



## Shop With a Cop

The Columbia Police Department, in cooperation with Field Elementary School and MU graduated students pursuing degrees in public administration, participated in its first "Shop With a Cop" program Dec. 15, 2007.

The program was designed to foster a positive relationship between police officers and youth in the community. Eleven students were greeted by police officers at Field Elementary and then traveled to Target Department Store in police cars. The MU graduate students presented each child with a gift card worth \$100 and then the officers helped them with their holiday shopping. After shopping, officers returned the students to Field Elementary where they were reunited with their parents and treated to a lights-and-sirens farewell.

## Youth recreation scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers youth financial assistance scholarships for Columbia residents through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The program is open to those between ages 3 and 17 who meet the income/household criteria established by the USDA's free and reduced lunch program.

Financial assistance is available for 50 percent or 75 percent depending on the household. Scholarships can be used for recreational classes and programs, outdoor pool passes and ARC memberships.

For more information, call 874-7460. Application forms can be obtained at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Thank You Columbia

I want to thank all Columbians for their donations to the Toys for Columbia's Youth Toy Drive. Because of your generosity we were able to provide 237 children with gifts under their trees this Christmas. I want to give a VERY special thanks to the Sapphire Lounge for an incredibly large donation. Without their help, we would have fallen well short of our goal. I want to extend to you all the opportunity to donate to this cause year round. Please call the Parks & Recreation Offices at 874-7460 for more information on how you can help. Once again, thank you very much and have a wonderful 2008.

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*You can have breakfast in Columbia  
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- Daily round-trip flights to Kansas City
- Free parking
- Shorter check-in lines
- US Airways & Midwest Airlines codeshares
- Skyline Cafe' Restaurant open for breakfast & lunch in the main terminal

## City arts funding

Each year the City supports local arts programming. In fiscal year 2008 more than \$95,000 has been awarded to local arts agencies. Funded projects focus on presentation of visual, performing and literary arts and related educational offerings and include exhibitions, classes, workshops and concerts. To qualify to receive City arts funding, arts organizations must have 501c3 status. To learn more, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs, 573-874-6386, [oca@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:oca@GoColumbiaMo.com) or access guidelines and the application form at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: GoArtsFunding).



## Did you know?

By dialing the City of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY users dial 874-7697), message 669, you can learn about the Arts Express newsletter.

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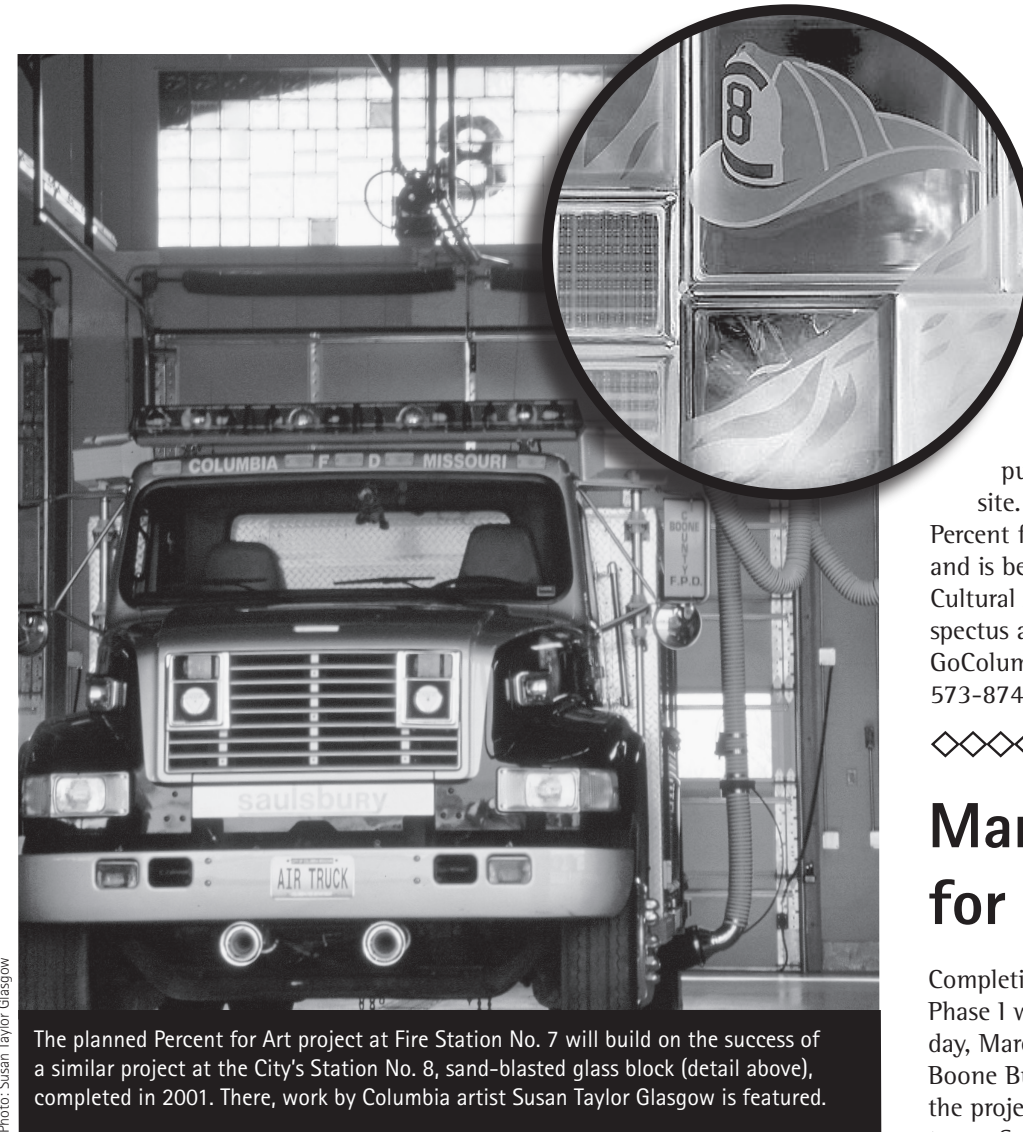


