

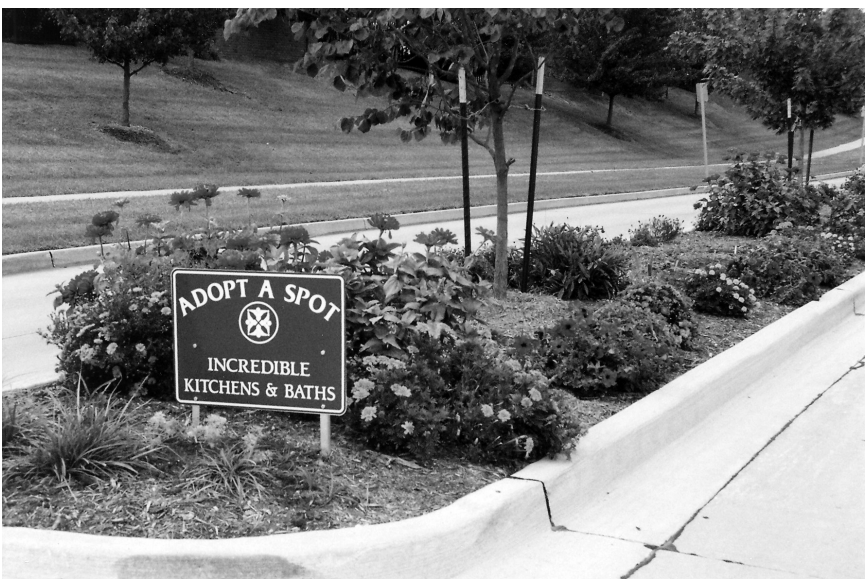
# Adopt-A-Spot Volunteers Brighten Columbia

Drive anywhere in Columbia and you're likely to see a flower bed with a green "Adopt-A-Spot" sign. Columbia now has 70 such beds sprinkled around town.

Road construction, including the extension of Green Meadows east of Providence Road, the widening of East Broadway, and the improvements to Blue Ridge Road have increased the number of landscaped beds in the Adopt-A-Spot program this year.

Volunteer adopters agree to care for their beds for four years and are responsible for weeding, watering, mulching, and planting bulbs and annual flowers.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit their Web page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) where you can view a list of the current adopters, as well as available beds.



# July Volunteer of the Month

By volunteer Timothy Rowland

Many Missourians walk the MKT to enjoy the fresh air and scenery. Few likely are aware of the work done each year by the FUN CITY Youth Academy (FCYA).

Since 1970, FCYA has provided culturally rich programs for low-to-medium income Columbia families to facilitate academic achievement and community involvement. One such program is the Saturday Academy, a 4-H Community Service Club that fulfills seven annual service projects.

One project is the Flat Branch Creek cleanup along the MKT. More than 100 kids and supervising adults remove trash from the stream. "One thing we try to teach the children is how to give back to the community," says Barbara Walker, executive director and Saturday Academy principal. "That helps them become well-rounded and productive citizens of Columbia. The cleanup projects are hard work but, after spending a day at the creek both working and playing, the kids come back wet, muddy, proud and happy."

The work done by the Saturday Academy makes this well-traveled area of Columbia cleaner and more beautiful. The City of Columbia expresses our thanks to Barbara Walker and the kids at FUN CITY Youth Academy for their contributions to our community.

For more information on how you can volunteer, call 874-7499 or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com), GoWord: Volunteer.



(above): Members of the Fun City Youth Academy clean up the Flat Branch Creek along the MKT.

## FASTPass – Your Ticket to Ride!

Forget juggling tickets. Quit waiting for next month's pass. Columbia Transit's new FASTPass is your ticket to ride. Using Smart Card technology, FASTPass gives you five options for paying your fare:

- 30-Day Unlimited, full-fare or half-fare
- 7-Day Unlimited, student
- Pre-loaded 25-Ride, full-fare or half-fare

Unlimited-ride passes are good for 7 or 30 calendar days from first use, so you can buy them anytime. When you swipe your FASTPass card in the fare box, the number of rides or days remaining on your pass will be displayed on the fare box screen. Fare boxes will still accept change. For more information, go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: GoFASTPass).

## Council Action

*The Council on April 3:*

- Authorized construction of improvements to park property located between the ARC and West Junior High School, and to Cliff Drive Park and Bear Creek Neighborhood Park. Total cost of the proposed projects is \$35,000. Funding comes from the Park Sales Tax.
- Authorized an agreement with the curators of the University Missouri on behalf of the School of Nursing to provide health clinic experience for nursing students. The Health Department provides a public health environment and workforce. Nursing students work with department staff to provide community based nursing services under the supervision of the University of Missouri clinical faculty. The agreement period runs June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

*The Council on April 17:*

- Authorized a funding agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the county of Boone relating to the Route 763 reconstruction project, from Big Bear Boulevard to Route 63. The total cost of the work required for reconstruction is estimated at \$29,782,700.

