

Volunteer of the month

by volunteer Annie L. Schulte

The August volunteers of the month, Maria Cox and Bob Jett, provide their volunteer time to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERT volunteers provide local disaster assistance. Cox and Jett have been involved with CERT since its 2003 inception and currently supervise two response teams for the Columbia Fire Department. These teams have helped at local engagements, including Twilight Festivals, Salute to Veterans Air Show, First Night and Mizzou sporting events.

Recently they were part of coordinating the Missouri River flood response sending CERT teams to Rocheport and Hartsburg.

"I've always been interested in emergency preparedness, and when the CERT program was established I jumped at the chance to be involved," explains Cox. "CERT gave me opportunities to learn emergency response skills that I use to help my community."

As leaders, Cox and Jett know it's important that they continue their own emergency response education and pass it along to their teams.

"Recently, our team was given a written First Responder State Certification test that a remarkable 100 percent of our CERT volunteers passed," said Jett.

Jett also volunteers his services to the Weather Bureau, HAM Radio.

The City of Columbia honors these individuals who have generously contributed their time and energy to our community.

(above, left to right): CERT volunteers Bob Jett, Maria Cox and Barbara Ball learn basic survival and rescue skills.



Tour of Missouri rolls into Columbia

Friday, September 14, 2007

Missouri joins the rank of top international cycling venues with the inaugural Tour of Missouri. The tour, patterned after the famous Tour de France with point-to-point or stage racing, features 120 professional cyclists in 15 teams.

On Friday, Sept. 14, Stage 4 of the Tour of Missouri begins in Lebanon, Mo. The cyclists will race 128 miles toward a sprint finish at 8th and Walnut in downtown Columbia.

The competition begins in Kansas City on Sept. 11 and ends six days later in St. Louis. In between, racers will cover 600 miles of Missouri pavement, passing through 20 counties and 50 towns and cities.

Slated to be one of North America's top three professional cycling stage races, USA

Cycling and Union Cycliste Internationale have given Tour of Missouri one of the highest ratings in North America.

In addition to Kansas City and St. Louis, spectators can witness starts or finishes, and in some cases both, in Clinton, Springfield, Branson, Lebanon, Columbia, Jefferson City and St. Charles. A rolling festival accompanies the racers in the start and finish communities.

As details of the route and time schedules become available, they will be posted at www.visitcolumbiamo.com and www.tourofmissouri.com.

Council action

The Council on May 7:

- Amended Chapter 29 of the City Code as it relates to bicycle parking. The revisions do the following: change the minimum number of vehicle parking spaces needed to require bicycle parking spaces from 50 to 10; clarify credit given toward vehicle spaces for bicycle parking spaces; change terms such as "bicycle facilities" and "bicycle spaces" to "bicycle parking facilities and parking spaces"; and clarify the location of bicycle parking facilities by including employee entrances.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the "Blueprint for Safer Roadways" Program. The grant funds overtime for off-duty officers to conduct special enforcement of hazardous moving violations focusing on moving violations and alcohol infractions.

The Council on May 21:

- Authorized an agreement in the amount of \$110,270 with Peckham & Wright Architects Inc. for architectural services relating to construction of Fire Station No. 9. The agreement covers preparation of construction documents, bidding and construction administration for the new fire station. Funding is from the 2005 Capital 1/4 Cent Sales Tax. A public hearing for this project was held March 19.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Summer Food Service Program. The state of Missouri receives funding from the federal government to address child hunger during the summer months when children are not in school and do not have free and reduced school lunches. This contract provides funding for community-based nutrition sites for low-income children. The program is located in Douglas Park. The contract periods runs May 1 to Aug. 31.

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.



Save Money Using Columbia Transit

Looking for an affordable, convenient, energy efficient and environmentally smart way to travel? As gas prices rise, consider Columbia Transit for your commute. Routes go all through Columbia with a variety of stop times daily during the week and

evening hours and on the weekends.

According to the American Public Transportation Association, public transportation saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline per year and helps reduce greenhouse gases by lowering personal vehicle use.

