

Council Action

The Council on March 6:

- Appropriated funds for public safety projects authorized by voters at the November 2005 election. This bill appropriated about \$4 million of the \$15 million approved by voters. It will provide funding for the replacement of three fire trucks. It also includes funds for the replacement of Fire Station No. 7, the warning siren replacements and the police training facility.
- Authorized an agreement with Sustainable Farms & Communities Inc. for the lease of city-owned property located on the west side of Clinkscales Road for the operation of a farmers' market. In accordance with the lease, Sustainable Farms will have the right to use the property March 18 through Nov. 18, 2006. The lease amount is \$2,100 per year.

The Council on March 20:

- Authorized a cooperative agreement with Boone County relating to 2006 revenue sharing funds for the Chapel Hill Road Improvement Project. This provides for \$300,000 to be forwarded to the city to be used for funding Chapel Hill Road improvements from Scott Boulevard to Gillespie Bridge Road. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$2,431,300.
- Amended Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit the possession of official traffic control devices and railroad signs. Stop signs, street signs and other traffic control devices are sometimes removed from city streets and used for wall decorations. Removal of these signs can create traffic hazards and replacement can be expensive. This ordinance prohibits the possession of "official traffic control devices."

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.

Joe P. Crane building dedicated

The Joe P. Crane Water Distribution Center was dedicated on March 22. Crane worked for the Water Division for 39 years. He was known throughout the community as a resilient, hard working man who was a model employee. The building serves as a store room, repair facility and provides office space for water distribution staff.

Community wide visioning forum held

On May 8, Columbia held a community wide visioning forum, "Imagine Columbia's Future." Forum objectives were to: determine the community's level of receptiveness to a visioning process; consider issues related to big picture planning in Columbia; and generate enthusiasm for developing a vision process in Columbia. The two-hour forum included presentations by three cities that have been involved with community wide visioning and discussions.

Look for more information on this topic as the city determines citizens' desires for community wide visioning.

City Council election results

Christopher Janku was reelected to another term as the Second Ward Councilperson and Barbara Hoppe was elected as the new Sixth Ward Councilperson. Both were sworn in April 17.

Renovating the Wabash Station

Columbia Transit's historic Wabash Station, located at 126 N. Tenth Street, will undergo renovation beginning in the Summer or Fall 2006. An administrative annex will be added, the waiting area expanded and a covered walkway extended out the back. View an architect's drawing of the proposed renovation at Transit's booth at the June Twilight Festival.

The renovation of Wabash will also include site-specific public art as a result of the city's Percent for Art program, coordinated by the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA). For more information, contact the OCA at 874-6386 or oca@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Bus schedules should remain the same throughout the renovation, but at times during construction, passenger boarding locations at the station may change. Find up-to-date information on bus lineup and passenger boarding at the 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 renovation.



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Outdoor Aquatic Facility Hours

