous exotic animals are not permitted within the city limits.

Control

Dogs anywhere in Columbia must remain on the owner's property at all times unless such owner or possessor is engaged in hunting or training.

All dogs over three months of age must wear collars inside the City of Columbia.

Dogs running at large in the City of Columbia may be picked up and impounded by Animal Control.

Vicious Animals

An animal shall be considered vicious if:

- 1) it bites or otherwise injures any person or domestic animal or pet, or;
- 2) it habitually snaps at, growls or otherwise manifests a disposition to bite, attack or injure any person or domestic animal or pet, or;
- 3) it causes any person to have a reasonable fear of immediate serious physical injury.

For more information on any of these ordinances or services provided by Animal Control, call 449-1888 or go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the Health Department page.

Columbia Regional Airport

As we enter the summer travel season, and despite the airline industry's financial woes, air fares continue to be the best bargain they have been in years. Columbia's four daily departures connecting with the largest network of destinations of any airline provide a cost-effective entry into the system right here in mid-Missouri. Contact the airport for more information.

Columbia Regional Airport is a full-service commercial and general aviation airport serving all of mid-Missouri and is located 12 miles south of I-70 on US 63. For information on airport services, call 874-7508 or see the City of Columbia Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Remodeling your home this Spring?

Need to dispose of Commercial Waste?

The Columbia Public Works Solid Waste Division offers a roll-off and commercial waste collection service for homeowners, business owners and contractors. There's never any contract because rental fees are paid per day. Take advantage of these services for just one day or one year if you need to! Service can be delivered within hours and early morning service is offered for your convenience. Expect experienced drivers, as well as very competitive rates.

It doesn't matter whether your job is large or small because a wide selection of containers is available to meet your needs. To find out how the Roll-off and Commercial Waste Collection Service can make your life easier this spring, call 874-6291.

Heritage Festival Call for Crafters

The 28th Annual Heritage Festival will be held September 17 & 18, 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 (GoWord: GoHeritageFestival).

right: Artisans and tradesmen demonstrate their crafts at the Heritage Festival.

City Arts Funding

Local arts organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible to receive city funding to support visual, performing and literary arts programming and related educational offerings. Applications must be received by May 6, 5 p.m. For information about eligibility or an application, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), 874-6386 (TTY 874-7488), oca@GoColumbiaMo.com. The application form is also available on the OCA's Web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoArtsFunding).

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com
(GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration)
Call 874-7460 for more information.

May

- 1 Soccer Registration for Fall 2003 & Spring 2004 begins
- 5 Douglass Gym closes for the summer
- 6 Trivia Night—benefit for Special Olympics, 7-10 pm, Cosmo Club, pre-register team
- 8-14 Mayor's Challenge Bike, Walk, and Wheel to Work Week
- 14-15 3-Person Scramble, L.A. Nickell & Lake of the Woods Golf Courses
- 21-22 Heritage Weekend, Douglass Park, 1-8 pm
- 21 Bicycle Safety Challenge, State Farm, 4700 S. Providence, 10 am-12 pm, K-8
- 22 Local Hershey Track & Field Meet, Hickman High School Track, check in 9 am
- 28-30 Opening Day for Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 12-6 pm, open again on June 4
- 25-27 Summer State Games—Special Olympics, 8 am-6 pm, University of Missouri Campus

