

Council Action

The Council on September 5:

- Authorized construction of a 36-inch well field supply main from the McBaine Water Treatment Plant to Star School Road. This work will provide an additional feed from the well field to the water treatment plant, improve raw water intake capacity and serve as a redundant supply to improve reliability of service. The cost estimate is \$2.3 million with funding from the voter-approved 2003 water ballot issue.
- Authorized construction of a fenced dog park in the Garth Nature Area. Estimated cost is \$14,400 with funding provided by the Parks Sales Tax, Annual Park Improvement Funds. The project will probably begin spring 2007.

The Council on September 18:

- Authorized acceptance of a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security for fire prevention and safety programs. The \$131,233 in grant monies will be used for procurement of supplies and services necessary for program implementation of the Campus Awareness Program, including special events "Fire Factor" and "Fire Attack Challenge," and the Knox Key Box Program.
- Adopted the fiscal year 2007 budget. The total budget is \$345,025,290.

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 Web at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the City Council page.

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COLUMBIA Columbia Trust



The City of Columbia has a number of ways that you can leave a lasting legacy in your community. There are opportunities to financially support nearly every area of our community, from parks to health and public safety to public art. There are many ways to make a difference.

To learn more about opportunities to support the City of Columbia with your gift, contact the Columbia Trust at 874-7504 or columbiatrust@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia Transit Tips for Winter Riding

- Dress in layers.
- Allow extra time to reach the bus stop. Snow or ice on the sidewalk may slow you down; besides, you have all those extra layers of clothing to struggle into before you leave home.
- If you want something hot to drink at the bus stop, keep it small. Remember, drinks are not allowed on the bus.

Find up-to-date information on bus lineup and passenger boarding at Wabash station on Community Line (#717), on the Columbia Transit Web site www.GoColumbiaMo.com and at the station, 874-7282. Columbia Transit appreciates your patience during the station's renovation.

Holiday schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day and Monday, January 1, in Observance of New Year's Day.

Residential refuse and blue bag collection will not be made and the landfill will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

City buses will not operate on December 25 and January 1.



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Citizens Assisting Seniors and Handicapped

Heat Energy and Light Program

Your Neighbors Need You

There is a growing number of people in our community who have to choose between food and the other basic necessities in life. Can you imagine choosing between buying food or paying your utility bill? It is not an easy choice for many Columbians. You can help by filling out the contribution slip on this month's utility bill return envelope for the CASH and HELP programs. These programs were established to help seniors, the disabled and families with children pay their utility bills. CASH (Citizens Assisting Seniors and Handicapped) and HELP (Heat Energy and Light Program) applicants are carefully screened by a social worker before being given assistance.

Both the CASH and HELP programs have had additional requests over the last year, and some requests for assistance have not been met. By giving a little extra, to one or both programs, you can help someone in our community a great deal.

Holiday safety reminders

The Columbia Police Department's Community Services Unit extends the warmest of Holiday Greetings. We would also like to remind everyone that criminals will not hesitate to take advantage of you during this time of the year. Please take a few minutes to go over some of our suggestions for keeping you and your family safe this holiday season.

If you leave home for the holidays:

- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries
- Close blinds and window shades
- Put your lights on timers
- Lock your doors and windows
- Leave a radio or television on
- Ask the Columbia Police Department for a "watch in passing"

If you are shopping:

- Park only under a light or in a well-lit parking lot
- Keep your doors locked
- Don't leave packages visible; lock in trunk
- Shop in groups, not alone
- Use ATM only in an open business or bank
- Carry credit cards or money in front pocket; leave purse at home.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Services Unit at 874-7606. Have a safe, fun and happy holiday season.

Holiday Happenings

Holiday Visit to Maplewood

Saturday, December 2, 1-4 p.m., Nifong Park
Fee: \$5 adults, \$2.50 for children 5 and younger.
Make your reservation by calling 443-8936.

City Kwanzaa Celebration

Saturday, December 2, 2-5 p.m., Douglass High School Gym
Free

Visit with Santa

Friday, December 8
Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Paquin Tower Recreation Facility. To schedule a visit, please call 874-7473.

Santa Hotline

Saturday, December 9
Children between ages 3-10 can call the North Pole from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at 874-7473 or 874-6335.

Holiday Lights and Sights Tours

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Tour I: 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Tour II: 7:45-9 p.m.
Fee: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Call 874-7460 to register.