The project will include widening the roadway and will also accommodate a pedway and sidewalk.

- Authorized an agreement with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce relating to the Walton Building expansion project. The city and chamber jointly own the building and have agreed to obtain preliminary plans and a construction cost proposal to address the building's current and future needs.

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](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) on the City Council page.

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City of Columbia

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

874-7111

City Hall Switchboard

874-7650

Community Line

874-7697

TTY Users

874-7282

Pre-Recorded Information 24 Hours / Day

874-7325

Bus System & Information

874-7325

Energy Conservation

874-7460

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874-7663

Recreation Hotline/Cancellations

911

Police Emergency

874-7652

Officer Voice Mail & General Information

442-6131

Non Emergency

442-6132

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

874-7663

Recreation Hot Line

874-6291

Solid Waste Collection

874-6289

Street Maintenance

874-6292

Street Sign Maintenance

874-7230

Traffic & Parking Violations

Utilities

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Water & Light Turn On & Off

445-9426

Sanitary Sewer Emergencies—24 Hours

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Storm Sewer Maintenance

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Power Emergencies—24 Hours

875-2555

Water Emergencies—24 Hours

874-7499

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874-7339

Weeds & Health Complaints Hotline

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## Come out to celebrate

Enjoy the 55th Annual Fire in the Sky celebration at the University of Missouri's Memorial Stadium! ABC 17's Fire in the Sky will be held on Tuesday, July 4. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. followed by performances by the Doxies at 7 p.m. and the Kansas City Street Band at 8 p.m. Fireworks will begin shortly after 9 p.m. The display will be accompanied by the music of the Missouri Symphony.

The celebration is free and concessions will be available. Please do not bring any fireworks to the stadium. For more information, call 874-7460 or visit [www.fireinthesky.tv](http://www.fireinthesky.tv).

## Fireworks Concerns

The Columbia Police Department is reminding citizens that discharging fireworks within the Columbia city limits is illegal.

Each summer the Police Department responds to hundreds of fireworks calls, taking time away from other duties and making the department less available for other calls for service. A common excuse is that it's only a firecracker or a roman candle. Violators are subject to an arrest and a fine.

Please have a safe and happy Fourth of July but leave the fireworks to the professionals. If you have any questions regarding this or any other ordinance, you can find them on the City of Columbia Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or by contacting the Community Service's Unit of the Columbia Police Department at 874-7606.

## Holiday schedules

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made on July and will delayed one day for the remainder of each week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions.

Also, City buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced.





# PSJC Operator of the Year

Meet Scott Patterson (left), Columbia/Boone County’s 2006 Operator of the Year.

Every year, during National Telecommunicators Week, Columbia/Boone County Public Safety Joint Communications (PSJC) employees cast their votes for the Operator of the Year. This year, Scott Patterson was recognized by his peers for outstanding service, performance and professionalism.

During an informal gathering in the 9-1-1 Call Center, PSJC Director James McNabb presented Scott with a handsomely engraved plaque—amid applause, compliments, cake, and punch. On hand in a show of appreciation were Columbia police officers, firefighters, and Boone County Commissioners Karen Miller and Keith Schnarre.

# 9-1-1

## VoIP and 9-1-1 Service

“9-1-1; what is the address of your emergency?” —That’s what you should hear when you dial 9-1-1. However, if you make the call using VoIP—Voice over Internet Protocol (a high-speed broadband internet connection via DSL or cable modem), be aware your call might not reach the desired 9-1-1 Call Center. Understanding the limitations of VoIP and taking certain precautions will help you avoid the unexpected when dialing 9-1-1 for help.

Subscribers to an interconnected VoIP service should

- Have a clear understanding of any limitations of your 9-1-1 service
- Find out the service provider’s procedure for updating your address
- Provide an accurate physical address to your provider
- Inform children, babysitters, and visitors about your VoIP service and its 9-1-1 limitations
- If power is out or the broadband connection is down, your VoIP service may be down, too. Consider a backup power supply, traditional phone, or cell phone.

For information about interconnected VoIP and 9-1-1 service, call the Columbia/Boone County Public Safety Joint Communications Center at 874-7400. You can also contact the FCC Consumer Call Center at 1-888-835-5322 or go to [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) online and search “Voice over IP.”

## What is a NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio?

NWR is a 24-hour, all-hazards radio network—the most comprehensive weather and emergency information available to the public. Features available include:

- Tone alarm: the National Weather Service’s tone alarm preceding warning or watch messages can activate the receiver even if the audio is turned off, which is especially useful at night while you’re asleep.

- SAME (Specific Area Message Encoding): allows your receiver to respond only to alerts issued for the area(s) you have selected.
- Battery backup: ensures you’ll stay informed even during a power outage, which often occurs with storms.

