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## Griggs honored with the 2011 Lang Award



Khaki Westerfield, daughter of Howard Lang, presents the Lang Award to Dave Griggs (right) while Mayor Bob McDavid looks on.

On April 14, Dave Griggs received the third annual **Howard B. Lang Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service** to the City of Columbia. Griggs was surprised with the award at the end of the REDI (Regional Economic Development Inc.) quarterly meeting.

Griggs was nominated by the staff and board of REDI for the leadership he provided to help attract IBM to Columbia. IBM's locating in Columbia will result in 800 new jobs and create additional spin-off jobs and tax revenue for the City.

The Lang Award was established by Columbia's first city manager, Leo Hill, to honor Howard Lang who was mayor from 1953 to 1957. Award nominees may have taken any volunteer role that benefits City government. The recipient is chosen based on impact, initiative and length of service. Past recipients are Ed Kaiser and Darwin Hindman.

## Volunteer hours equal a million dollars

The City of Columbia honored those who share their time as volunteers with a reception on Wednesday, May 4. In fiscal year 2010, volunteers shared 48,076 hours of service valued at more than \$1 million.



## Volunteer of the Month - Roger Gadbois



Roger Gadbois

In order to maintain the thousands of trees in Columbia, the City not only turns to staff but also to dedicated volunteers such as June's Volunteer of the Month Roger Gadbois. Gadbois' dedication to keeping trees healthy led him to devote time and resources to that cause.

One of Gadbois' ideas led to a new volunteer program in the Public Works Department called STAT, the Street Tree Assessment Team. STAT now involves 15 knowledgeable volunteers caring for hundreds of trees around Columbia. Gadbois also contributed the idea to use drainage pipe around the base of newly-planted trees to protect them from mower damage.

He went a step further by providing the piping at his own expense, says Chad Herwald, City arborist. Herwald speaks highly of Gadbois' volunteer service to Columbia and feels that he is making a real difference in the City.

"In an economy where budgets and jobs are being cut, he offers eyes and ears into the community to aid us in providing a healthy product for the citizens of Columbia," Herwald said.

Gadbois' passion for maintaining healthy trees has helped with storm runoff and capturing carbon emissions - lowering Columbia's carbon footprint.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

—Written by volunteer Bryan Goer

## Outdoor Movies in the Park

Columbia Parks and Recreation presents the next showings in the Outdoor Movies in the Park series. Movies are held at Flat Branch Park on a giant inflatable screen and resemble a drive-in without cars. Bring your blanket or low lawn chair and head out for a night of entertainment under the stars!

### Scheduled movies are:

- Friday, July 8, 9 p.m.—An American Tail (PG)
- Friday, Aug. 12, 8:30 p.m.—Tangled (PG)

There are no rain dates. Concessions are available. Movie admission is \$2 per person; children 8 and under are free.

The Outdoor Movies in the Park series is sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and KPLA 101.5.

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## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

### Application deadline:

**July 8 at noon**

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes Commission

### Application deadline:

**Aug. 5 at noon**

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing Commission

Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

## Did you know?

The Columbia/Boone County Office of Emergency Management activates ALL outdoor warning sirens when a tornado warning is issued for ANY portion of the county. Find out more at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com/EM](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/EM).

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Bob McDavid

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| First Ward   | Fred Schmidt    |
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| Fourth Ward  | Daryl Dudley    |
| Fifth Ward   | Helen Anthony   |
| Sixth Ward   | Barbara Hoppe   |
| City Manager | Mike Matthes    |



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## Parks and Recreation presents Family Fun Fests

Don't miss Columbia Parks and Recreation Family Fun Fests from 6-8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month through September. The **free** Fun Fests feature a new theme each month. Entertainment for the entire family will include music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, balloon animals, face painting and guaranteed fun for all ages.

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8, EntPro Entertainment and Home & Lifestyle Magazine.

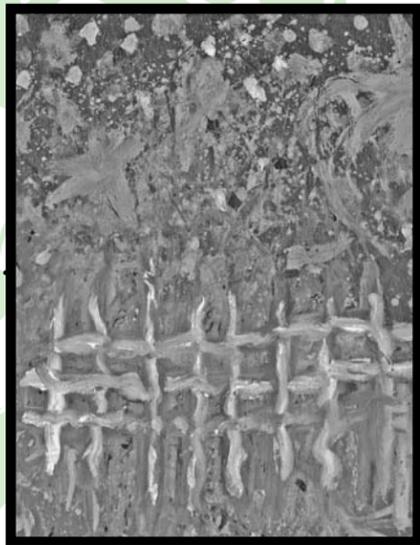
### July 20: Summer Fun

This evening will feature a variety of summer inspired entertainment and hands-on activities for all ages.

### Coming Up:

Aug. 17: Around the World

Sept. 21: Creative Kids



Each year the Office of Cultural Affairs selects student artwork to highlight in the promotional posters for the Family Fun Fest events. This project is a component of the Office of Cultural Affairs' partnership with the Columbia Public Schools Art Department. Original artwork by 2010 Grant Elementary School students Abby Dubinski and Emily Fulcher; art specialist Suzzie Thomas.

