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Police Department increases enforcement during summer months

Summertime heat is more than a reference to temperature for the Columbia Police Department (CPD). Crime trends show that as the weather warms up, so does the amount of crime in Columbia. In 2014, CPD's efforts to solve these crimes yielded a 58 percent total clearance rate of violent crimes — 12 percent higher than the national average. CPD met the national average of 19 percent clearance rate of property crimes.

CPD regularly re-evaluates proactive resources for preventing crimes. In 2009, CPD turned its focus to geographical policing: the assignment of officers to defined geographical areas ("beats"), thus enabling officers to build relationships with area residents and partnerships with community organizations. Statistics show that this form of policing is beneficial, and despite understaffing at CPD, the model is continuously being worked.

Recently, Criminal Investigative Division (CID) detectives have been assigned to work in beats with patrol officers.

"It's a team approach to combating crime," says Lieutenant Eric Hughes, CID supervisor. Teams will look for crime patterns and subsequently, those committing the crimes. Prioritization of cases has also been reviewed to answer the growing demand of different calls, specifically the recent string of burglaries in Columbia. Two detectives have been reassigned to focus on the open burglary cases and combative measures are being taken for burglary suppression.

"There has to be a proactive element to deterring crime," says Lieutenant Jason Jones, Street Crimes and Vice Narcotics Organized Crime Units supervisor.

In Jones' unit, results are seen through saturation details, which he says have "proven very productive." Saturation details proactively target Columbia's most violent career criminals using legal law enforcement contacts in focused and specific geographic locations. The last saturation detail generated 32 traffic stops and 12 suspicious-person contacts leading to 19 arrests, some with multiple charges. Lt. Jones reports an emphasis will be made this season on gang member arrests and getting guns off Columbia streets.

CPD encourages the community to partner with the department and immediately report concerns or suspicious activity and persons. Working together, the community and CPD can stifle the impact of crime.

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City of Columbia's 4th of July Fire in the Sky

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Celebrate the 4th of July at the City of Columbia's 63rd annual Fire in the Sky event! Free activities and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Music and children's activities will take place at Flat Branch Park at Fourth and Cherry Street, and the entertainment main stage is planned for MU's Peace Park on Elm between Sixth and Eighth streets. Fireworks will begin at about 9:15 p.m. and will be launched from the top of the parking garage at Sixth and Cherry. They will be choreographed to music simulcast on KBXR.

Concessions will be available and parking will be free downtown and on the University campus.

Celebrate Independence Day in The District! For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or visit GoColumbiaMo.com.



FIRE IN THE SKY!

Street Talk



The first major construction project of the season, the College Avenue Safety Enhancement project, began June 1. This project is designed to enhance pedestrian safety on College Avenue, which experiences high motor vehicle counts at moderate speeds, combined with hundreds of non-regulated pedestrian crossings each day.

Aplex Inc. was awarded the project contract with a bid of \$690,125. Estimated costs for the project are \$824,000. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will provide \$750,000 via a transportation enhancement grant and the University of Missouri and the City will each contribute roughly \$35,000. Completion is set for Aug. 21.

The project will consist of installing a median in what is now the center left-turn corridor on College Avenue between University Avenue and Rollins Street. Two pedestrian crossings between University and Rollins will regulate pedestrian crossings and motor vehicle actions with H.A.W.K. signals.

During the construction period, motorists should expect lane restrictions and delays. Alternate routes are strongly encouraged. Learn more at MakeTheCASEProject.com.

Fireworks illegal in city limits

Before the July 4 holiday, the Columbia Police Department would like to remind residents that it is illegal to possess or shoot fireworks inside the Columbia city limits. Violation of the ordinance can result in the confiscation of your fireworks and a summons to appear in municipal court.

Fireworks may be disposed of at the household hazardous waste (HHW) facility, 1313 Lakeview, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month, April through November, or through the Columbia Fire Department by appointment at 874-7391.

If you plan to shoot fireworks outside the city limits, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Shoot fireworks at a safe distance from structures and other people.
- Never relight a "dud" firework.
- Always keep a hose or bucket of water handy.
- Children under age 12 should not handle fireworks and should not shoot fireworks without the supervision of an adult.
- Pets are often frightened by fireworks so keep them away from this activity.
- Never consume alcohol while handling fireworks.

If you are looking for a safe alternative to shooting fireworks, attend Fire in the Sky in The District July 4. Look for more information regarding this event on the cover of City Source or visit the Parks & Recreation page at GoColumbiaMo.com.

Stay Cool!



FACT:

Use your ceiling fan to make you feel cooler without turning down the room temperature. But, remember, fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room!

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SpeakUpCoMo

On May 1, the City launched a new way for citizens to connect with City government. SpeakUpCoMo is an online engagement website that gives users an opportunity to comment on posted projects, vote on ideas, take surveys and submit ideas for improving Columbia. Register at speakupcomo.com.

