

# CITYSOURCE

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## New Fire Station on Green Meadows Way



A unique aspect of the new Fire Station No. 7, once completed, will be site-specific public art created by a mid-Missouri artist.

The project is part of the city's Percent for Art program, an initiative to improve and expand the value and use of public buildings through the arts, coordinated by the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA).

For more information, contact the OCA: 573-874-7512 or oca@GoColumbiaMo.com.

In November 2005, voters approved an extension to the 1/4 cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax to fund fire service capital improvement projects and the apparatus replacement program.

Part of the capital improvement package was a plan to replace the existing Fire Station No. 7 with a new building to be

located on Green Meadows Way.

The Columbia City Council authorized the construction bid to be awarded to GBH Builders of Jefferson City, Mo. The contract calls for substantial completion to occur in November 2008.

To view weekly updates of the construction progress and other building facts, visit the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click the links to Fire Station 7.

## Mosquito Relief

Be the first to know about neighborhood mosquito spraying this summer!

To register for the Mosquito Phone Notification, contact the Environmental Health Division at 874-7346 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Supply your address and phone number or e-mail address to be notified of spraying scheduled to occur nearby.

## 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 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.



## August Volunteer of the Month - Tim Getty



The Columbia Police Department has had the pleasure of working with Tim Getty, August Volunteer of the Month, for the past year. Getty helps the Police Department with many events, including the Show-Me State Games, Roots 'N Blues BBQ Festival, Safe Kids Day, Tons of Trucks, Citizens on Patrol and at sobriety checkpoints. His most noted contribution is reviewing crime reports to help spot trends and alert the members of Business Watch.

Getty is employed with the food service division of Aramark. He and Kate, his wife of 11 years, moved to Columbia in 2004. In May, he graduated from Stephens College with a major in criminal justice. Getty credits his parents and college instructors for encouraging him to volunteer. He has volunteered for the American Red Cross and provided service in 1992 regarding Hurricane Andrew.

Getty said, "I enjoy volunteering for the Columbia Police Department and hope I can help increase the quality of life for the residents of Columbia." Officer Jessie Haden Pitman notes that Getty is a living example of linking the community with its police department.

To learn more about the City's volunteer program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com. - *Written by volunteer Donna Llewellyn Lester*

## Are Your Teen's Vaccinations up-to-date?

The Columbia/Boone County Health Department wants to remind parents of the following recommended vaccinations for teens.

**TDAP:** The Tdap vaccine protects against three serious diseases - Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis. Tetanus causes painful tightening of the muscles. Diphtheria can lead to breathing problems, paralysis and heart failure. Pertussis causes severe coughing, vomiting and can lead to hospitalizations. **Cost: \$5**

**MENINGOCOCCAL:** Meningitis is a contagious infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Those infected with meningococcal disease suffer from limb loss, nervous system problems, mental disabilities, strokes or even death. **Cost: \$15** (unless patient has Medicaid)

**VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX):** Most children receive their first varicella vaccination, however a second vaccination is often overlooked. Chickenpox causes fever and an itchy body rash that is easily spread by coughing and sneezing. **Cost: \$5**

**HEPATITIS A:** Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease and is spread by close personal contact. Those infected have symptoms including jaundice and severe stomach pains and are often hospitalized. **Cost: \$5**

For more information about these vaccinations, please call 874-7356.

## A SHOW-ME Yards Workshop

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

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 10 times more chemicals per acre on lawns than farmers use on crops? Ninety percent of U.S. streams sampled contained pesticide residue.

**THIS 3-SESSION WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:**

- 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

This is a 3-week session: Mondays at the ARC • August 11, 18 & 25 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER: 874-7616 or email flgordon@GoColumbiaMo.com  
Free & open to the public - registration required!

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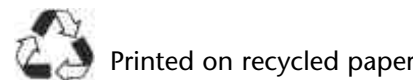
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### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| <i>First Ward</i>  | <b>Paul Sturtz</b>   |
| <i>Second Ward</i> | <b>Chris Janku</b>   |
| <i>Third Ward</i>  | <b>Karl Skala</b>    |
| <i>Fourth Ward</i> | <b>Jerry Wade</b>    |
| <i>Fifth Ward</i>  | <b>Laura Nauser</b>  |
| <i>Sixth Ward</i>  | <b>Barbara Hoppe</b> |

*City Manager* **Bill Watkins**



## New Daily Service to Memphis and Beyond

Earn 1,000 WorldPerks® Bonus Miles for travel on this new route between August 19 and September 30, 2008. (Visit nwa.com® for details and to register).

Tickets are available at www.nwa.com, by calling Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525, through travel agencies or on your favorite travel site.