## National Night Out

National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2, is an opportunity to support crime prevention and meet your neighbors through block parties and events. Events often include food and may include activities for children. Columbia police and fire personnel can visit your event and possibly bring McGuff and handouts for children, if requested.

For more information about National Night Out, see <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html>.

To register your event, contact [http://columbianeighborhoodwatch.org/national\\_night\\_out.php](http://columbianeighborhoodwatch.org/national_night_out.php). Please provide a phone number that will be answered during your event so CPD/CFD can coordinate their visits.

This is a perfect opportunity to ask your neighbors if they would like to participate in the Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program and exchange contact information with them. For more information on setting up Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood see <http://columbianeighborhoodwatch.org/pages.php?id=21>.

For a schedule of Neighborhood Watch trainings already available, see <http://columbianeighborhoodwatch.org/pages.php?id=24>.

## Fireworks Safety

Many Americans celebrate our nation's birthday with fireworks. It is always important to handle fireworks with caution, especially around celebrations and cookouts when most fireworks injuries occur. In 2008, fireworks started an estimated 22,500 fires that resulted in \$42 million in property damage. That same year, seven people died and an estimated 7,000 people were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained from fireworks. More than half of those injured were children. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to watch displays that are handled by professionals, but if you do handle fireworks, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services offers the following tips:

- **Know the type of fireworks you are using**
- **Never let young children handle fireworks**
- **Avoid homemade fireworks**
- **Only use fireworks outside**
- **Always have water handy**
- **Alcohol and fireworks do not mix**
- **Use common sense**— Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.

For more information on fireworks safety, please visit [www.fireworksafety.com](http://www.fireworksafety.com).

## Help keep our streams clean

While visiting a property owner, I discovered multiple piles of dog waste in the curb inlet in front of his house. After seeing his large dog, I mentioned that stormwater going into that curb inlet went straight to Bear Creek. "Really? I had no idea."

Columbia has **separate** stormwater and sanitary sewer systems. All stormwater runoff discharges to the closest waterway. All waterways in Columbia go to the Missouri River by way of Hinkson or Bear Creek. Therefore, the pet waste was going directly to the creek without treatment!

All wastewater from household plumbing goes to the sanitary sewer system and is treated at the Columbia Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). At the WWTP solid waste and pollutants are removed. The treated discharge water is filtered through a wetland system and discharged to Perche Creek near the Missouri River.

Since we do have **separate** systems, pollutants in the street or waterway go directly to the creek untreated. Help keep our local waterways clean and healthy by **keeping pet waste, paint, oil, leaves, grass cuttings and all trash out of our storm drains**.

For more information on proper disposal of waste products, go online to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Search Go Stormwater).

—Written by Erin Keys, Stormwater Engineer

## Water Safety

Warmer weather brings more opportunities for activities in or around water. The following are some water safety tips:

**Buddy up**—Always swim with a partner. Even experienced swimmers can get tired or get cramps, making it difficult to get out of the water.

**Get skilled**—Be prepared for an emergency. Learn life-saving techniques such as CPR.

**Know your limits**—If you are not a good swimmer or are just learning how to swim, do not go into water so deep that you cannot touch the bottom.

**Swim in safe areas only**—Swim where there is a lifeguard.

**Be careful about diving**—Diving injuries can cause permanent spinal cord damage, paralysis and sometimes death. If the area is marked "no swimming" or "no diving," pay attention to the signs. Lakes and rivers can be cloudy and hazards may be hard to see.

**Watch the sun**—Sun reflecting off the water or sand can intensify burning rays. Remember to reapply sun screen and cover up as much as possible.

**Drink plenty of water**—Dizziness, feeling lightheaded and nausea are signs of dehydration.

**Getting too cool**—Your body temperature drops far more quickly in water than it does on land. If you are swimming, you're using energy and losing body heat even faster. Monitor yourself when swimming in cold water and stay close to shore. If you start to shiver or your muscles cramp, get out of the water quickly; it doesn't take long for hypothermia to set in.

**Alcohol & water never mix**—Alcohol is involved in numerous water-related injuries and up to half of all water related deaths.

**Never leave children unsupervised near a body of water.**

## Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online!

[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### JULY 2011

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| 15    | Whiff and Giggle Couples Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple                 |
| 15    | Older American Klub (OAK) Star Spangled Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3 per person |
| 15    | Teen Night at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$2 per person                     |
| 17    | DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., free   |
| 20    | Family Fun Fest: Summer Fun, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free   |
| 21    | Norm Rueblich Band at Stephens Lake Amphitheater, 7 p.m., free  |
| 22-24 | Show-Me State Games   |
| 25    | Registration begins for fall volleyball   |
| 29-31 | Show-Me State Games   |
| 31    | DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., free   |

### AUGUST 2011

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| 12 | Outdoor Movies in the Park: <i>Tangled</i> , Flat Branch Park, 8:30 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under are free |
| 13 | NFL Punt, Pass and Kick, Cosmo Park Football Field #4, 9:30 a.m. check in, free                                |
| 18 | Family Fun Fest: Around the World, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free  |
| 19 | Teen Garage Band Bash, Parking Garage at Sixth and Cherry, 7-10 p.m., \$2 per person                           |