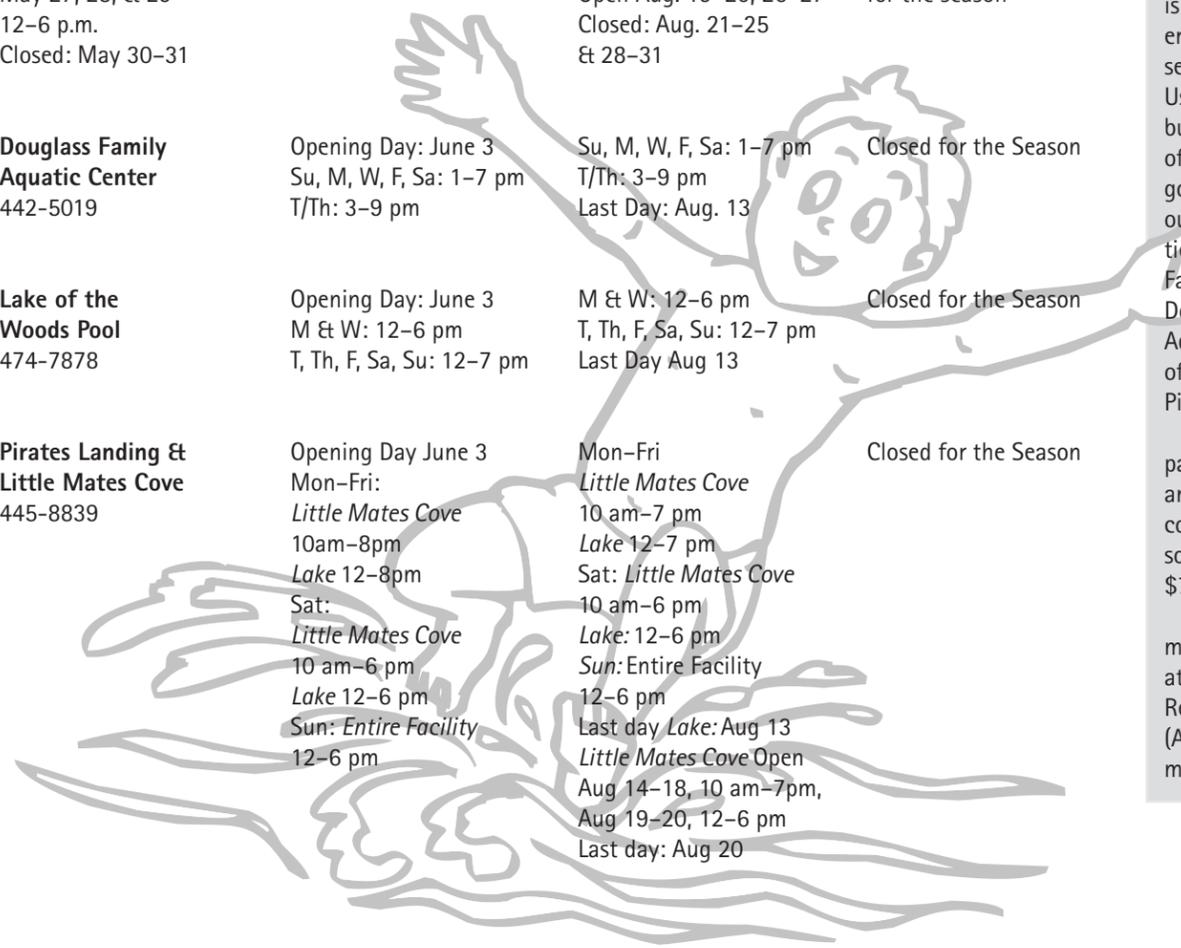
	June/July	August	September
Oakland Family Aquatic Center 474-5331 Opening Weekend: May 27, 28, & 29 12-6 p.m. Closed: May 30-31	Opening Day: June 3 M-F: 12-8 pm Sat.: 10 a.m.-6 pm Sun.: 12-6 pm	M-F: 12-8 pm Sat.: 10 a.m.-6 pm Sun.: 12-6 pm Last Week Day Aug 18 Open Aug. 19-20, 26-27 Closed: Aug. 21-25 & 28-31	Closed Sept. 1 Open Sept. 2-4 12-6 pm After Labor Day closed for the season
Douglass Family Aquatic Center 442-5019	Opening Day: June 3 Su, M, W, F, Sa: 1-7 pm T/Th: 3-9 pm	Su, M, W, F, Sa: 1-7 pm T/Th: 3-9 pm Last Day: Aug. 13	Closed for the Season
Lake of the Woods Pool 474-7878	Opening Day: June 3 M & W: 12-6 pm T, Th, F, Sa, Su: 12-7 pm	M & W: 12-6 pm T, Th, F, Sa, Su: 12-7 pm Last Day Aug 13	Closed for the Season
Pirates Landing & Little Mates Cove 445-8839	Opening Day June 3 Mon-Fri: Little Mates Cove 10am-8pm Lake 12-8pm Sat: Little Mates Cove 10 am-6 pm Lake 12-6 pm Sun: Entire Facility 12-6 pm	Mon-Fri Little Mates Cove 10 am-7 pm Lake 12-7 pm Sat: Little Mates Cove 10 am-6 pm Lake: 12-6 pm Sun: Entire Facility 12-6 pm Last day Lake: Aug 13 Little Mates Cove Open Aug 14-18, 10 am-7pm, Aug 19-20, 12-6 pm Last day: Aug 20	Closed for the Season