## You Can Be a Leader in the Community

The City is accepting applications for the following boards and commissions.

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission

**Application deadline: Noon, Aug. 8**

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 requirements.



You can find Neighborhood Response Team and neighborhood association information on the Public Communications page of the City's Web site at: [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)

## When you call 911, why all the questions?

You're confronted with an obvious medical emergency, so you call 911 and frantically blurt out your need for an ambulance. If you're calling because a loved one is injured or ill, you can be understandably emotional. In a calm voice, a 911 operator will ask you a series of questions. Why all these questions?



When dealing with a medical emergency, a 911 operator relies on a standardized system to obtain appropriate information while processing the call. Columbia/Boone County Public Safety Joint Communications invested in the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) years ago. The system was created by a group of medical professionals, and the protocol covers more than 30 chief complaints. The system's initial and follow-up questions allow operators to narrow down the nature of the emergency, ensuring Joint Communications sends the best response for the situation.

Based on the caller's answers to the MPDS-designed series of questions, the 911 operator is able to prioritize the call based on the urgency of the need and give the caller directions to treat the patient until responders arrive on the scene. Medics, law enforcement or the fire department may be dispatched even while the operator obtains further details.

Locally, the MPDS is approved by physicians in our area as well as the organizational leaders from specific departments involved in the use of the protocol. Joint Communications is constantly evaluating calls that each call-taker processes. At least one call per operator per week is reviewed and assessed in accordance with the MPDS. A minimum of 25 calls are evaluated each week, a quality assurance process necessary for Joint Communications to meet accreditation.

The MPDS protocols are proven valuable and reliable; every question is essential for the emergency at hand.

**Offered by:  
COLUMBIA  
WATER & LIGHT**


## New Home Energy Star Rebates

To make your new home more energy efficient, Columbia Water & Light is offering a \$1,000 rebate to electric customers who meet the Energy Star new home requirements.

Energy Star qualified homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling and water heating. Your new Energy Star home will have energy-efficient improvements that deliver:

- better performance
- greater comfort
- lower utility bills

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
874-7325  
www.GoColumbiaMo.com



## NFL Punt, Pass and Kick

*Kids, test your football skills against others your age!*



This competition, sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation, is for boys and girls born between 1993 and 2000.

It will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 16 at Cosmo Park, rain or shine. Participants will have one chance at a punt, pass and kick for distance and accuracy.

Winners qualify to go to the next level and possibly compete at an NFL stadium this fall.

The event is free....no cleats or turf shoes are allowed. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.



The Columbia Power Plant produces seven percent of the city's electric portfolio. By using waste wood along with coal, emissions are lowered. The wood chips are a by-product of creating the curved planks used in barrel stave production so they are considered a carbon neutral energy source. The power plant staff is currently using a 10 percent mixture of wood. The amount of wood used in energy production could go up slightly if the existing equipment can process the wood product effectively.

The City of Columbia is currently evaluating additional sources of power for Columbia. Traditional energy sources, along with renewable options, are being studied. One of the options being considered is using a biomass material at the local power plant.

For more information about the future power supply study, check the City's Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

## Air-Conditioning Efficiency Tips

*Save money on your bills and still be comfortable in your house this summer.*

- **Maintain your heating and cooling system by replacing air filters at least four times a year.**
- Set the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees and turn it up to 82 degrees when the house is unoccupied.
- **Leave window shades that receive direct sunlight down during the day.**
- Try to use the oven, dishwasher and other appliances that produce heat during the late evening and early morning.
- **Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes.**
- Keep fireplace chimney dampers closed.
- **Consider moving your extra refrigerator or freezer out of the garage to the basement so your appliance won't work so hard to stay cool.**
- Don't block vents and air returns with furniture, drapes or rugs.
- **Clean dust and lint away from appliances (heating/cooling unit, refrigerators, hot water heaters, etc.) on a regular basis so the motors run more efficiently.**

Sign up for Columbia Water & Light's *free* energy audit to have a customized energy efficiency plan for your home or business. 874-7325 or [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).



## Garage Band Bash



### Wanted: Local Teen Bands

Columbia Parks and Recreation, Public Works and the Youth Community Coalition is planning the 4th Annual Back to School Garage Band Bash!

It will be held from 7-10 p.m. on Aug. 15 on top of the parking garage at the corner of Sixth and Cherry.

Teen bands from around the area will be jamming throughout the evening. Admission is \$2 per person.

Anyone in a local teen band who is interested in performing should contact Erin at 874-6341.



## Waste Wood Fuels Columbia

Columbia Water & Light started a pilot project in April to evaluate burning waste wood along with coal at the local plant. The wood mulch is surplus from a Missouri company that produces oak barrels. Using this form of biomass will allow the utility to lower emissions and rate the effectiveness of using a biomass fuel.

