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November Volunteer of the Month: Bill Reniker

By volunteer Isaac Larson

Columbia is considered one of Missouri's most attractive cities. Yet this attractiveness doesn't come easy—each year the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department puts in thousands of hours maintaining the city's 61 public parks. This effort is not possible without the help of volunteers like Bill Reniker, a TreeKeeper with City Forestry Division.

TreeKeeper volunteers work alongside city staff to plant and maintain trees in Columbia's parks. TreeKeepers attend training classes to learn the basics of tree planting, disease, and maintenance. After training, TreeKeepers must commit to 36 hours of field service on city parks and trails projects. Their wide-ranging duties include: planting new trees, pruning established trees, mulching, fertilizing, and removal of

harmful species such as honeysuckle and grapevine.

Despite the gritty work, Bill says he enjoys being a TreeKeeper. "It is so interesting," he says. "I wanted to know more about planting and taking care of trees, so I decided to join. It's really neat working with such a great group of people. I fully intend to stay on as a TreeKeeper and continue to do what I can."

The City of Columbia wishes to thank Bill Reniker for all his hard work as a TreeKeeper. His efforts have helped make Columbia a beautiful place to live!

For more information on volunteer opportunities contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or e-mail: volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com

above: Bill Reniker reads the earth for a new tree.

On the Web

New! Learn more ways you can conserve by reading the new "Columbia Wasteline Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" e-newsletter. You may read it online or subscribe for e-mail notification at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWebMail). Thank you for recycling!

Council Action

The Council on Aug. 1:

- Appropriated funds for late night recreation activities at the Armory Sports Center. The Council authorized the Parks & Recreation Department to offer late-night activities at the Armory on seven Saturdays during summer 2005. The estimated staffing cost is \$3,010.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for tuberculosis diagnostic screening services. The Missouri Diagnostic Services Agreement provides the city with cost-based reimbursement for tuberculosis diagnostic screening services for low-income, uninsured individuals who test positive for initial tuberculosis skin tests.

The Council on Aug. 15:

- Called an election on the extension of the local parks sales tax and capital improvement sales tax adding 1/8 cent for streets and sidewalks and increasing the development charge for arterial and collector street construction. The special election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8.
- Called for bids for renovations to the Howard and Gentry buildings. A public hearing about this issue was held November 2004. The proposed project, for which \$2,645,000 has been appropriated, involves the renovation of all exterior elevations and three interior levels of the Howard Building, and both levels of the Gentry Building, removing asbestos and upgrading mechanical and electrical systems in both buildings.

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.

Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 552, you can learn about brush and leaf collection.

Nightlights for Bus Shelters

The nights are a little brighter for some Columbia Transit passengers, thanks to new solar lights installed on the roofs of bus shelters near the Wal Mart Supercenter on Conley Road and the Gerbes on Paris Road.

The solar lights provide increased visibility in our shelters, so passengers can feel more secure and drivers can more easily see waiting riders. The solar panel sits out of the way, atop the shelter. The solar batteries charge during the day and provide light throughout the night. Each is designed with a 5-day battery backup.

Columbia Transit has installed the two lights to study any benefits provided to the Transit system.

Columbia Transit participates in the national transit safety program Transit Watch; the solar lights are part of our ongoing commitment to our passengers' security.



Your Hometown Utility

Columbia Water and Light was formed by voter approval in 1904. For over 100 years, the utility has been furnishing Columbians with low cost, reliable electricity and high quality water. Every customer is an owner and has a say in how the utility is run.

Thank you Columbia, for making public power work!

Holiday Schedule

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. Residential refuse and blue bag collection will be delayed for the remainder of the week. Also, the landfill will be closed. City buses will not operate and parking meters will not be enforced.



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City Road Projects



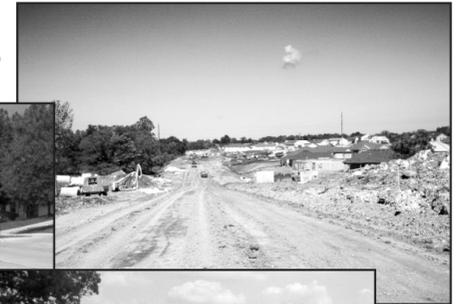
Blue Ridge Road: Dove Drive to Range Line
Consists of a 41-foot wide pavement with curbs and gutters, landscaped center islands, storm drainage piping, an 8-foot wide pedway along the south side and a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the north side. J. C. Industries of Jefferson City; \$1,097,182.

East Broadway
Includes new bridge, roadway widening from east of Old Highway 63 to Brickton, landscaped islands, pedway and sidewalks. New Trimble Road was constructed and signalized. Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc; \$4.8 million.

