

SUMMER

Outdoor Aquatic Facility Hours

	June/July	August	September
Oakland Family Aquatic Center 474-5331 Opening Weekend: May 24, 25, & 26 12-6 pm Closed: May 27-30 Open May 31, 12-6 p.m.	Open: June 1, 12-6 pm Closed June 2-3 Open for Season: June 4 M-F: 12-8 pm Sat.: 10 am-6 pm Sun.: 12-6 pm	M-F: 12-8 pm Sat.: 10 am-6 pm Sun.: 12-6 pm Last Weekday Aug. 15 Open Aug. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, 12-6 pm Closed: Aug. 18-22 & 25-29	Open Sept. 1 12-6 pm Closed for season September 2
Douglass Family Aquatic Center 442-5019	Opening Day: June 4 Open daily 1-8 p.m.	Open daily 1-8 p.m. Last day: August 10	Closed for season
Lake of the Woods Pool 474-7878	Opening Day: June 4 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. 10	Closed for season
Pirates Landing & Little Mates Cove 445-8839	Opening Day June 4 M-F 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	M-F 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. 10 Little Mates Cove Open Aug. 11-15, 10 am-7pm, Aug. 18-19, 12-6 pm Last day: Aug. 19	Closed for season

On the Web

Homeowners and businesses with security alarms should read the City's ordinances for registering their alarm systems. These requirements – and the ability to submit the information online – can be found at http://gocolumbiamo.com/PSJC/Services/alarm_ordinances.php.



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 ages 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.

Pools open for the summer!

Don't miss the fun at Columbia's pools this summer! Some new features to watch for:

- New double loop enclosed flume water slide at Oakland Family Aquatic Center
- New spraygrounds at both Flat Branch Park and Stephens Lake Park
- New special admission at Douglass Family Aquatic Center (Patrons 2 and older will pay only \$1 for admission any time of the day, any day of the week.)

Other recreation swim fees at other outdoor aquatic facilities are free for age 1 and under, \$2.25 for 2-15 year olds, and \$3.50 for patrons 16 and older. Admission after 6 p.m. is \$1.75.

Coupon books for 20 visits are available for \$35 for children (2-15) and \$54 for those 16 and older. Season passes are available for \$220 for a family of up to 5, \$115 for an adult and \$70 for a youth.

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

June Volunteer of the Month

by volunteer Lauren Kilberg



The City of Columbia recognizes Loretta Wilkinson (left) as May's volunteer of the month. Wilkinson, a charter member of the Columbia Hospitality Corps (CHC), has been active since its founding in August 2003.

CHC is sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, with support from the City's Office of Volunteer Services, and was designed to give volunteers an opportunity to greet visitors and share with them information about Columbia attractions. Wilkinson's dedication to CHC has contributed greatly to the program's ongoing success.

CHC duties include staffing the Lake of the Woods Visitors Center at least once a month to greet visitors and answers questions. Wilkinson has also volunteered at many conventions and events.

"I hope to volunteer even more in the future. Whatever opportunities come along that I could be doing, I'll find a way to do them," said Wilkinson.

In addition to her commitment to CHC, Wilkinson also volunteers with the Missouri Department of Conservation and Mid-Missouri Barrier Free Housing, through which she has worked to make Columbia more accessible for the disabled. Wilkinson also attends Columbia Medical Reserve Corps meetings and trainings.

To learn more about the City's volunteer program, contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit www.GocolumbiaMo.com.

City of Columbia Solid Waste Division
874-6291 www.GocolumbiaMo.com



Compost for Sale
Every Wednesday from 1 to 5pm
at the City Compost Facility,
5700 Peabody Road. 573-474-9145.

Learn to Make Your Own Compost
Free workshop on Saturday, June 14
at 10am at the compost demonstration site
at Capen Park, off Rock Quarry Road.
573-874-6271.

Want to know what you can do for the environment?
Visit our recycling booth at the Twilight Festival,
every Thursday evening in June.

Boards & Commissions

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. Call 874-7208 for information. Application deadline is noon, June 6.

- Library Board
- Water and Light Advisory Board
- Cultural Affairs Standing Committee
- Railroad Advisory Board

Mosquito Phone Notification

Be the first to know about neighborhood mosquito spraying this summer! To register for the Mosquito Phone Notification, contact the Environmental Health Division at (573) 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.

