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City of Columbia's Fourth of July Fire in the Sky

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

The City's 60th annual Fourth of July Fire in the Sky event will have a new home this year. Due to renovations at Memorial Stadium, the event will move to The District. Activities and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. This free event will be held July 4.

Children's activities and entertainment will be at Flat Branch Park, Fourth & Cherry St. The entertainment main stage is planned for MU's Peace Park on Elm between Sixth and Eighth streets. Fireworks will begin after 9 p.m. and will be launched from the top of the parking garage at Sixth and Cherry.

Celebrate Independence Day in The District! For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



City Council

The Columbia City Council election for Ward 2 and Ward 6 was held April 3. Sixth Ward Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe was elected to a third term. Michael Trapp was elected to represent the Second Ward.

Both took their oaths of office at a special meeting April 16. Trapp replaces Jason Thornhill, who did not run for re-election.

Fireworks Safety

With July 4 approaching, the Columbia Police Department would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to shoot fireworks inside the city limits. Violating the ordinance can result in the confiscation of your fireworks and being issued a city summons.

If you plan to shoot fireworks outside the city limits, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Shoot fireworks at a safe distance from structures and other people.
- Never relight a "dud" firework.
- Always keep a hose or bucket of water handy.
- Children under age 12 should not handle fireworks and should not shoot fireworks without the supervision of an adult.
- Pets are often frightened by fireworks so keep them away from this activity.
- Never consume alcohol while handling fireworks.

If you are looking for a safe alternative to shooting fireworks, attend the City of Columbia fireworks display in The District July 4.

Changes to City's utility assistance programs

In order to improve customer service and make the City's utility assistance program more accessible and equitable, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services - Division of Human Services recently changed the way utility assistance is delivered to residents.

Effective May 1, utility assistance will be provided using a random selection process, rather than the telephone system that was previously in place. Customers now simply submit an application once a year and are entered into a pool for possible monthly selection. Program eligibility guidelines remain the same. Applications are available at:

- www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/HumanServices/Programs/Social_Service/socserv.php (web address must be entered exactly as it appears here - using capital letters where indicated)
- Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, 1005 West Worley in Columbia
- Boone Electric Cooperative, 1413 Range Line Street in Columbia
- City of Columbia Water & Light Customer Service, 701 East Broadway in Columbia

Applications and documentation can be submitted in person, electronically (utilityassistance@GoColumbiaMo.com) by fax (874-7756) or by mail to: **Division of Human Services, Attn. utility assistance, 1005 W. Worley, Columbia, MO 65203**

Customers with questions can speak to a social services specialist at 817-6430.



The Plan for How We Live & Grow

Have you ever heard the expression "failing to plan is planning to fail"? When it comes to City planning, the best laid plans are those in which residents get together to decide how, where and if we want growth and development to occur in the future.

Phase Four "Where are we headed?" of the City's comprehensive plan process took place in May with meetings to discuss goals and objectives for the 12 issue areas residents identified as key to the City's future (community safety, education, transportation, recreation, neighborhoods/quality of life, economic development, housing, downtown, community participation, health care, managing change and use of space). This phase also introduced different growth scenarios and allowed residents to tailor goals and objectives based upon these scenarios.

If you missed these meetings, there is still time to get involved in the planning process by taking the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/COMOphase4>, calling the Community Development Department at 874-7239 or visiting the Web at www.columbiainmagined.com.

You can also follow us on Facebook (ColumbiaImagined) and Twitter (@COMOImagined).

City wins 20 computer tablets through Box Mobile Giveaway

When City Information Technologies Director Bob Simms learned of a contest from a company offering the chance to win 20 Samsung Galaxy Tab computers for the City, he jumped at the opportunity. On March 22, Simms learned that his was the chosen entry in the Box Mobile Giveaway.

Box, a California-based company, provides cloud data storage and enterprise collaboration tools. According to its website, Box was founded on the idea that people should be able to access and share their content from anywhere. The company strives to reinvent what businesses can do with their content through its content sharing platform.

The City not only received the tablet computers but also a year of Box, which includes 20 Box Enterprise accounts offering free unlimited storage and file sharing.

Box received 1,194 entries for the giveaway. Applicants had to explain in 200 words or less how they would benefit from winning. Simms' entry included the following.

"Mobile devices - especially tablets - are becoming necessary to provide answers, complete inspections and give surveys," he said. "This only works if the employee has access to the most up-to-date information. We're a city government looking to become more efficient at providing services to citizens."