Summer changes to water disinfection

During the summer months, the Department of Natural Resources recommends Columbia Water & Light switch from the chloramine (chlorine plus ammonia) to the chlorine disinfection process. Switching to chlorine reduces nitrification caused by the chloramine disinfection method. Customers might notice more of a chlorine taste and smell until the fall when the disinfection method is changed back to chloramine disinfection. Customers who are sensitive to the chlorine taste can fill a pitcher with water and wait to drink it for several hours. Activated carbon filters will also reduce the chlorine taste. Customers using filters are urged to replace filters as recommended by the manufacturer to reduce the risk of harmful microorganisms forming.



Moving is hard...moving utilities is not

Utility Customer Service (UCS) wants to make the moving process as easy as possible by reminding customers to go online to *GoColumbiaMo.com*. You can sign up for new service, transfer existing service or disconnect services without coming to the office! Save yourself the time and hassle by doing it all online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Also, while you are online, make sure your account information is current by clicking on the **"Update Contact Information"** link.

Arbor Day School Celebration

The City of Columbia held its 18th annual Arbor Day program at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School April 24. Students learned how to plant and properly care for trees. The program is a collaboration among Parks and Recreation, Columbia Water & Light, Asplundh tree service, the City's arborist and the Missouri Department of Conservation.



PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

July

4	Fire in the Sky, Flat Branch Park/The District, entertainment at 6:30 p.m., fireworks after 9 p.m., FREE
4	Special swim hours at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods Pool and Little Mates Cove, 12-5 p.m.
9	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Community Band, 7 p.m., FREE
10	Movies in the Park, "The Sandlot," Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under FREE
11	SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$20 pre-registration
12	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
15	Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
17-19	Show-Me State Games
19	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
24-26	Show-Me State Games
26	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE

Code Corner

Vacant and neglected houses can be a drain on a neighborhood. The Office of Neighborhood Services enforces the ordinance requiring demolition or repairs of residential public nuisance structures. Public nuisances are those that pose a safety issue for the community. When necessary, the City will demolish unsafe structures when the owner has not.

If you are aware of a vacant house you would like the City to investigate, please contact Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or *neighborhood@GoColumbiaMo.com*.



The Schultz Family

June Volunteers of the Month

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After regularly driving past the intersection of Providence and Green Meadows and noticing the weeds growing out of control, Steve Schultz decided to do something about it. Schultz and his family joined the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Program that allows volunteers to care for landscaping in street rights of way.

Nominator Leigh Britt says that for the past three years Schultz and his family have "maintained these beds in a colorful and weed-free condition for the benefit of thousands of residents and visitors who travel the intersection daily."

"I think it's important because tax dollars are limited for funding aesthetic improvements so this is a way to give back and a way that brightens the city," Schultz says.

The opportunity has allowed Schultz to spend time with his family and others who care about keeping Columbia beautiful, but that is not the only benefit.

"It has allowed my 10-year-old son to see what it means to give back to the community," Schultz said.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Program and other ways to volunteer, contact the City's Volunteer Programs office at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com. -Written by volunteer Abby Holman

Air sealing to save energy

With Missouri's extreme summers and winters, around 50 percent of the energy bill is from cooling and heating homes. One of the cheapest ways to reduce energy consumption and be more comfortable is through sealing air leaks. Air escaping from cracks and gaps can equal as much air flow as leaving a window open all year long.

- Caulk and weather strip doors and windows that leak air.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards and places where air is leaking.
- Check along the rim joist (where frame of the house meets the foundation) and fill leaks with caulk or spray foam.
- Caulk and seal holes where plumbing, ducting or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates located on outside walls.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal or sheet rock and furnace cement caulk.

Make air sealing easy! Have a Home Performance with Energy Star detailed assessment of your home and you will be shown exactly where air is leaking. Plus, you will be eligible for rebates to help finance your efficiency upgrades.

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City offices closed for July 4 holiday

City offices will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection WILL be completed on Friday, July 3. The landfill will be open until 2 p.m. July 3 but closed Saturday, July 4. There will be no household hazardous waste collection July 4. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. COMO Connect will operate on Friday, July 3, using the Saturday schedule, however, no service will be provided on the #7 and #11 routes. Buses will run on the normal Saturday schedule July 4, with the addition of one late-night trip after the downtown fireworks show ends. Paratransit will operate as normal both days. Parking meters will not be enforced July 4.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: July 3 at 5 p.m.

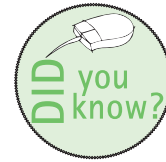
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- Building Construction Codes Commission

Application deadline: Aug. 7 at 5 p.m.

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

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at Go-ColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

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