Aquatic season passes available

Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department is offering pool-goers the chance to buy season passes in 2006. Users may choose to buy one of three types of passes that are good at all of the city's outdoor aquatic facilities, including Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods Pool and Pirates Landing.

A family season pass will cost \$220, an adult season pass costs \$115 and a season pass for youth is \$70.

Season passes must be purchased at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC). For more information, call 874-7700.



Renovation of the Howard and Gentry Buildings

Renovation on the Howard Building, 600 East Broadway, and the Gentry Building, One South Seventh Street, was approved by the City Council at a cost of \$1,766,047 and \$767,620, respectively, for a total cost of \$2,533,667.

The occupants of the Howard Building were relocated in October 2005, and the removal of nearly all of the existing interior construction materials began. The work consists of new interior walls, electrical, plumbing, flooring, lighting, data wiring and equipment, fire protection, security systems, and an emergency exit stair tower at the southeast corner of the building. The Office of Cultural Affairs will coordinate the refurbishing of murals within the courtroom as part of the City's Percent for Art program. The building exterior also has received repair and sealing of the masonry surfaces. Work is on schedule, and the anticipated completion date is May 19. In late May, the Prosecutor's and Municipal Court Offices are scheduled to return to the second floor of the Howard Building. Human Resources and Employee Health will occupy the first floor, and the Parking Utility will occupy the lower level.

The Parks and Recreation Department moves from the Gentry Building in May to their temporary space in the Daniel Boone Building. Work will begin on the Gentry Building June 1. Complete renovation is scheduled for the first floor along with some work in the basement and extensive repair and resealing of the exterior surfaces. The projected completion date is September 22. The projected date for Parks and Recreation, Volunteer Services and Cultural Affairs to move into the Gentry Building is September 27. Final completion date for all work is October 16.



June volunteer of the month

by volunteer Timothy Rowland

It doesn't take long after talking with Jim Berry to notice his pleasant disposition and friendly demeanor. Ask any City of Columbia Parks and Recreation department staff and they will say the same thing. He is noted for always having a smile on his face.

Jim is a volunteer for the Older Americans Klub (OAK), a social program for people 50 and older. He takes care of the Parkade Center pool hall, cleans tables and floor, and keeps the pool balls and sticks in good shape. He also keeps track of who uses the pool hall and who participates in the monthly pool tournaments. Jim has been a Parks and Recreation volunteer for the past three years and is known for his reliability.

At age 74, Jim still serves his community. "I enjoy doing this," he says about his volunteering, "because it helps other people and also gives them something to do." The City of Columbia extends its thanks to Jim for his contributions.

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

Summer fun at Flat Branch Park

Join the fun at Flat Branch Park during the June Twilight Festival for some great entertainment! Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning a variety of activities for all ages. Events will be held from 6-8 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- June 1 Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema:** *Chronicles of Narnia* at 8:45 pm to be preceded by a magic show from 6 to 6:40, fire eating show from 7-7:40 and a juggler from 7:50-8:30. Fee is \$3 per person, children 6 and under are free.
- June 8 The Bubbas:** A sensational family band playing rock 'n roll and country.
- June 15 Twilight Karaoke:** Join us for this fun filled night of karaoke. Please register if you'd like to participate. Call 874-7460 for more information.
- June 22 Bottom of the Boot Bluegrass Band:** Fun and energetic bluegrass band!
- June 29 Amazing Acrobatic Action:** Watch as the St. Louis Arches Circus Troupe performs a variety of skills including tumbling, trapeze, juggling, stilt walking, tight-rope walking, unicycling, rolling globe, mini-trampoline and partner acrobatics.