A one-way fare is just 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, students and seniors. At www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: GoTransportation) you can find a calculator to compare driving costs with those of bus travel. You'll also find information on schedules, routes, maps, safety and ParaTransit.

There are easy-to-use bike racks on every City bus. With The PedNet Project scheduled to begin marking new bike lanes, this feature lets riders take advantage of both programs by riding a bicycle to the bus stop and then taking the bus to their destination.

For more information, visit our Web site or call 573-874-7282.

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Board and Commission openings

The city is accepting applications for the following boards and commissions. Applications and current vacancies are on the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the City Council page. Call 874-7208 for information and specific requirements.

August 3rd deadline:

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission

September 7th deadline:

- Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- New Century Fund Board of Directors
- Personnel Advisory Board
- Internet Citizen's Advisory Group



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Get ready for Fall

with fun activities & events

Punt, Pass and Kick

Take part in the official skills competition of the National Football League! Columbia Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the local Punt, Pass and Kick competition for boys and girls ages 8-15.

Punt, Pass and Kick will start at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11 at the Cosmo Park lacrosse fields (1401 Business Loop 70 West). Youth will compete in age categories: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15.

Local winners will move on to a sectional competition, then possibly will advance to compete at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis the day of a Rams football game.

Preregistration is preferred by Aug. 9, although walk-up registration is allowed the day of the event. Forms may be picked up at the Parks and Recreation office (#1 S. Seventh), the ARC (1701 West Ash) or the Armory Sports Center (701 E. Ash). A birth certificate or baptismal record is required to participate in Punt, Pass and Kick.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

HELP WANTED!

Volunteers are needed for the 30th annual Heritage Festival, September 15-16, and the Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 29-30 . . . work an hour, a day or the entire weekend booth-sitting for an artist, assisting with children's activities, helping at an information booth or distributing surveys. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 874-6397, or the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, for more information.



Teen Garage Band Bash

Columbia Parks and Recreation, Public Works and the Youth Community Coalition is planning the 3rd Annual "Back to School" Garage Band Bash on top of the parking garage at the corner of 6th & Cherry streets. The bash will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17. Different area teen bands will be jamming throughout the evening with "garage band tunes."

The fee for the event is \$2. For more information, call 874-7460 or log onto www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

If you are in a local band and interested in performing, please contact Erin at 874-6341. **(above): A teen band jams at the Garage Band Bash.**

Parks and Recreation Fall registration

The fall Leisure Times activity guide will be available Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the Columbia Daily Tribune; at the Parks and Recreation office; at the ARC; at Daniel Boone Regional Library; and online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

The guide will feature fall sports registration information, life enrichment classes and special events such as the Heritage Festival.

Online registration is available for Parks and Recreation life enrichment and fitness classes! Go to GoColumbiaMo.com, click on Parks and Recreation, then click on online registration.

City of Columbia Solid Waste Division

- Watch for bag delivery soon!
- Black trash bags delivered August 13–17
 - Blue Recycling bags delivered August 20–24

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
1313 Lakeview
open first and third Saturdays through November
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
874-6291

Compost for sale
City Compost Facility
5700 Peabody Road
every Wednesday, 1–5 p.m.
474-9145

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

874-7111	City Hall Switchboard
874-7650	Community Line
874-7697	TTY Users
	Pre-Recorded Information 24 Hours / Day
874-7282	Bus System & Information
874-7325	Energy Conservation
874-7460	Parks And Recreation
874-7663	Recreation Hotline/Cancellations
911	Fire, Rescue, or Medical Emergency
874-7391	Fire non-emergency 8 a.m.–5 p.m. M–F
874-7450 or 442-6131	Fire non-emergency 5 p.m.–8 a.m. & weekends
874-7355	Health Department
911	Police Emergency
874-7652	Officer Voice Mail & General Information
442-6131 or 442-6132	Non-Emergency
874-7405	Columbia Police Programs/Crime Prevention
874-7525	East District Commander
874-7523	West District Commander
874-7229	Prosecutor—City
874-6291	Recycling Information
874-6291	Roll-Off Service
874-6291	Solid Waste Collection
874-6289	Street Maintenance
874-6292	Street Sign Maintenance
874-7230	Traffic & Parking Violations