Moving? *Don't forget to close your utility account!*

Contact the Utility Customer Service office at least one day in advance of needing utilities transferred. For customers leaving the city, deposits will be applied to the final bill. Any amount remaining will be sent to the customer. Disconnect your electric, water, sewer and trash service:

Utility Customer Service
www.GocolumbiaMo.com, 874-7380



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Your source for City news and information

COLT: the city's short line railroad

In the early 1980s, city leaders were scrambling. They heard that Norfolk Southern planned to discontinue rail service on the branch line from Centralia to Columbia. No other providers would offer service without charging the city a fee and Columbia needed rail service. Rail service is an important part of a community's transportation system. It is an economically and environmentally friendly way of shipping large commodities. Manufacturers depend on it. With no other viable alternatives, Columbia purchased the rail line in October 1987.

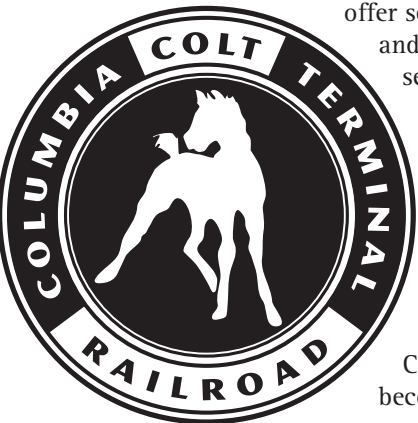
Under Columbia Water and Light, the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) has become a valuable tool for retaining business and attracting new industries to the area. Since 1987, rail business has grown from 600 carloads per year in 1987 to over 2,500 in 2007. ADS Logisitics, the privately owned transload facility opened in 2004, enables more manufacturers in our area to take advantage of rail service. Heavy commodities are delivered to the facility where they can be stored and/or trucked directly to customers in the region.

Shipping with COLT:

- Creates a balanced transportation system
- Develops the economics of our community
- Reduces truck traffic
- Saves CO₂ emissions

2007 COLT Rail Statistics

2,561 cars
43% metal products
23% coal
14% chemicals
11% petroleum
5% lumber
4% other manufacturing and building supplies



By using rail in 2007, mid-Missouri businesses freed up our highways with 10,244 fewer trucks.

8,710 tons of CO₂ were saved by shipping with COLT.

Play it safe with trains

Watch for vehicles, such as school buses, that are required by law to stop at railroad crossings.

Watch for trains anytime, day or night.

Observe and obey warning signs and signals.

Look for oncoming trains before crossing a track.

Never walk or stop your car on a track.

Don't try to beat a train; it can't stop suddenly to avoid you.

Highway 63 railroad crossing update

The section of Highway 63 that intersects with the COLT railroad tracks on the north side of town will become an exempt crossing. Vehicles carrying hazardous materials and school buses will no longer be required to stop. This is the first measure to make the railroad crossing less hazardous to motorists. Drivers still need to use caution when approaching the tracks. The option of constructing an overpass for the train has been researched and funding for the project is being pursued.



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The Jefferson Junior High School artist-in-residence was the fourth such project of the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and is an example of the OCA's Partner in Education programming with the Columbia Public Schools' Art Department.

Homes for Computers Program

The City of Columbia, the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) and the Downtown Optimist Club partnered again this February to provide surplus (used) computers and equipment to eligible VAC clients as part of the "Homes For Computers Program." Thirty computers were given away to clients who were enrolled in VAC programs, or programs administered by VAC, and had applied and were found eligible for the giveaway. The following letters are from citizens who received computers.

I appreciate the computer. I go to school online but I have to go to the library every day. Thanks to you, I no longer have to walk in the cold and rain. The Lord put you here for a reason and that was to help someone in need. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you so very much for the computer for our family. God bless you. The kids will love being able to do their homework.

Thank you for the computer that you are giving us. We really thank you. My oldest daughter has a lot of computer homework. And I don't drive so I don't always have a way to the library. I really appreciate this. I'm also in school and I type things myself.

I am very grateful for the computer that I won. I have never won anything so I am very grateful. Me and my children thank you very much.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of a computer to our family. It will make a big difference in our lives.