Representatives from Box officially presented the award to Simms at the April 16 City Council meeting and then spent about three hours offering training to City staff the following day. The Health Department's Animal Control Division, Community Development's Office of Neighborhood Services, Police, Fire, Water & Light, Public Works and Information Technologies were all issued the devices.

"Box and mobile devices will make the difference between providing a service quickly and efficiently and making a customer come in to a government center and wait," Simms added.

Box will promote how winning the contest has transformed the organization by sharing videos and blog posts at box.com in the coming months.

Adopt-A-Spots brighten Columbia

Columbia has more than 90 Adopt-A-Spots located throughout the City and cared for by volunteers. The spots are landscaped areas in city or state right of ways that can be found at intersections, in roundabouts and in medians.

The City supports the work of volunteers with plants and mulch while volunteers share their time and hard work to keep them looking beautiful. The City also provides a sign to recognize the work of the volunteer and water where it is available.

The City frequently adds new beds to the program, as they are created through street projects, so new adopters are always needed. There are also other ways to support the program including donating plants, assisting with bed reviews and helping with water hydrants.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Spot Program, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.



PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

JULY

4	Fire in the Sky, The District, FREE
4	Special swim hours at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center and Little Mates Cove, 12-5 p.m.
11	New Leisure Times activity guide available
12	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, 7-9 p.m., FREE
13	Movies in the Park, The Smurfs, Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under FREE
13	Teen Night at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 8:30-10:30 p.m., \$2 per person
18	Family Fun Fest: Around the World, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
20-22	Show Me State Games
27-29	Show Me State Games

Parks and Recreation presents Family Fun Fests

Columbia Parks and Recreation is holding a themed Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park on the third Wednesday of each month through September.

Fun Fests are held from 6-8 p.m. and are free. Entertainment for the entire family features music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, face painting and guaranteed fun for all ages.

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8, EntPro Entertainment and Columbia Home Magazine.

JULY 18: AROUND THE WORLD

Travel the globe with dancing, music and games. See what other children around the world do for fun. Sponsored by the Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs.

COMING UP:

AUG. 15 — IT'S A CIRCUS

SEPT. 19 — CREATIVE KIDS

June Volunteer of the Month — Pam Springsteel



Pam Springsteel

There is great value in the warmth of a friendly smile when you visit a new place. Often, that smile can influence your whole outlook on a new location. Volunteers like Pam Springsteel, June Volunteer of the Month, know how to welcome visitors to Columbia with a friendly smile and helpful information.

Springsteel has been a loyal member of the Columbia Hospitality Corps since 2005. She volunteers

at the Lake of the Woods Visitor Center, greeting visitors and answering questions about Columbia. Springsteel is an expert on what to eat, where to shop and what not to miss when visiting. It is easy to see how much she cares about Columbia, as she has spent nearly 1,250 hours giving back.

When not at the visitor center you can find Springsteel donating time to other Columbia organizations, five days a week. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and serves on the Civil Liberties Committee. She also serves at the Museum of Art and Archeology and on various committees at her local church.

Springsteel goes well beyond the one-shift-per-month service recommendation at the visitor center by coming in like clockwork for weekly shifts. She says, with a smile, "I look forward to it every week."

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com

~Written by volunteer Brittany Perrin

Deadly Flash: Lightning Dangers

One of the deadliest dangers posed by severe weather is lightning. The National Weather Service says that on average, 62 people are killed each year by lightning. Seventy-three percent of lightning-related injuries and deaths occur in June, July and August. Although some victims are struck directly by the lightning discharge, many are struck as the current moves in and along the ground.

WHEN LIGHTNING IS OBSERVED—

Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items.

- Avoid water. Do not wash your hands, take a shower, wash dishes or do laundry.
- Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Avoid natural lightning rods, such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- Stay away from farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs and bicycles.

For complete information on lightning safety, click on the lightning link on the Office of Emergency Management's page of the City's website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/EM.

City offices closed for July Fourth holiday

City offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made July 4 and will be delayed one day the remainder of the 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 July 4.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 6 AT NOON

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes Commission
- Board of Electrical Examiners

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUG. 3 AT NOON

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing Commission

Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.



Web Did you Know?

The Office of Neighborhood Services page of the City's website can tell you more about Columbia's neighborhood associations along with resources and information to support strong neighborhoods. You can also learn about the Rental Conservation Law and other ordinances to keep residential areas in good repair.

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