874-7380	Utilities
874-7380	Account Information
874-7380	Water & Light Turn On & Off
445-9426	Sanitary Sewer Emergencies—24 Hours
874-6289	Storm Sewer Maintenance
875-2555	Power Emergencies—24 Hours
875-2555	Water Emergencies—24 Hours

874-7499	Volunteer Services
874-7339	Weeds & Health Complaints Hotline



Columbia Trust

The Memorial/Heritage Tree and Bench Program is a unique way to honor a loved one. The program allows groups and

individuals to donate trees or benches to commemorate special events or as memorials to loved ones to be placed on City-owned park land. Trees and benches purchased through the program are planted or placed in City parks, trails, golf courses and playgrounds. A plaque is located near the tree, and each bench includes a message. Trees are \$250, and benches cost \$500. To learn more about the Memorial/Heritage program, call the Parks Management Center at 874-7201.

Imagine Columbia's Future – Visioning update

The Visioning process reached a halfway point during the April Exploring the Vision Workshop. Since presenting their draft goals and strategies to the public at large, Citizen Topic Group volunteers have been working to refine the emerging vision.

Approximately 225 Citizen Topic Group members are using the summer months to conduct a Community Resources Scan. The Community Resources Scan will help identify existing community resources, initiatives and organizations that should be involved with final goals for the Vision plan and the future implementation of specific strategies. The process will clarify what community resources currently exist and whether new partnerships and private or public services will be needed to turn the Vision into reality.

In early September 2007, a Community Choices Workshop and Vision Summit will offer the public a chance to review and rank the Vision plan. The Community Choices event will also provide everyone a chance to become stewards of the Vision as it moves into adoption and implementation phases.

The exact date and location of the Community Choices Workshop will be announced in next month's City Source. For more information, visit www.GoColumbiaMO.com – click on Imagine Columbia's Future for updates.

Need a new air conditioner?

Now is the time to invest in an energy efficient heating and cooling system! You can receive a rebate and low-interest financing from Columbia Water & Light. You might also be eligible for a federal tax credit.

Super Saver Loans: Building owners can borrow money at a favorable rate for heating and cooling systems, heat pumps, adding insulation and solar water heaters.

Energy Efficiency Rebates: Rebates for air conditioning units rated higher than a SEER 14 range from \$100 to \$1,600.

Contact Columbia Water & Light for more information.
GoColumbiaMo.com
874-7325



Save water!

Up to 60 percent of all water use in the summer is outdoors on landscaping. However, one of the most common problems with landscaping is overwatering! By using water conservation techniques, you might be surprised by a better looking yard and lower water bills.

Do I need to water?

- Watering thoroughly, but infrequently, develops a deep root system so plants can use moisture and nutrients deep in the ground.
- Water according to moisture in the soil, not a fixed schedule.
- Lawns are dry when footprints remain in the grass long after being made.

How much should I water?

- Lawns need only one inch of water per week. That's about three times a week for 20 minutes.
- Use a tuna can or a rain gauge to accurately measure the amount of water your irrigation system delivers.
- Set a timer as a reminder to turn off the sprinkler.
- Water in the early morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., avoiding windy conditions.

Other easy ways to conserve water outdoors

- Don't irrigate the pavement; choose and adjust sprinklers to fit the lawn area.
- Mulch to retain moisture and prevent water-robbing weeds.
- Mow grass with a sharp blade to a height of 2 ½ inches.
- Never use a hose to rinse off pavement; sweep leaves and grass clippings.
- Landscape with native plants that are tolerant to Missouri summers.

Peak Warnings

why we need your help

Peak electrical demand occurs during the hottest days of summer when electric consumption is critically high. At these times, wholesale electric prices are very high. Lowering electric demand saves Columbia Water and Light money, which helps keep your electric rates low.