Photo: Susan Taylor Glasgow

The planned Percent for Art project at Fire Station No. 7 will build on the success of a similar project at the City's Station No. 8, sand-blasted glass block (detail above), completed in 2001. There, work by Columbia artist Susan Taylor Glasgow is featured.

## Percent for Art fires up...

Artists residing in the mid-Missouri counties of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau and Randolph are invited to apply for a public art project for the City's Fire Station No. 7. Applications must be postmarked by March 10. Once selected, an artist will create site-specific public art for the building and/or overall site. The project is a component of Columbia's

Percent for Art program, established in 1997, and is being implemented by the City's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA). For a complete project prospectus and application requirements, go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Arts](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Arts); or contact the OCA at 573-874-7512 or [oca@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:oca@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## March 6 open house for City Hall

Completion of City Hall Renovation and Expansion Phase I will culminate with an open house on Thursday, March 6, 2008, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Daniel Boone Building at 701 E. Broadway. This phase of the project includes a new location for Utility Customer Services and Treasury Management who were previously located in the "anex" on the northwest corner of 8th & Broadway.

Phase II - construction of a five-story addition east of the Daniel Boone Building, is scheduled to begin this summer, followed by Phase III, full renovation of the Daniel Boone Building.

The entire City Hall project, which will be completed by December 2010 without raising taxes, will allow the City to consolidate operations for citizens, improve communications and service efficiency and eliminate the need for leased office space. More information is available at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Try Budget Billing!

Sign up for the City of Columbia's budget billing program and you can make the same payment every month! To qualify, you need to have lived at your current residence for longer than 12 months so we can calculate 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 or call 874-7380. Please note that enrollment for budget billing is only done during March.



# Be an energy star!

What is Home Performance with ENERGY STAR?  
Columbia Water & Light is working with local contractors to bring you a comprehensive approach to energy efficiency. A specially trained Home Performance contractor will make recommendations that will work together to provide:

- Fewer drafts
- Consistent temperature distribution
- Better humidity control
- Proper ventilation
- Lower utility bills

**Common Recommendations**  
Your Home Performance contractor will develop a specific plan for your home after a detailed analysis. Some commonly recommended efficiency improvements include:

- Sealing air leaks and adding insulation
- Sealing ductwork
- Improving heating and cooling systems
- Upgrading lighting and appliances
- Installing Energy Star windows or doors

## REBATES & FINANCING

Columbia Water & Light is offering qualified electric customers rebates up to \$1,000 for home improvements and up to \$1,600 for high-efficiency air conditioners. The low-interest loan program has also been expanded to help finance efficiency upgrades that might be suggested during a Home Performance evaluation.

Contact us for a list of Home Performance contractors.



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# Public Works

## How to Report a Pothole, Missing Traffic Sign or Storm Drainage Problem

Did you know you can request services electronically or complete an online form to report problems such as a pothole, a missing traffic sign or a storm drainage problem? Online reporting forms can be found at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: GoReportProblems). You can also e-mail [streets@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:streets@GoColumbiaMo.com) or call the Street Division at 874-6289 with any other questions.

## Roll-off Services

Need a dumpster for your remodeling or construction projects? We can help you. Whether your job is big or small, the Public Works Department has a wide selection of containers to meet your needs. Take advantage of this service for one day or one year, no contract required. The Public Works Department offers competitive rates and experienced drivers. To learn more about the City's roll-off or commercial waste services, visit the Solid Waste Division Web page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call 874-6291.

## Cleaning Columbia's Streets

The Columbia Street Division sweeps City streets with curb and gutters on a six-week schedule. Roadways with bike lanes or bike routes are cleaned on a three-week schedule. For additional information, please contact the Street Division at 874-6289 or e-mail [streets@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:streets@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Did you know?