Educated Art

Ninth graders at Jefferson Junior High School (JJHS) have proven themselves to be accomplished artists and as a result their school will never be the same. Local artist David Spear spent the majority of 11 weeks, mid-January through March, as part of an artist-in-residence with Diane Strotbeck's ninth grade art students at JJHS. The collaboration produced site-specific public art for the school's main lobby entryway where all students, teachers, parents and visitors will see it. More than 30 painted panels come together to document the architecture and landscape surrounding the school, including familiar downtown buildings, nearby college and university settings and local landmarks. Spear's must-see paintings at the nearby Wabash Station, a city Percent for Art project completed in 2007, served as the inspiration for the school project. The residency was coordinated by the city's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) as part of an ongoing effort to involve the community in the Percent for Art program. Funding from the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts made the project possible. For more information about the City's public art program, contact the OCA at (573) 874-6386 or oca@GoColumbiaMo.com, or log on to www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia is participating in America In Bloom

In an attempt to highlight our community's many efforts at tidiness, beautification and being environmentally-friendly, Columbia is participating this year in America In Bloom. More than 150 communities have participated in the program, which evaluates how municipal, commercial and residential factors contribute to overall community appearance.

Two America In Bloom judges will visit June 23-24 to evaluate Columbia in eight areas: tidiness; environmental effort; community involvement; heritage preservation; urban forestry; landscaped areas; floral displays; and turf and ground covers.

What you can do

America In Bloom is about more than what local government is doing; the evaluation will also address the efforts of businesses and residents. Here's how you can help:

- Help beautify our city by planting flowers at your business or residence or picking up litter as you go for a walk.
- Tell us about businesses or homes with landscaping and floral displays that you enjoy seeing. We may want the judges to see them when they visit.
- Assist with the judges' visit in June. We are looking for people to help tell our story, showcase our community and host the judges.

Columbia's participation in the program is being coordinated by the Office of Volunteer Services. Information on America In Bloom will be posted on the City's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Super Saver Loans for energy-efficient improvements

Saving energy with Columbia Water & Light is simple! Make energy saving improvements to your home or business with a low-interest loan.

- upgrade to a more energy-efficient cooling and heating system
- replace a window air conditioner with a central unit
- install a heat pump
- add insulation
- install a solar water heater



874-7325
GoColumbiaMo.com



Summer youth volunteering

Looking for a way to solve summer boredom for teens? Volunteering is a perfect opportunity to make good use of this extra time, have fun and make a difference for Columbia all at once.

Columbia youth 12-15 years can stamp out boredom this summer by participating in Youth In Action. Sponsored by the city's Office of Volunteer Services, Youth In Action allows kids to participate in a wide variety of supervised, structured projects with the City and agencies throughout the community. Youth In Action projects begin when school is out.

Another great resource is the Directory of Summer Youth Opportunities, a listing of opportunities with city departments and community agencies for young people.

To apply for Youth In Action or access the directory, call 874-7499 or visit the Office of Volunteer Services' page on the city's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Safe fun for the summertime

The Health Department wants the summer to be safe for you and your family.

- Before going out in the sun, lather up with sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher).
- Seek shade during sunny afternoons.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Drink water and avoid alcoholic beverages and caffeine.
- Stay in air-conditioning when possible and don't just rely on a fan.
- Never leave children/pets unattended in hot environments without air-conditioning, including unsupervised vehicles.
- Check on elderly family or neighbors.
- Watch for the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

For more information on heat illnesses or cooling centers, visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia receives 2008 Cultural Diversity Award

The City of Columbia was presented a National League of Cities' (NLC) and National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) 2008 City Cultural Diversity Award, which recognizes community efforts to enhance and celebrate cultural diversity, March 10 at the annual "Celebrate Diversity" Breakfast at NLC's Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes the Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast and Columbia Values Diversity Awards. The breakfast and awards ceremony occur annually on the Thursday before the nation celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The Columbia Values Diversity Awards are presented to citizens whose work exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through non-violence. The City's Office of Community Services manages both programs, in conjunction with the Human Rights Commission, Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Planning Committee and Let's Talk Columbia volunteers.

"City staff and community partners work hard to create an event that crosses cultural barriers, invites inclusiveness and celebrates diversity," said Mayor Darwin Hindman. "It is gratifying that such an esteemed national organization has recognized their efforts."