Donnelly Ave. Reconstruction
This \$310,000 project involves total roadway reconstruction from West Boulevard to Hardin and Ridgeway to Cook Ave., and sidewalks from Hardin to Ridgeway.

Garth Ave.: Thurman Ave. to Blue Ridge
This \$1.6 million project is completed. It included reconstruction of the roadway, storm sewer, new bridge, a roundabout, sidewalks, pedways and landscaping. Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc.

Green Meadows Road Extension
Steve and Associates, Inc., of Fulton is the contractor on this \$1.5 million project. It includes constructing a roadway from Providence to Grindstone Parkway. The two-lane road will have center islands and turn lanes, where appropriate.



photos, from top to bottom: Blue Ridge Road recently began construction from the roundabout with Garth Avenue to State Route 763. Estimated completion winter 2005.

Garth Avenue recently completed from Thurman Avenue to the Blue Ridge Roundabout.



Green Meadows Road Extension currently under construction between Providence Road and Grindstone Parkway. Estimated completion Fall 2005.



East Broadway is currently 65 percent complete. Expected completion is December 2005.



Donnelly Avenue Reconstruction and Sidewalk Project. Expected to be completed this winter.

What You Can Do About the Flu



The Columbia-Boone County Health Department will be offering flu immunizations as vaccine becomes available. Vaccine will be shipped to the Health Department in several increments over the 2005-06 flu season as the national supply permits. Immunizations will be administered in the Sanford-Kimpton building, 1005 W. Worley. Please check the "fluline" which will be updated regularly at 874-7355 for dates and times of flu clinics as they are scheduled.

The Health Department will also be offering FluMist™ intranasal vaccine to those who meet the medical guidelines at a cost of \$25 per person. For more information on the medical requirements for FluMist™ or the flu vaccine contact your physician, call the "fluline" or go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Complications from the influenza virus can lead to pneumonia. The pneumonia vaccine will be available at the Health Department for \$20. Please note that Medicare will only pay for the pneumonia vaccine once in

a lifetime. Check with your physician to see if you should consider getting this vaccine.

The public is urged to use preventative measures to decrease the spread of the flu virus including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home from school or work when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you are coughing or sneezing.
- If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm, not your hands.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

The Health Department can accept cash and checks as forms of payment. If you have Medicaid or Medicare, please remember to bring your card with you to the flu clinic. The Health Department is not able to bill private insurance.

COLUMBIA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS FOR ALL

Festival Thanks

September 24 and 25 marked the 14th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, the signature event of the city's Office of Cultural Affairs. The event could not take place without the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of many

sponsors. Thanks to all, especially: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Boone County National Bank, the Callaway Bank, CenturyTel, Columbia Daily Tribune, Commerce Bank, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dave Griggs' Flooring America, Days Inn and Travelodge, Deck the Walls, First National Bank, KBIA 91.3, KOMU-TV8 and the WB5, McDonald's, Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Missouri Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and Regency Hotel Downtown.



Columbia Values Diversity Awards Youth Essay & Poster Submissions

Everyone is encouraged to celebrate diversity in our community by participating in upcoming activities in association with the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration.

Columbia Values Diversity Awards: Nominate an individual, family, organization or group for the 9th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards. Show your appreciation for those who have championed diversity and cultural understanding in our community!

Mayor Darwin Hindman will present the awards at the 13th Annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Please help us recognize people whose work in our community 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. Two awards will be presented: one individual/family award, and one organization/group award.

Youth Essay Submissions: Youth in grades 4-12 are encouraged to participate in the annual Columbia Values Diversity Youth Essay program. Selected student essays will be published and distributed at the celebration. Submission information and this year's writing prompt will be available in October and distributed through local schools.

Poster Contest: Middle school students should break out their brightest markers for the Columbia Transit/Columbia Values Diversity Poster Contest. There will be cool prizes for the winning posters. All entries will be displayed on Columbia Transit buses.

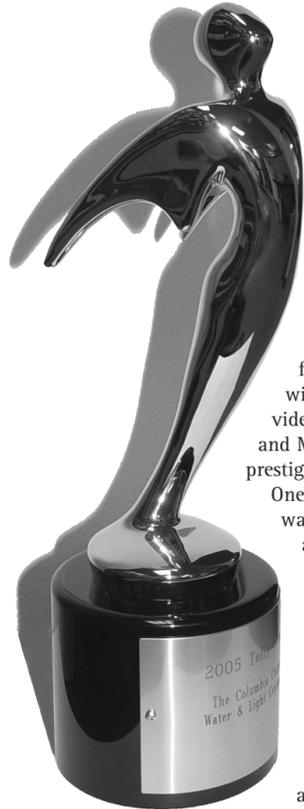
Award nomination forms as well as poster and essay information are available by calling 874-7488 (V/TTY) or on the web at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoDiversityCelebration) Submissions are due on December 2. Please call for accommodations related to disability.