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## Columbians Are Getting Active

The GetAbout Columbia program is gaining momentum. You can see it in the number of people choosing to walk or bike on a regular basis.

### YOU COULD SEE IT COMING

More than 85 percent of Columbians who responded to a December 2007 survey indicated they consider health, exercise and recreation the most important reasons for using alternative modes of transportation—that is, travel other than in cars. What else did they say?

### SURVEY SAYS

- We like it- 66 percent of respondents think Columbia is a pedestrian and bike friendly community.
- We do it- 58 percent of respondents personally walk or bike as an alternative to driving.
- We want it- 36 percent of respondents think the non-motorized transportation pilot program will result in "some" increase in biking and walking.
- It's better for all of us- 32 percent of respondents "strongly agree" that improving bike paths, trails and sidewalks will encourage more walking and biking in Columbia and make this a better, healthier and more attractive community.

GetAbout Columbia will continue to gather Columbia's feedback in order to measure the extent to which encouragement, education and awareness efforts have had an influence.

For more information about GetAbout Columbia, visit the Web site at [www.getaboutcolumbia.com](http://www.getaboutcolumbia.com), stop by the office at 101 North Seventh Street or call 573-442-7189.

## Neighborhood Response Team Expands Boundaries

The Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) is a proactive neighborhood improvement program focusing on building and health code issues. The City agencies involved in this team are the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department, the Protective Inspection Division of the Public Works Department, the Police Department, the Public Communications Department, the Community Development Division of the Planning Department and the City Prosecutor's Office.

A field team comprised of city staff annually surveys a City Council-approved priority area primarily in the central city. Only what can be observed from the street, such as roof deterioration, peeling paint, debris in yard, etc., is noted. In the event a property's conditions do not meet city property maintenance codes, the owner is asked to take corrective action. The city has several programs to assist owners in financial need improve their properties.

New for 2008, the central city NRT boundaries have been extended to include three new central city areas: the Benton-Stephens neighborhood, the East Campus neighborhood and an expansion of the western boundary to West Boulevard. Inspections of these additional areas will begin late July and carry on through the fall.

For more information, please contact Bill Cantin, neighborhood response specialist, at (573) 874-7248 or [bpccantin@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:bpccantin@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

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

### • August •

#### August 1

Teen Night at Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$1 per person

#### August 1-3

State Games of Mid-America

#### August 8

Outdoor Cinema Series: *Spiderwick Chronicles*, 8:45 p.m., Stephens Lake Park, \$3 per person, 6 and under are free

#### August 10

Last day for Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods Pool, and Pirates' Landing

#### August 13

New Leisure Times is available

#### August 15

Whiff and Giggle Golf, Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple

#### August 15

Garage Band Teen Bash, Parking garage at 6th and Cherry, 7-10 p.m., \$2

#### August 16

NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition, Cosmo Park, 9:30 a.m., Free

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## Summer Vacation Travel Tips

Taking a trip this summer? Don't let your vacation be ruined by crime. Follow these prevention tips while traveling.

### ON THE ROAD

Do not carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks. If you must carry large sums of money, do not openly display.

Do not carry more credit cards than you will need. Keep a list of all traveler's check numbers and credit card numbers in a safe place. Have telephone numbers to call if either are lost or stolen.

Never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.

Do not stop for hitchhikers or stranded motorists. If you want to help, call for assistance.

If you suspect that someone is following you, drive to the nearest well-populated place and call 911 or use your cell phone for emergency assistance.

Do not leave tickets (airline, train, bus) in open view. They are as valuable as cash.

Males are advised to carry wallets in an inside pocket or the front pocket of their pants. Females should carry purses under their arms with a firm grasp.

Mark your luggage so it is easily identified.

Take pictures of your luggage so airline personnel can identify it if it is lost.

Be sure your luggage is locked and labeled with your name and telephone number. If you have a business address, label it on the luggage for a return address.

### CAR SECURITY

Always lock your vehicle after entering or leaving.

Park in well-lit areas.

Check the back seat before entering your vehicle.

Place valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Do not leave wallets, checkbooks or purses in your vehicle.

Do not advertise that you are a tourist.

### HOTEL & MOTEL SECURITY

Place all luggage in your room; do not leave anything in your vehicle.

Do not leave valuables in your room when you are not there.

Keep a daily check of your belongings.

Place extra cash, jewelry or valuables in a hotel/motel safe.

Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry into your room.

Unpack your luggage. Arrange your belongings so that you will notice if anything is missing.

If you are prepared properly, you will lower the chances of being victimized.