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Magnificent Murals

A unique feature and cultural resource of the Howard Building is a series of 12 murals adorning the walls of the Municipal Courtroom. Painted between 1934 and 1938 by then University of Missouri art professor Kenneth Hudson, the murals depict the history and development of the city of Columbia. Subjects and scenes include Native Americans; a wagon trail; the first Boone County Trial; the "Old Plank Road"; railroad, mining and agricultural industries; and a 1930s street scene of downtown Columbia. The murals were cleaned and restored this year as a component of the overall renovation of the Howard Building. For information, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at 874-6386 or oca@GoColumbiaMo.com.

above: This mural depicts the building of the "Old Plank Road", 10 miles of wooden planks that linked Providence at the Missouri River to Columbia. Photo reprinted by permission from Scott Myers.

Memorial Rededication Set for August 28

Columbia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial will be rededicated on Monday, August 28 in a ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend and celebrate the reopening of the Memorial, one of two to Dr. King in Missouri and one of the largest in the nation.

The Memorial, located at 800 S. Stadium Boulevard at the MKT Trail entrance, was designed by artist Barbara Grygutis and was originally dedicated in 1993. Soon after its completion, an unsightly calcium carbonate crust began to develop on the blue tiles of the Memorial amphitheater because of water run-off problems.

A fundraising campaign led by the New Century Fund was held in 2003, raising more than \$83,000 for the restoration work and a maintenance endowment. Additional funds for the project came from the city and a \$98,000 Department of Interior Save America's Treasure's grant.

Restoration work on the Memorial appears to be successful and will provide long-term solutions to issues that have plagued the work over the years. In addition to new blue tiles, the Memorial's foundation has been reworked with a water-proofing system and two new drains were added to handle rainwater. A new brick walkway along the upper areas of the Memorial is being installed as well.

The park area surrounding the Memorial was renamed Battle Garden in August 2003 to honor community leaders Eliot and Muriel Battle. Improvements in those areas were also incorporated into the project, including construction of a small shelter, new walkways, interpretive information about King and Columbia's Memorial and a new sign along Stadium Boulevard.

For more information about the rededication of the Memorial, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7504 or e-mail volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Howard Building Renovations Completed

As renovations to the Howard Building, 601 East Broadway, were completed, the results of good planning and construction became evident. People who worked on the building, workers who set up furniture, and employees who moved into the building were, for the most part, very impressed with the way the construction turned out. On May 25 the Prosecutor and staff, along with Parking Enforcement, were the first to move in. The Municipal Court employees moved in on May 30th, and May 31 was the first day court was held in the refurbished Municipal Court.

Visitors to the renovated Howard Building will find offices for Human Resources and Employee Health located on the first floor, Prosecutor's offices and Municipal Court on the second floor, and Parking Enforcement and Building Maintenance in the basement.

Combining the old with the new has allowed for the building to keep its historical feel using modern construction and safety methods.

The projected cost for the Howard/Gentry renovations was \$1,766,047 for the Howard Building and \$767,620 for the Gentry Building for a combined cost of \$2,533,667. Committing the resources to remodel this building will allow the Howard Building to serve the community for many years to come.

Work on the Gentry Building started June 1.

Council Action

The Council on May 1:

- Appropriated funds for street and sidewalk projects authorized by voters during the November 2005 election. The ordinance appropriates \$6,825,000 for the salt storage facility, Gans Road/U.S. 63 Interchange and various annual projects.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the fiscal year 2006 Summer Food Service Program. The MDHSS contracts with the Columbia/Boone County Health Department to provide sanitation inspections. The contract period began May 15 and ends Sept. 15.

The Council on May 15:

- Authorized the Douglass Park Pool Improvement Project; called for bids; appropriated funds. Planned improvements include renovating the pool shell, plumbing and mechanical systems and possible minor improvements to the bath house at an estimated cost of \$299,000. The city's fiscal year 2006 budget included an appropriation of \$149,000, \$99,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds and \$50,000 from parks sales tax funds. An additional \$150,000 was included in the November ballot issue.
- Amended Chapter 26 of the City Code as it relates to taxation of telephone companies and telecommunications companies to conform with the Municipal Telecommunications Business License Tax Simplification Act, which will replace the seven percent gross receipts tax on telephone companies with a three percent gross receipts tax. This change is mandated by legislation passed by the Missouri General Assembly last year and is intended to be revenue neutral.