Thanks! Heritage Festival Thank You

The 28th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, coordinated by Columbia's Parks & Recreation Department, was held September 17-18 at the historic Nifong Park. Parks & Recreation wishes to thank the following for their support: ABC-17; Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund; Columbia Daily Tribune; Courtyard by Marriott; Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers; Walter's Boone County Historical Society Museum and staff; the individuals participating in the 1859 town, the Lewis & Clark camp, and the cowboy camp; the Metro Rotary Club; and the many artisans, craft persons, volunteers, and others who make the festival possible.

Please exercise your right to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

REMEMBER TO VOTE



The Columbia Channel Wins Two National Awards

The Columbia Channel, the government access channel for the City of Columbia, was awarded two Telly Awards. The Telly Awards began in 1980 as a way to recognize programs and commercials that were produced by non-network professionals. There were more than 10,000 entries in this year's competition from all 50 states and many foreign countries. The competition had winners last year from firms who produced videos for clients like The History Channel and MSNBC. The Telly has become a very prestigious award in the video field.

One Telly award, in the commercial category, was for a public service announcement about Columbia Water and Light's centennial celebration. The commercial combined key messages from the centennial campaign and used a collage of old photos to recognize the utility's milestone. The other video, Columbia's Cold Case Files, won in the documentary category. The video features several previously unsolved criminal cases that were reviewed using technologies that are now available to the Police Department.

The Columbia Channel is broadcast on Mediacom, channel 13 and Charter Communications, channel 2.

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ARC Holiday Hours

The Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) will be closed Thursday, November 24 in recognition of Thanksgiving. On November 23, the ARC will be open from 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Normal hours will resume on November 25.

The ARC Water Zone will keep its regular pool schedule from 5:45 a.m.-12 p.m. on November 23. The Water Zone will be open for Rec Swim from 12-5 p.m. that day.

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.

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

November

- 6 Kids Trout Outing**, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 12:30-3 p.m., Co-sponsored by Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited
- 11 Family Fun Night at the ARC**, ARC Gymnasium, 7-9 p.m., \$3 per person, pre-register
- 18 50+/OAK Thanksgiving Dance**, Parkade Center (east side), 7-10 p.m., \$3
- 19 "Fowl Shooting" Contest**, shoot free throws for a turkey! Armory Sports Center, 9-11 a.m., all ages, \$1 per 10 free throw shots

Save Water

By conserving water in your home, you can save money and help protect this precious resource for years to come. Check for water leaks:

- Check your meter. The meter is usually along the water main, in the ground or in the basement.
- Stop all water use for 30 minutes.
- Check to see if meter has moved. If the number has changed, it's time to check for leaks.

Leaking faucets:

- A slow leak in a faucet can waste 15 to 20 gallons of water a day.
- The majority of leaks are due to worn out washers. Turn off the water supply and replace the washer.
- If the faucet is still leaking, consult a do-it-yourself manual available at most hardware stores or the library.

Toilets:

- If you hear the water in your toilet running long after you flush, you could be wasting hundreds of gallons a day.
- Take off the toilet tank lid and flush. Many problems can be readily recognized.
- Check the overflow pipe. If water is spilling over the top, then the arm needs to be adjusted so the valve shuts the water off sooner.
- To check for leaks around the stopper, put a few drops of food coloring in the reservoir tank. Don't flush for one hour. If the color shows up in the toilet bowl, the stopper at the bottom of the tank needs to be replaced.

Other Tips:

- Typical shower heads use around five gallons of water per minute. Install a low flow shower head that uses only two or three gallons.
- Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes in the sink.
- Wash only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine.

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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

874-7111 874-7650 874-7697	City Hall Switchboard Community Line TTY Users Pre-Recorded Information 24 Hours / Day Bus System & Information
874-7282 874-7325 874-7460 874-7663	Energy Conservation Parks And Recreation Recreation Hotline/Cancellations
911 874-7652 442-6131 442-6132	Police Emergency Officer Voice Mail & General Information Non Emergency
874-7405 874-7525 874-7523	Columbia Police Programs/Crime Prevention East District Commander West District Commander
874-7229 874-6291 874-6291 874-7663 874-6291 874-6289 874-6292 874-7230	Prosecutor—City Recycling Information Roll-Off Service Recreation Hot Line Solid Waste Collection Street Maintenance Street Sign Maintenance Traffic & Parking Violations
874-7380 874-7380 445-9426 874-6289 875-2555 875-2555	Utilities Account Information Water & Light Turn On & Off Sanitary Sewer Emergencies—24 Hours Storm Sewer Maintenance Power Emergencies—24 Hours Water Emergencies—24 Hours
874-7499 874-7339	Volunteer Services Weeds & Health Complaints Hotline