Read the information-packed site [www.weather.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm](http://www.weather.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm) to learn how a small investment (from \$20 to \$200, depending on model) buys enormous peace-of-mind.



## 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 a few 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.
- Insulated attics need proper ventilation so they can ‘breathe’.
- Consider moving your extra refrigerator or freezer out of the garage to the basement and your appliance won’t have to work so hard to stay cool.
- Don’t block vents and air returns with furniture, drapes or rugs.

## Outside water efficiency tips

Up to 60% of summer water consumption is used outdoors on landscaping. By using the water conservation techniques outlined below, you might be surprised by a better looking yard and lower water bills.

- 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.
- 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 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.

Columbia Water and Light offers FREE water and energy audits of your home. Sign up now at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or, or call 874-7325

# Clarence Riechmann Indoor Pavilion dedication ceremony held



(above): Mayor Darwin Hindman (with scissors) joins Second Ward Councilman Chris Janku, Fifth Ward Councilwoman Laura Nauser, Sixth Ward Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe, the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, members of the Clarence Riechmann family and members of the Cosmo Club to cut the ribbon at the new Riechmann Pavilion.

Mayor Darwin Hindman, City Manager Bill Watkins, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hood and representatives of the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. Clarence Riechmann, for whom the building is named, was a charter member of the club. The Cosmo Club made a significant donation toward the building’s construction. The Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors officiated at the ribbon cutting.

The Riechmann Pavilion, constructed out of red cedar timbers, sits on the northeast side of the park on a hilltop overlooking the park and lake. The 2,000-square-foot main room has a vaulted ceiling, and offers a scenic view through the large wall of windows, making it an ideal location for weddings, receptions, reunions, company meetings or group gatherings (maximum of 150).

For more information and the guidelines for use of the Riechmann Pavilion, please visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or call 874-7460. Reservations are allowed up to two years in advance of the event.



**Have an idea or concern?  
Call the City Manager’s Direct Line**

# 874-7788

## Parks and Rec offers summer fun!

Columbia Parks and Recreation is offering something for all ages this summer! Here are a few upcoming special events to mark on your calendar:

**Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema Summer Series:** Grab a blanket or low lawn chair and head out for an unforgettable evening of cinema under the stars in beautiful Flat Branch Park. No rain dates. Sponsored by Flat Branch Pub & Brewing and presented by Parks and Recreation, Columbia Daily Tribune, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Ragtag Cinema. Cost is \$3 per person; children 6 & under are free. Upcoming movies are *Raiders of the Lost Ark* at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 7, and *Madagascar* at 8:45 p.m. on August 4.

**Teen Night** will be held on July 7 and August 4 at Oakland Family Aquatic Center. Teens between the ages of 11 and 15 are invited to join in a fun-filled night of music, swimming and dancing in a drug- and alcohol-free environment. Teen Night will be held from 8:30-11:30 p.m. and cost is \$1 per person.

**Late Night at the Armory** is held on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. The gym will be open and teens are welcome to participate in games, sports, listening to music and hanging out with friends. Admission is free. For more information about these events, call 874-7460.



## On the Web

Are you remodeling your home this spring? Need a dumpster? No Problem! 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. The Public Works Department offers competitive rates and experienced drivers. To learn more about the City’s roll-off and commercial waste services, visit the Solid Waste Division Web page at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoRefuse).

## Save the date: MLK Memorial rededication

Make plans now to attend the rededication of Columbia’s *Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial* on Monday, August 28, at 6:00 p.m. The event will celebrate two years of restoration work at the *Memorial* and a number of improvements to the surrounding Battle Garden including a new shelter, landscaping and sidewalks. Funding for the project was provided by donations from citizens, businesses, and foundations through the New Century Fund and a grant from Department of the Interior’s Save America’s Treasures program. For more information, call 874-7512.

## 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 youths 3–17 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) then type in GoYes at the GoWord prompt.

## Note from the ARC . . .

The ARC Water Zone will be closed July 28 to August 6 for annual maintenance.

## Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

# July

- 4 **Special Swim Hours at Pirates’ Landing and Oakland Family Aquatic Center**, 12–5 p.m.
- 4 **Fire in the Sky**, Memorial Stadium, Gates open at 6:30 pm, Free
- 7 **Teen Night at Oakland Family Aquatic Center**, 8:30-10:30 pm, \$1 per person
- 7 **Outdoor Cinema at Flat Branch Park**, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, 9 pm, \$3 per person, children 6 and under free
- 21 **Paquin Music Festival**, Paquin Tower, 9–11:30 am, Free
- 21 **Whiff and Giggle Golf**, L.A. Nickell, 5 pm shotgun start
- 21 **50+/OAK Dance**, Riechmann Indoor Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park, 7–10 pm, \$3
- 21–23 **Show-Me State Games**
- 28–30 **Show-Me State Games**



## Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia’s Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 462, you can learn about Home Fire Escape Planning.