

# MLK rededication

More than 200 people gathered at Columbia’s memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28 to celebrate the memorial’s rededication. The ceremony was held on the 43rd anniversary of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

The Memorial, originally dedicated in 1993, suffered water damage leaving a white crust on the blue tiles making up the amphitheater, the memorial’s focal point. Regular cleanings were not sufficient to address the damage and after assessments of the work in the late 1990’s it was determined that restoration was necessary.

In early 2003, the New Century Fund, a non-profit which supports City of Columbia projects, adopted the memorial restoration as a project. More than \$83,000 was raised in donations from citizens and businesses and the City received a \$98,000 Save America’s Treasures Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Two years of successful work at the site led to the completion of the restoration in August 2006. Other additions to the site, at 800 S. Stadium Boulevard, include a new shelter, additional sidewalks and landscaping and an upgraded parking lot. The City thanks all those in the community who supported the memorial’s original construction and restoration.



With the Columbia Fire Department’s Honor Guard in the background, Celestine Guyton Hayes, a Columbia Public Schools teacher, sings “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the Black National Anthem, during rededication ceremonies at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial on August 28.

## Fight the flu; protect yourself and others

As flu season approaches, the Columbia/Boone County Health Department reminds everyone of some simple prevention tips for home, school and work.

- **Avoid close contact.**  
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.
- **Stay home when you are sick.**  
If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- **Cover your mouth and nose.**  
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Clean your hands.**  
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
  1. Hands should be washed using soap and warm, running water.
  2. Hands should be rubbed vigorously during washing for at least 20 seconds with special attention paid to the backs of the hands, wrists, between the fingers and under the fingernails.
  3. Turn off the water using a paper towel, covering washed hands to prevent re-contamination.

- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**  
Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- **Get vaccinated.**

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year. Contact your primary healthcare provider or the Health Department for information on vaccination availability. A limited supply of FluMist (intranasal vaccine) will also be available for \$20. Contact the Health Department for details. The cost for flu shots provided by the Health Department will be \$15, payable by cash or check (Medicaid and Medicare are also accepted). Call the Health Department hotline, **874-7355**, for updates on times and dates for flu vaccination clinics sponsored by the Department.



## Council action

*The Council on Aug. 7:*

- Authorized an agreement with Columbia College for \$25,000 of Sports Development Funding under the Tourism Development Program for the 2006 NAIA Volleyball National Championship. In March, the City Council approved guidelines for the Tourism Development Program. The Sports Development Fund (SDF) provides funding for new sports events and significant expansions of existing sports events. Total allocations from the SDF are \$100,000 per year.
- Appropriated \$69,732 in grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for the purchase of a snow plow/spreader truck to be used at Columbia Regional Airport. The local share was appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2006 Airport Capital Improvement Program.

*The Council on Aug. 21:*

- Authorized an agreement with Ameresco Jefferson City LLC for the purchase of electricity from a landfill gas plant located in Jefferson City. The expected power output of the landfill gas plant is 3.17 megawatts with production of more than 25,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year. It will provide Columbia approximately two percent of its electric energy in 2008. The contract with Ameresco stipulates a \$52.50 fee per megawatt hour, which is fixed for the term of the 20-year contract.

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

### Street sweeping operations

The Street Division sweeps Columbia streets every six weeks. Roadways with bike lanes or bike routes are cleaned every three weeks. Additional sweeping is performed during events such as the Show-Me State Games, annual air show, parades, bicycle races, and after snow events.

Sweeping operations are limited to streets with curb and gutters or improved shoulders. Areas inaccessible due to mechanical limitations of equipment or obstructions in the street are excluded.

View a map and schedule of street sweeping operations on the city’s website at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: streetsweeping). For additional information, contact the Street Division at 874-6289.

### Ride out winter storms with Columbia Transit

Don’t slip and slide in the season’s first snowfall – take the bus instead! Columbia Transit drivers are trained to drive safely through any weather. During heavy ice or snow, buses operate on a Weather Emergency Schedule, departing Wabash Station on the hour. Find out if buses are on the Weather Emergency Schedule by listening to radio stations KBIA, KCLR, KFRU, KPLA or KFMZ.

Find up-to-date information on bus lineup and passenger boarding at Wabash station on Community Line (#717), on the Columbia Transit Web site, [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) and at the station, 874-7282. Columbia Transit appreciates your patience during renovation.

### Now you have an travel option

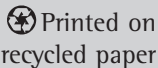
Effective October 5, US Airways Express began service to Kansas City and St. Louis from Columbia Regional Airport (\$59 one way fares). To view the flight schedule, go to [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: airport).

Reservations can be made by calling US Airways at 1-800-428-4322 or visiting their website at [www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com), or by contacting another airline website, your local travel professional, or using Internet sites such as Travelocity, Expedia, or Orbitz. Use Columbia as your departing and/or returning airport (code COU). Ticketing with some airlines, such as Southwest, may require the purchase of two separate tickets to reach your destination from Columbia. Mesa has guaranteed \$59 one-way fares (plus taxes and fees) to either St. Louis or Kansas City for a minimum of six months.