Guidelines for appropriate use of 9-1-1 calls can be found on the City of Columbia's Web site, specifically at <http://gocolumbiamo.com/PSJC/Services/911/index.php>. Use 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress, report a fire or call for an ambulance. Please do not use 9-1-1 for non-emergencies. Call the desired agency directly, or Joint Communications' NON-EMERGENCY number, 442-6131.

# Neighborhood Response Team completes busy 2007

The City of Columbia's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) completed another round of property inspections in 2007. Increased emphasis on addressing chronic property nuisances resulted in a record number of improved properties for the 8-year-old program, with 12 dilapidated structures demolished and an additional 22 structures significantly improved. The complete annual report is available on the City's Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com). Comprised of the Health, Legal, Planning, Police, Public Communications and Public Works departments, the NRT seeks to improve the living conditions of City residents by addressing property nuisance issues. The field team conducts annual inspections in a priority area comprised mainly of Columbia's central City, but action is taken City-wide as circumstances require. The NRT takes note of violations observed from the public right-of-way, such as roof deterioration, peeling paint, debris in yard, etc. The owner of a property found with conditions that do not meet City property maintenance codes is asked to take corrective action. Legal action is taken only in the event that a property is not improved. There are several programs in place to assist eligible homeowners in financial need to bring their properties back into code, including housing rehabilitation and code deficiency abatement. For more information, please contact: Bill Cantin, M.P.A., *Neighborhood Response Specialist*, Department of Public Communications/Neighborhood Response Team, P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205, (573) 874-7248, [bpcantin@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:bpcantin@GoColumbiaMo.com)



# Volunteer of the month

Written by Lauren Kilberg  
volunteer

The City of Columbia recognizes Jeff Zimmerschied as March's volunteer of the month for his service to the Columbia Public Works Department. Zimmerschied, owner of the organic lawn care service The Lawn Company, has been in the business since 1999. He has also been a member of the Mid-American Green Industries Council. The City of Columbia launched the environmentally-friendly focused lawn care program 'Show-Me Yards and Neighborhoods' in 2005 with Zimmerschied serving as part of the founding committee. The program's goal was to reduce storm water pollution from entering Columbia streams. Thanks to Zimmerschied's help, the program was an enormous success. "Over 700 citizens have taken the three-session classes or attended 'Show Me Yards' field days, which showcased beautiful local yards, gardens and rain gardens to give residents tips and ideas for how to transform their yards into the healthiest yard possible for themselves, their children and pets while still preserving water quality in our area streams and rivers," said volunteer supervisor Mona Menezes. Aside from helping create the program, Zimmerschied also serves as a volunteer speaker at all Show-Me Yards workshops. He has graciously donated not only his time, but his services and extensive lawn care knowledge as well. "Jeff is one of those people who shows up early and stays late when there is work to be done at Show-Me Yards events," Menezes said. "Because of his service, hundreds of citizens have had opportunities to tour healthy green lawns and gardens and learn more about the lawn and stream connection." To learn more about the City's volunteer program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

# Parks and Recreation offices move from Parkade Center

As of Feb. 1, Parks and Recreation offices formerly located at the Parkade Center are located adjacent to Stephens Lake Park. The office moved into the building at 2311 E. Walnut and is now called the Stephens Lake Activity Center. The new center houses life enrichment classes, preschool programs, special events and 50+ programming, including the Older American Klub and OAK Tours. All of these programs were previously in Suite 216B at Parkade. The City Council approved the lease for the new location on Dec. 17, 2007. The building offers more space for Parks and Recreation programs, with about 9,800 square feet. With its proximity to Stephens Lake Park, the facility will also offer a recreation alternative to participants. Staff will be able to include the park and its walking trails in activities. Programs that will be offered at the Stephens Lake Activity Center include Tae Kwon Do, music, arts and crafts, self-improvement classes, preschool theme parties and senior citizen programs such as bingo, pool, music, dances and social activities. For more information, visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

## Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online! [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)  
Call 874-7460 for more information.

# March

- 9-13 Women's History Month: Women's Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament, Douglass High School Gym
- 12 Black Women in Film: "Daddy's Little Girls," Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 OAK/50+ St. Patrick Laugh and Lunch, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 11:30 a.m., \$4
- 19 Precious Moments/Women's Award Recognition, Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., Free
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt, Paquin Tower, Call for reservations, Free
- 21 Last day to submit CARE applications
- 21 OAK/50+ Pot o' Gold Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, \$3
- 22 Easter Eggstravaganza, Douglass Park, 11 a.m., Free



## Chapel Hill project near completion

The Chapel Hill construction project is nearing completion with the expansion of Chapel Hill Road from Scott Boulevard to Gillespie Bridge Road. The project, identified in the 2005 Capital Improvement Plan, includes approximately 4,700 feet of new roadway with a 5-foot sidewalk on the south side and an 8-foot pedway on the north side. Additional improvements include a bridge with a pedestrian underpass, street lighting and a new traffic signal at Scott Boulevard and Chapel Hill. Total cost for this project is approximately \$3.3 million. The project is being funded by capital improvement sales tax funds, county road tax rebate funds, Boone County grant funds and development charges. The new section of Chapel Hill is expected to open this spring.