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

Board and commission vacancies

The following Board and Commission have vacancies. To apply or for more information about qualifications, please go to the City's web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or contact the City Clerk's Office at 874-7208. Applications must be received by noon on the indicated deadline date.

Application deadline for the following is August 4:

Board of Health (one vacancy)
Historic Preservation Commission (two vacancies)

Take the FASTPass to School!

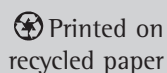
Getting to school just got easier. Columbia Transit's new 7-Day Student FASTPass gives students a week's worth of unlimited bus use for \$2.50. FASTPass is available at Wabash Station Monday through Saturday during business hours. Unlike the old weekly pass which was only valid Monday through Saturday, the student FASTPass is good for seven calendar days from first use. The expiration date prints on the back of the pass, so students know when it's time to buy a new one.

Try transit for free on Communities in Motion Day, Thursday, September 7. Avoid traffic in The District; take the bus to the Twilight Festival! Come early and donate blood with the Red Cross. 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 (GoWord: GoRiderAlert) and at the station, 874-7282. Columbia Transit appreciates your patience during the station's renovation.



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...in the U.S. Conference of Mayors/Waste Management 2006 City Livability Awards Program

Mayor Darwin Hindman accepted an Honorable Mention Citation for the 2006 City Livability Awards that were presented June 3 during the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Las Vegas. The award made Columbia one of the top 10 cities recognized in the Livability Awards out of 250 cities that applied.

The award is sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management.

"I am delighted that the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management are recognizing the City of Columbia for its efforts in improving the quality of life for its residents," said Hindman. "Our citizens have good reason to be proud of Columbia and the work that has been done to make their lives better. I am proud of the work being done as part of the annual Mayor's Challenge: Bike, Walk & Wheel Week which is the major reason for this award."

A press release issued by the U.S. Conference of Mayors praised Hindman as "... a champion of active living." His vision led to the implementation of Bike, Walk and Wheel Week in 2001, a campaign that challenges Columbians to leave their cars at home for a week and travel by human power. Bike, Walk & Wheel Week is an energetic, week-long event to encourage residents to walk, cycle or wheel to work and other destinations to foster health, active living and safe transportation routes.

Bike, Walk and Wheel Week is a partnership between government, not-for-profit agencies and private businesses that coordinates 10 distinct events staffed by volunteers. The kick-off event includes a community bike ride or walk led by an honorary chair person. Activities include a bicycle recycling event, in which bicycles are donated to low-income residents, and a free breakfast at various locations throughout the city on "breakfast stations morning."

This year's event, lead by Judy Knudson, was highly successful and involved 80 sponsors, numerous volunteers, and had more than 2,450 participants.

Columbia receives honorable mention citation...



above, left: Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman and Barry Caldwell, Waste Management Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs and Corporate Communications, at the US Conference of Mayor's City Livability award ceremony.

All other photos from BWWW events of 2005.



above: Volunteer Terry Barney takes a break from his duties on the trail.

August 2006 Volunteer of the Month

by volunteer Timothy Rowland

Anyone who regularly runs, walks, or rides a bicycle on Columbia's trails has probably seen Volunteer of the Month Terry Barney along the trail.

Terry's Park Patrol duties include being a visible presence on the trails and providing a sense of safety for trail users. Patrollers alert Parks & Recreation of potential safety issues or trail maintenance needs. Terry, employed with the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, has been part of the Park Patrol since its inception a decade ago and patrols city trails eight to 10 hours per week. "I like to give a little back to the city and the community at the same time," he says.

A bicyclist as well as a runner, Terry finds his time spent on the trails enjoyable. People are not always going to have someone in authority in the area when they are needed, Terry points out, and a Park Patroller often serves to discourage would-be troublemakers.

He says, "The most rewarding part of the job is meeting interesting people on Columbia's trails, everyone from senior citizens to members of the MU track team or cross-country team. It's a great way to have fun and stay healthy and do something constructive at the same time." Terry states, "You can't beat it!"

