

Council Action

The Council on July 5:

- Appropriated \$25,000 from Parking Utility Retained Earnings to allow for fiber optic connection to the Eighth and Cherry parking garage to connect the Finance Department to the city's network. The installation of the fiber optics will enable the garage security cameras to be connected to the city's LAN.
- Authorized a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the summer food service program. The state of Missouri received funding from the federal government to address child hunger during the summer months when children are not in school. The program is located in Douglass Park and is a collaboration between the Health Department, Parks & Recreation and the Voluntary Action Center.

The Council on July 18:

- Authorized acquisition of land currently leased for the Daniel Boone Building. One of the tracts is immediately under the building while the other is part of the parking area just north of it. These tracts were leased to the original owners at the Daniel Boone Hotel and will expire in the next four years.
- Authorized application for Fiscal Year 2006 transit operating and capital assistance grants. The state operating assistance is about \$100,000 and the federal operating assistance is about \$950,000. The capital portion includes the purchase of two new para-transit buses, purchase and installation of bus equipment, shelters, benches, concrete pads and equipment for fleet vehicles.

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.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget

The proposed FY 2006 Annual Budget can be viewed at the Columbia Public Library, on the City's Internet site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Finance Department at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.

Remaining public hearings are September 6 and September 19 at 7 p.m., both in the Council Chamber located on the fourth floor of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday Compost Sales to the Public: October 1, 22, and November 12; 8 a.m.–12 noon; Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, 474-9145. Compost may also be purchased every Wednesday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Yard Waste Bag Deliveries: October 3–7

Free Mulch Giveaway at Capen Park and Parkside Drive Mulch Sites, Saturday, October 8 and 29, 7a.m.–3 p.m., while supplies last. On-site loader provided.

Free Composting Workshop: October 29 and November 12, 10 a.m., at the Capen Park Compost Demonstration Site off Rock Quarry Road.

For details, please visit the Solid Waste Division web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoPublicWorks) or call 874-6291.

Planning Your Holiday Travel through Columbia Regional Airport

With record numbers of travelers using commercial airline service during 2005, it is more important than ever to plan well ahead for holiday trips. Although the lowest fares must be booked 21 days ahead, even those seats will sell out weeks earlier for Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's travel periods. The good news is that if you are flying out of Columbia Regional Airport for a holiday trip and the flights are full or nearly full, you still only need to check in one hour before scheduled departure. The quick, courteous check-in and security screening here will be the only one you will do, all the way to your destination. For Columbia fares and schedules, contact American Airlines at 1-800-433-7300, see their website at www.AA.com, or ask your travel agent.

For information on all other airport businesses, activities and events, contact Airport Administration at 442-9770.

Columbia Regional Airport is a full-service commercial and general aviation airport serving all of mid-Missouri and located 12 miles south of I-70 on US 63. For information on airport services, call 874-7508 or see the City of Columbia website.



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Hinkson Clean Sweep 2005

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Want to hike along local rivers and streams? Want a fun outdoor project for you, your family or group? Would you like to help with a stream cleanup?

Join us at the Hinkson Clean Sweep 2005 Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. to noon. It's a morning to get wet, have fun, and clean our streams. Everyone welcome!

Anyone can participate. Wear old shoes. We'll provide all the necessary supplies, pizza and soda after the cleanup. Prizes for the weirdest trash. T-shirts for the first 100 people who sign up.

To participate, email scott.hamilton@mdc.mo.gov or call 256-2602 and leave a message with your name and phone number, and the site you will clean (see site list). If you want to participate as a group, include the approximate number in your group.

After signup, just go to either of the four sites on the day of the Clean Sweep. Signs will be posted near the sites. Supplies, directions and other volunteers will be there from 10 a.m. to noon.

Site 1: Walnut Street Bridge over Hinkson Creek. Take Walnut Street immediately north of Stephens Lake. Go to the bridge at the end of the street.

Site 2: Providence Road Bridge over Hinkson Creek just south of Mizzou Arena on Providence Rd. Turn east onto Recreation Drive. Hinkson Creek is right there.

Site 3: Hinkson Creek Valley Neighborhood, Old 63 at Bluffdale Drive (North of Shephard Blvd at Old 63). Turn west on Bluffdale where Hinkson flows under Old 63. Take Bluffdale to the end of the road for parking.

Site 4: Flat Branch Tributary to Hinkson Creek. Along the MKT Trail at Martin Luther King Memorial on Stadium. Meet at the trailhead parking lot.

SEE YOU THERE!

Share the Light

This month the City of Columbia is kicking off the fifth year of the Share the Light program. Share the Light allows utility customers, just like you, to make one-time or on-going contributions to six different areas of city programs and activities.

Since Share the Light began in August 2001, citizens have donated over \$63,500. These funds have educated young children about the

importance of dental hygiene, purchased smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for low income families and seniors, and funded scholarships for children in need to enter the ARC and participate in other recreational activities. Share the Light funds have purchased mulch for Adopt-A-Spots maintained by volunteers, maintained three pieces of public art, and defrayed the cost of the Police Department's Citizens on Patrol and youth camps.

Share the Light funds make a difference in our community. The remittance envelope with your September bill will tell you more about the program and how you can help. *Thank you* to all those who have supported Share the Light in the past and plan to help us in the future.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH



above: Circle K member Chris Evans assists in the children's craft area at the 2004 Heritage Festival.

below: Volunteers and staff bring Columbia Festival of the Arts to Downtown Courthouse Square every September.