Get Ready for Summer & Save

Is your cooling system ready for the summer heat? Save money and resources by maintaining your system on a regular basis.

- Maintain your heating and cooling system by replacing air filters at least four times a year.
- Inspect your outside AC unit to make sure it has not been damaged in a storm and it is clear of any accumulated debris.
- Clean dust and lint away from the heating/cooling unit inside your house on a regular basis.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on regularly scheduled maintenance.

If your heating and cooling system is older, you might consider a new unit. Columbia Water and Light offers low interest loans for upgrading to a more efficient system.

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High quality water

Columbia is fortunate to have a naturally clean supply of water. Millions of years ago, glaciers deposited sand and gravel near the Missouri River in McBaine. As the ground water moves through these deposits, it is naturally filtered.

Please see the Water Quality Report included in this month's utility bill for more details. Further information can also be reviewed on the city's web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or by calling Water and Light at 874-7325.

National Trails Day in Columbia

Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department is holding a 5K Run/Walk and Trailside Nature Expo to commemorate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3. The run/walk will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. with participants starting at the Stadium entrance to the MKT Trail.

At the Forum Nature Area, take advantage of a trail-side educational opportunity! Interested families and individuals will be able to meet with experts and organizations that specialize in stream restoration, native plants, wildlife habitat and other issues relevant to preserving the natural environment of Columbia's parks and trails. Staff from the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department will be available with trail maps and information about the Columbia Treekeeper program.

The event is free and open to the public. The first 25 to finish the 5K will receive a commemorative t-shirt. The run/walk is not a timed event. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 874-7460.

Youth can volunteer this summer



above: Community youth volunteer at Art in the Park.

Each activity in Youth In Action is structured and supervised. Kids can choose which activities they want to help with and can participate as their schedule allows. Activities in the past have included helping with special events and festivals, teaching others about recycling, picking up litter, and helping with dog washes. Youth who participate have fun and leave the summer with new friends and experiences in giving to others.

The 2006 program will begin in early June. To learn more about Youth In Action, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499. An online application for the program can be found at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

June

- **1 Twilight Outdoor Cinema at Flat Branch Park,** *Chronicles of Narnia*, pre-show at 6 p.m., movie at 8:45 p.m., \$3 per person, children 6 and under free
- **3 Opening day for Douglass Family Aquatic Center,** Lake of the Woods Pool and Pirates' Landing
- **3 5K Run/Walk and Trail-side Nature Expo for National Trails Day,** 5K starts at Stadium entrance to MKT Trail, 9-10 a.m., Free
- **8 Twilight Music at Flat Branch Park,** The Bubbas, 6-8 p.m., Free
- **9 Singles Mixer,** Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park, 8-11 p.m., \$7
- **10 "Reel" Time with Kids** (fishing clinic), Bass Pro Shop's Sportsman's Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Free
- **10-11 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship,** Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- **10 Star Gazing,** Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, 9-10:30 p.m., Free
- **15 Twilight Karaoke at Flat Branch Park,** please register, 6-8 p.m., Free
- **16 50+/OAK Summer Dance,** Parkade Center (east side), 7-10 p.m., \$3
- **17-18 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship,** Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- **17 Father-Daughter Dance Night,** ARC meeting rooms, 6-8 p.m., \$15 per couple, \$3 each additional daughter
- **22 Twilight Music at Flat Branch Park,** Bottom of the Boot Bluegrass, 6-8 p.m., Free
- **22-25 Missouri State Senior Games**
- **23 Whiff and Giggle Golf,** Lake of the Woods Golf Course, 5 p.m. shotgun start
- **24 Columbia Youth Triathlon,** Wilson's Beach and Tennis Club, 7:45 a.m., \$20 individual fee
- **24 Go Skateboarding Day!,** Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 2-6 p.m., Free
- **29 Twilight Entertainment: Amazing Acrobatic Action** at Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., Free