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### Help develop a community-wide vision for "Imagine Columbia's Future"

Columbia is “abuzz” as its citizens participate in a community-wide visioning process. The visioning project, which kicked off with a visioning Sponsors Council meeting in September, continues to gain momentum.

So, what’s been done to date?

At City Source press time, visioning surveys were being distributed through the local newspapers, at gathering places and on the city’s Web site, [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

*Join in the*  
**buzz**

[GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com). The purpose of the surveys is to assist in defining topical areas that Citizens Topic Groups would discuss en route to fashioning a vision for the community.

A consulting firm, ACP Visioning and Planning, was hired to assist the community in developing a vision that is all-inclusive and that will shape Columbia’s future. ACP will work closely with the many groups that will be involved in the visioning process.

Also at City Source press time, Columbians are being asked to join Citizen Topic Groups. These groups consist of citizens who will discuss and develop plans associated with their respective topics. There continue to be opportunities for citizens to join in the process and share their ideas. Topics should be determined later this year.

In early October, the Sponsors Council and volunteers hosted five fall visioning festivals at local schools. They were scheduled for October 7 at Douglass High School (11 a.m.–2 p.m.), Smithton Middle School (11 a.m.–2 p.m.) and Gentry Middle School (3–6 p.m.) and on October 14 at Jefferson Junior High School (11 a.m.–2 p.m.) and Lange Middle School (3–6 p.m.).

So, what are you waiting for? Listen to the “buzz” and join in the visioning process. We want you to share your ideas as you help decide Columbia’s future. Imagine that!

For information on how you can join in, please visit the city’s Web site, [www.GoColumbbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbbiaMo.com) (select “Imagine Columbia’s Future”) or call 874-7214.

**USE  
LESS  
STUFF**

*Campaign  
begins  
November 17th*

From Thanksgiving Day to New Years Day, folks would be astounded at the amount of holiday trash created. Mark your calendar for “USE LESS STUFF DAY” on Thursday, November 16, as a reminder of the need to conserve resources and fight waste. Find tips for using less stuff and additional information about the “Use Less Stuff” campaign at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: GoUseLessStuff), or you may call the Public Works Volunteer Program at 874-6271.

## Shoot free-throws for a turkey!

Win a free turkey for Thanksgiving by shooting free-throws at the Armory Sports Center! The Annual “Fowl Shooting” contest will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. It is sponsored by Columbia’s Parks and Recreation.

The entry fee is \$1 per set of basketball foul shots, plus one can of food for the first set. Participants may pay \$1 for as many sets of shots as time allows. Canned food will go to an area food pantry.

Winners in each age category will receive a certificate redeemable for a turkey at a local supermarket. Age categories include K–1st grade, 2nd–3rd grade, 4th–5th grade, 6th–8th grade, 9th–12th grade and adults.

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





## Water treatment plant open house

The Columbia Water Treatment Plant has completed the expansion project approved by voters in 2003 and now has the ability to pump 32 million gallons of water a day. Please plan on joining Columbia Water and Light for the dedication of the newly expanded plant this spring. The original open house this fall has been delayed to allow for the safety of those wishing to tour the facility. Remodeling work is continuing on the operations room and painting the older sections of the plant.

above: Expansion of the Columbia Water Treatment Plant, completed this summer, included an additional aerator, softening basins, pumps and filters.

### Heritage Festival Thank You

The 29th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, coordinated by Columbia's Parks & Recreation department, was held September 16-17 at Nifong Park. Parks & Recreation thanks the following for their support: ABC-17; Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund; Columbia Daily Tribune; Hampton Inn; 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, WWII exhibit, and the cowboy camp; the Metro Rotary Club; and the many artisans, craft persons, volunteers, and others who make the festival possible.



## Wabash Station ground breaking

After years of planning, renovation of the historic Wabash Station finally got underway in August—at least, ceremonially. U.S. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond, Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region VII Administrator Mokhtee Ahmad and City Public Works Director John Glascock launched the construction project designed to preserve the historic station, improve bus services and adequately house transit staff. Despite blistering summer heat, a crowd of nearly 100 gathered behind the station to watch officials turn the first spade-full of dirt.

The project is funded via a \$2.3 million federal earmark secured by Senator Bond. This federal grant is 80% of the project, with the City matching the remaining 20%. The renovation has an estimated completion date of July 2007.