During hot summer afternoons:

- Set thermostats up one or two degrees.
 - Avoid heating the kitchen – barbecue, use the microwave or prepare a cool meal.
 - Change the air conditioning/furnace filter.
 - Leave window shades that receive direct sunlight down during the day.
 - Make sure all storm windows and fireplace dampers are closed.
- Postpone until after 8 p.m.:
- Doing laundry.
 - Using automatic dishwashers and dehumidifiers.

Thank you for your help.



By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY users dial 874-7697), message 434, you can learn about tours of the Fire and Police departments.



We've Moved

Water & Light

- Engineering
- Administration
- Utility Services

Public Works

- Survey Crews
- Capital Improvement Project Inspectors

105 Ash Street

(one block west of Providence Road)

The City of Columbia consolidated several City offices to one rental space at the end of June. The phone numbers for the individuals working in these departments will remain the same.

On the Web

You can check the status of your water or electric construction projects online! www.GoColumbiaMo.com See Columbia Water & Light's section of the site.



Green Lawns / Blue Waters Have Both... the Smart Way!

A Show-Me Yards workshop*

Want to save time and money on yard care that's environmentally friendly?

Want to have a great lawn plus get answers to your yard-care problems?

Did you know homeowners use ten times more chemicals per acre on lawns than farmers use on crops?

Ninety percent of U.S. streams sampled contained pesticide residue. Did any of that come from your yard?

This 3-session workshop will cover:

- Moles, Fungus & Crabgrass: Solving Basic Problems
- Adding Nutrients & Minerals Without adding Chemicals
- Why Consider Native Plants?
- Healthy Soil = Healthy Grass & Gardens
- How & Why to Build a Rain Garden
- Resisting the Urge to Spray: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly Bugs
- Equipment & Techniques for Your Best Lawn Yet

Green Lawns/ Blue Waters Workshop

*Tuesdays at the ARC
August 14th, 21st & 28th
6:30–9 p.m.*

Questions or to Register: 874-7616
or email flgordon@GoColumbiaMo.com
Free & Open to the Public
Registration Required

*Show-Me Yards was recently recognized in the May 2007 EPA national newsletter (www.epa.gov/newsnotes).

Art All Over

Works commissioned through the City's Percent for Art program are placed in an effort to enhance the public environment and enrich the lives of citizens and visitors. Several projects are set to get underway this year and include site-specific public art for Fire Station No. 7 and several projects for the downtown City buildings expansion. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), 573-874-7512, oca@GoColumbiaMo.com. To learn about existing works of art throughout the city, visit the Cultural Affairs page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: public art) or request a copy of Columbia's Public Art Guide from the OCA.

Youth Recreation Scholarships

Columbia Parks and Recreation offers financial assistance scholarships for Columbia residents through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The program is open to those between 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.

Volunteer, Columbia!



Volunteering at City events is a great way to get involved in the community . . . and have fun!

Sandra Hodge photo

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

August

- 3 **Outdoor Cinema** at Stephens Lake Park, "Casablanca," 8:30 p.m., \$3 per person, 6 and under are free
- 3 **Teen Night** at Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$1 per person
- 3–5 **Show-Me State Games**
- 4 **Black and White Ball Parade**, starts at Douglass High School, 10 a.m.
- 5 **Black and White Ball Picnic**, Douglass Park, 2–8 p.m., Free
- 8 **New Leisure Times**, registration begins for fall classes and activities
- 10 **Summer Mix and Mingle**, Riechmann Indoor Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park, 8–11 p.m., \$5
- 11 **NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition**, Cosmo Park Lacrosse Fields, 10 a.m., Free
- 12 **Last day** for Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods pool
- 17 **Whiff and Giggle golf**, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start
- 17 **Garage Band Bash**, Parking garage at 6th and Cherry, 7–10 p.m., \$2
- 19 **Last day** for Little Mates Cove
- 25–26 **Three-person golf scramble**, Lake of the Woods and L.A. Nickell golf courses