TREE POWER

plant now for energy savings

How would you like to reduce your summer cooling costs by 30%? Call Columbia Water and Light to sign up for the Tree Power program and determine where you should plant your *free shade tree!* Then just sit back and watch your savings grow.



Electric Customers call 874-7325

September: MU Circle K

The September honoree for Volunteer of the Month is MU Circle K, an affiliate group of Kiwanis International, that has a 40-year history of service to the Columbia community.

Circle K members have assisted the City of Columbia with a variety of special activities including the Heritage Festival, Festival of the Arts, Tiger Night of Fun, Cleanup Columbia, and the Santa Hotline.

"I like to volunteer because of the people. Getting to see so many people from so many different walks of life," said Ashley Gallion, past club president. "At Mizzou we tend to get blind-sided when surrounded only by those aged 18-25, and becoming visible to the rest of the community is such a refresher!" Thanks to MU Circle K for their service to the City of Columbia.

October: Columbia Festival of the Arts Steering Committee

By volunteer Isaac Larson

Columbia residents have long recognized that promoting creative and artistic expression enhances the attractiveness of their city, and helps preserve the diverse cultural heritage of Mid-Missouri. The Columbia Festival of the Arts, held each year by the Office of Cultural Affairs, has become the premier event to showcase the wide array of visual, performing, and literary talent that can be found in Boone County. This event would not be possible without dedicated volunteers who serve on the Festival of the Arts Steering Committee.

Steering Committee members assist the Office of Cultural Affairs staff in a variety of ways, including helping to select artists who will perform at the Festival, supervising performances and volunteers during the Festival, and lending a hand in the extensive clean-up operation following the event. Steering Committee members typically serve a three-year term, and usually contribute a combined 360 hours to assure that each Festival is a success. Kay Kjelland, City of Columbia Cultural Program Specialist, says, "The Festival Steering Committee is the heart of the festival. It brings the festival to life."

The 14th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts will be September 24-25 at the Courthouse Square in downtown Columbia. The city thanks all those who served on the Steering Committee for their hard work and dedication.

For more information about volunteer opportunities with the City of Columbia call 874-7499 or e-mail: volunteer@goColumbiaMo.com.

Thanks for Conserving

Columbia Water and Light would like to thank all water and electric customers for conserving resources during the hot, dry summer months.

Citizens doing their part to conserve water enabled the water treatment plant to keep up with demand. On the electric side, the utility saved money by keeping our peak electric use in check. When Columbia Water and Light saves money on purchased energy during high demand times, the whole community saves. Thanks for your help!



Columbia Water & Light

Loans for Energy Efficient Improvements

Get a low interest loan from Columbia Water and Light and you can easily make energy saving improvements to your home.

- upgrade to a more energy efficient cooling and heating system

- replace a window air conditioner with a central unit

- install a heat pump or add insulation

874-7325

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enter the word "GoLoan" in the GoWords box

On The Web

At the Office of Volunteer Services page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com, view a listing of current volunteer opportunities, read about outstanding volunteers, and apply online to become a volunteer.

Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 176, you can learn about employment opportunities with the city.

Ham and Bean Lunch Planned

Don't miss the annual fundraiser for the Older American Klub! The group will hold its Ham and Bean Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 28 at the Parkade Center, Suite 216B.

The menu includes ham and beans, apple-sauce, slaw, corn bread, dessert and drink. To-go meals are also available.

The Older American Klub (O.A.K.) is part of Columbia Parks and Recreation. It is designed to provide individuals 50 and older the opportunity to participate in activities and programs with others of similar age and interests, such as dances, crafts, bingo and pool.

The cost of the lunch is \$4 per person. Proceeds will go toward supporting O.A.K. activities. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Parkade Center (Suite 216B) or at the door the day of the event. Call 874-7475 for more information.

Columbia Transit

Columbia Transit has kept Columbia on the go for 40 years! When the system started in 1965, adult fares were 20 cents, kids paid 10 cents and transfers cost 5 cents. Buses departed and transferred passengers at the intersection of 9th and Broadway. In 1982, the city bought the old Wabash train depot to house the bus station. Now, Columbia Transit is looking to the future. Renovations are slated to begin on Wabash Station in 2006. When the work is finished, passengers will enjoy an expanded, refurbished waiting area and a safer, more efficient boarding area.

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 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 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.

October

- 1 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session I, ARC
- 3 Application for 2006 OAK Tours Membership begins
- 8 Star Gazing, Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, 9-10:30 p.m., Free
- 9 One Sky-One World Day (kite-flying event), Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Free
- 14 Family Fun Night at the ARC, ARC Gymnasium, 7-9 p.m., \$3 per person, pre-register
- 17 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session II, Hickman Pool
- 21 50+/OAK Halloween Dance, Parkade Center (east side), 7-10 p.m., \$3
- 28 50+ Ham & Bean Lunch, Parkade Center (east side), 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$4
- 28 Halloween Family Fun, Nifong Park, 7-8:30 p.m., all ages, \$5 per person, pre-register
- 29 Midnight Bike Ramble in The District, 10 p.m.-midnight
- 31 Halloween Tiger Night of Fun, Call 874-7460 or look for a school flyer for more info.