The NLC/NBC-LEO City Cultural Diversity Awards were established in 1995 to promote cultural diversity in community governance through citizen and community participation. Winning cities are selected from a pool of applicants and are grouped according to population. Columbia was the winner in the 20,000 - 100,000 population group.



Disposing of medications

Ever wonder how to properly dispose of old medications? It is important to properly dispose over-the-counter or prescription drugs so they don't eventually end up in the groundwater or watersheds.

NEVER dispose of medications in the toilet or drain!

Best Method

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
1313 Lakeview Drive (near the power plant, off the Business Loop)
Open: first and third Saturdays, April through November, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Alternate Method

1. Keep products in their original container. (Remove label or conceal information with a permanent marker.)
2. To make the drug unusable, add a small amount of water to a solid drug and recap the container. For liquids, add some absorbent material such as kitty litter, sawdust or flour.
3. Place the container in another container or a heavy bag.
4. Place item in the trash.



Commerce Bank Kids Camp complete with bounce houses, balloon animals and activities.

Activities take place from 6-8 p.m. and are free of charge:

- June 5** Fire Spinning Show with the Fried Crawdaddies: Come see an amazing fire spinning show while listening to the rock/jazz sounds from a favorite local band, the Fried Crawdaddies.
- June 12** Twilight Bike Night with Artie's Univibe (sponsored by Mid-America Harley Davidson): This night is for motorcycle lovers young and old. Come see some of the coolest motorcycles in town; including a variety of Harley Davidsons, while enjoying great tunes from the insatiable band, Artie's Univibe.
- June 19** Together with Drumming: Sally Burnley is an energetic, family-friendly, drum circle facilitator. She gives everyone the fun, community experience of creating music together. Sally provides the mixture of African and Asian hand drums and world percussion woods, shakers and bells.
- June 26** Magic Show: Be amazed by the energetic and talented Glenn Bishop, "Bish the Magish." There will be two shows; one starting at 6 p.m. and the other at 7:15 p.m.

Twilight Festival is presented by Columbia Parks and Recreation, the Convention & Visitors Bureau and The District.



Columbia Fire Station No. 7, approved by voters in 2005 as part of the quarter cent sales tax extension, is beginning to take shape at the corner of Green Meadows and Green Meadows Way (above). The building will replace the current station site on the outer road of South Providence just north of Nifong Boulevard.

GBH Builders of Jefferson City was awarded the bid as the general contractor. The scheduled completion date, depending on weather, is late November. The building is designed to achieve LEED certification and will include a Percent for Art project.

You can monitor the building construction on the city's Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Fire/.

Twilight Entertainment at Flat Branch Park

June

- **Opening day for Lake of the Woods, Pirates' Landing and Douglass Family Aquatic Center**
- **Twilight Entertainment:** Kids Camp and entertainment-Fire Spinning with music by the Fried Crawdaddies, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free
- **7-8 Golden Jubilee Art in the Park,** Stephens Lake Park, free
- **7 National Trails Day celebration,** 5K/10K at Stadium access of MKT, Nature Expo at Forum Nature Area, 9 a.m., free
- **7 "Reel" Time with Kids fishing clinic,** Bass Pro Shop's Sportsman's Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., free
- **12 Twilight Entertainment:** Kids Camp and entertainment-Bike Night with music by Artie's Univibe, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free
- **13 Outdoor Cinema Series: The Birds,** 9 p.m., Stephens Lake Park, \$3 per person, 6 and under free
- **14-15 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship,** Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- **14-15 Juneteenth Celebration,** Douglass Park, 2-8 p.m., free
- **14 Father-Daughter Dance Night,** ARC meeting rooms, 6-8 p.m., \$15 per couple, \$3 additional daughter
- **19 Twilight Entertainment:** Kids Camp and entertainment-Together with Drumming, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 pm, free
- **19-22 Missouri State Senior Games**
- **20 OAK/50+ Summer Solstice Dance,** Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3
- **20 Whiff and Giggle Golf,** Lake of the Woods, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple
- **20-22 Women's Match Play Championship,** Lake of the Woods
- **21-22 Francis Hagan Match Play Championship,** Lake of the Woods Golf Course
- **21 Go Skateboarding Day,** Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 2-5 p.m., free
- **26 Twilight Entertainment:** Kids Camp and entertainment-Magic Show, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free
- **28 Columbia Youth Triathlon,** Wilson Beach and Fitness Club, 8 a.m., \$25