For information on volunteer opportunities with the City of Columbia call 874-7499 or visit: www.GoColumbiaMo.com



Donated funds help with hurricane relief

The New Century Fund recently made a donation of nearly \$3,000 to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi to assist with continuing Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Funds were given in December from Simon Oswald Associates, the MU Buck-a-Person for Relief Fund, and two local individuals. The City of Pascagoula is using the funds to demolish unsafe homes and to assist with asbestos removal.

The New Century Fund is a nonprofit organization that receives gifts and grants on behalf of the City. To learn more, call 874-7504.

Help pay utility bills for those in need

There are people in Boone County who need your help to keep up with the basic necessities of life. Summer cooling bills can be a hardship for people in need. You can help them by donating to the H.E.L.P. (Heat Energy and Light Program) and C.A.S.H. (Citizens Assisting Senior Citizens and Handicapped) programs. These utility assistance programs are unique in the fact that every dollar donated to the program goes to Boone County residents who find themselves in a financial bind. All contributions are tax deductible.

Call Utility Customer Service to donate 874-7380

Water Saving Irrigation Tips

Do you 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; approximately 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 or sprinkler 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.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 1/2 inches with a sharp blade.
- Never use a hose to rinse off pavement; sweep leaves and grass clippings.



Healthy Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods

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

Did you know homeowners use more 10 times more chemicals per acre on lawns than farmers use on crops?

Want to have both a great lawn and clean streams, plus get answers to your yard-care problems?

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

If you'd like answers, register for the Show-Me Yards and Neighborhoods Workshop held at the ARC (Room A) on Wednesdays, August 16, 23 & 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

To register, call 874-7616 or send an e-mail to flgordon@GoColumbiaMo.com. Plan to attend any or all three evenings for great prizes and a free rain gauge!

Presentations will include:

- How Does a Show-Me Yard Benefit My Community?
- How & Why to Build a Rain Garden
- Moles, Fungus & Crabgrass: Solving Basic Problems
- Why consider native plants?
- What about commercial lawn care?
- Equipment & Techniques for Your Best Lawn
- Healthy Soil / Healthy Grass & Gardens
- Adding nutrients without adding chemicals
- Resisting the urge to spray: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly Bugs

Partners include: The Lawn Company, Atkins Tree and Turf, City of Columbia Public Works, Boone County Public Works, University of Missouri-Extension, Hinkson Creek Restoration Project, Mid-America Green Industry Council, Creative Surroundings.



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 then typing in GoYes at the GoWord prompt.



Watch Columbia Channel videos online
www.GoColumbiaMo.com



By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 615, you can learn about the Memorial Tree Program.



Go to the Columbia/Boone County Office of Emergency Management web page on www.GoColumbiaMo.com for an informative resource on disaster planning, natural disasters, homeland security, and related topics—including versions in Spanish.

Garage Band Bash Planned

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning the 2nd 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 Saturday, August 19. Several 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.

Parks and Recreation Fall Registration

The fall Leisure Times activity guide will be available Wednesday, August 9 in the Columbia Daily Tribune; at the Parks and Recreation office, temporarily at 701 E. Broadway; 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.

On-line registration is available for Parks and Recreation life enrichment and fitness classes! Go to GoColumbiaMo.com, enter the GoWord: GoRecreationRegistration and follow the easy instructions.

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• Call 874-7460 for more information. •

August

- **4 Teen Night at Oakland Family Aquatic Center**, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$1 per person
- **4 Outdoor Cinema at Flat Branch Park, Madagascar**, 8:45 p.m., \$3 per person, children 6 and under free
- **4-6 Show-Me State Games**
- **9 Registration begins for fall classes and activities**
- **11 Singles Mixer**, Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park, 8-11 p.m., \$7
- **13 Last day for Douglass Family Aquatic Center**, Twin Lakes and Lake of the Woods Pool
- **18 Whiff and Giggle Golf**, Lake of the Woods Golf Course, 5 p.m. shotgun start
- **19 Garage Band Bash**, 7-10 p.m., top of parking garage at Sixth and Cherry, \$2
- **20 Last day for Little Mates' Cove**
- **26-27 Three-person golf scramble**, Lake of the Woods and L.A. Nickell courses