A floor plan and illustration of the finished station can be viewed at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

### On the Web

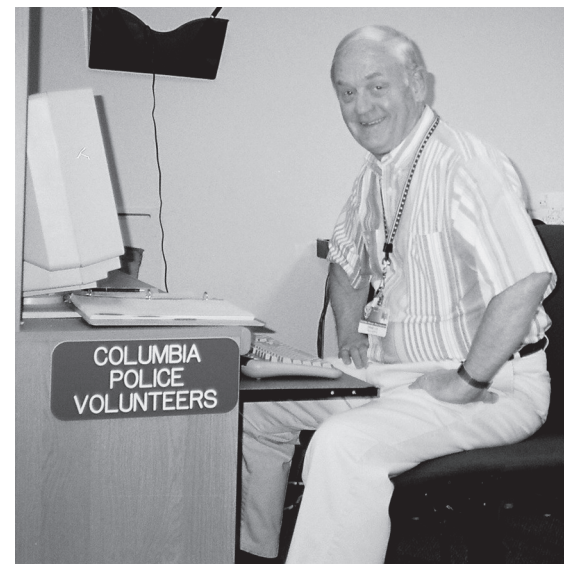
The Office of Volunteer Services maintains a list of ways you can volunteer throughout the city! Read about the great things volunteers do for our city and you can even apply online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

(L-R with hands on shovel handles): Bob Hutton, Ward 3 Councilman; Barbara Hoppe, Ward 6 Councilwoman; Chris Janku, Ward 2 Councilman; Mokhtee Ahmad, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region VII Administrator; U.S. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond; and Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman.

### Progress on the Gentry Building renovation

The demolition work at the Gentry Building, located at One South Seventh Street, began June. The work was very extensive and included the basement. The scope of work was expanded to include removing all the suspended ceilings that covered the original tall ceilings which exposed the moldings and trim. This will restore the elegant look of the entry level similar to its original appearance when it was constructed in 1905. At that time the building served as a Post Office before it was later used as the Columbia Public Library.

The new construction has proceeded at a fast pace with the building currently ready for painting of the interior walls. The project is expected to be substantially complete by November 3. Around November 8, 2006, Parks and Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Community Services will relocate into the Gentry.



above: Volunteer Ernie Lee working the volunteer desk at the Columbia Police Department.

### Holiday schedule

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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.

### Festival Thanks

September 23-24 marked the 15th 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 sponsors. Thanks to all, especially: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Boone County National Bank, the Callaway Bank, CenturyTel, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbia Daily Tribune, Commerce Bank, Dave Griggs' Flooring America, Days Inn and Travelodge, Deck the Walls, First National Bank, KBIA 91.3, KOMU-TV8 and Mid-Missouri's CW Network, McDonald's, MFA Oil, the Missouri Arts Council and Regency Hotel Downtown.

## Volunteer of the month

By volunteer Nancy Summers

Ernie Lee is a wonderful liaison between the community and the Police Department. Lee volunteers two hours each Wednesday as a Columbia Police Volunteer, saying, "This is what you must do when you volunteer—discipline yourself, set aside a time and be there."

Lee's favorite part of volunteering is preparing city warrants for the officers by beat, and reviewing larceny reports. He started volunteering after participating in the Citizen's Police Academy.

Lee also alerts neighbors, by calling or sending post cards, of larcenies and crime in their area and to remind them to be careful. Lee says, "Being a public safety volunteer is fun because it helps make a better community."

"Take valuables out of your car or put them in a less conspicuous part of the vehicle, and always lock your car and be safe," Lee says and reminds us, "Purses are the most common valuable stolen."

Lee's schedule is busy, yet he keeps his obligation and is always there to help the community. The City of Columbia thanks Ernie Lee for his commitment to public safety. For City volunteer information call 874-7499 or E-Mail: [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).

### Columbia Parks & Recreation

CALENDAR

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

## November

- 3 Family Fun Night at the ARC**, ARC Gymnasium, 7-9 p.m., \$3 per person, pre-register
- 5 Kids Trout Outing**, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 12:30-3 p.m., Co-sponsored by Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited
- 11 "Fowl Shooting" Contest**, (shoot free throws for a turkey), Armory Sports Center, 9-11 a.m., all ages, \$1 per 10 free throws
- 17 OAK/50+ Thanksgiving Dance**, Parkade Center (east side), 601 Bus Loop 70W, 7-10 p.m., \$3

### Community Line

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

## Loans for energy efficiency upgrades

*It's the perfect time of year to become more energy efficient! Columbia Water and Light can help with a low interest loan. You can finance a new heating and cooling system, install a heat pump, add insulation or a solar water heater.*

874-7325

## Web-based form to assist in identifying non-motorized obstacles

The City of Columbia has developed an online application that residents can use to report concerns on pedestrian routes. This effort is part of the work of the Mayor appointed advisory committee responsible for assisting the City in developing a non-motorized transportation system. The City of Columbia was one of four communities selected to participate in the program that includes an approximate \$22 million federal grant.

The form will provide an efficient way for citizens to inform staff about concerns they experience when traveling throughout the city. This form is the first step in a Global Information System (GIS) technology-based approach that will be used to both help track and keep the public informed about progress being made to encourage more non-motorized travel through creation of a safer environment on existing facilities.

The new Web-based reporting form link is available on the city's Web site at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (GoWord: goreportproblems).

# 874-7788

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

