

Council action

The Council on July 3:

- Accepted an emergency shelter grant program contract in the amount of \$75,000 the state of Missouri, Family Support Division, and authorized agreements with various human service agencies. The resolution authorizes the city manager to enter into agreements with Comprehensive Human Services Inc., Salvation Army and Welcome Home Inc. to provide services to the homeless.

The Council on July 17:

- Authorized the city manager to submit a Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) application to the state of Missouri. The goal of the DREAM initiative is to assist several select Missouri communities in re-establishing a sense of place and cultural heritage in the heart of the community and to attract private investment and new jobs. If selected as a DREAM city, the community will have some access to technical, financial and planning assistance from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Development Finance Board and the Missouri Housing Development Commission.
- Authorized a program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to the nonmotorized pilot project. In July 2005, Columbia was selected by the Federal Highway Administration to receive a \$25 million Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program grant. The program aims to increase the frequency of bicycling and walking, decrease congestion and energy use and promote better health and a cleaner environment. The federal earmark for Fiscal Year 2006 is \$4 million to be used for 10 intersection improvements and to hire a program coordinator to help with the administration.

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 on the City Council page.

Board and commission vacancies

The following Boards and Commissions have vacancies. To apply or for more information about qualifications, please go to the City's web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or contact the City Clerk's Office at 874-7208. Applications must be received by noon on the indicated deadline date. Application deadline for the following is October 16, 2006.

Board of Adjustment—alternate (one vacancy)

Community Development Commission (two vacancies)

Cultural Affairs Commission (four vacancies)

Substance Abuse Advisory Commission (two vacancies)

Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)

When disaster strikes, many non-government groups step up to help in the coordinated effort of the COAD. The COAD deals with issues involving human services, donations management, volunteers and mass care. Authorized by our city and county governments, the COAD functions under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management.

CITYSOURCE

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Your source for city news and information

Want to join in a fun, outdoor project for you, your family or group? Operation Clean Sweep will be doing four simultaneous stream cleanups in Columbia. All supplies are provided; just register and show up the day of the event. Wear old shoes that can get wet. Pizza, drinks & t-shirts provided by area sponsors. Prizes awarded for weirdest trash!

To participate, send an email to mona.menezes@GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7616 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the site you will clean (below). You may also register online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Hinkson Clean Sweep 2006

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. to noon

If you want to participate as a group, include the approximate number in your group. After registering, just go to any of the four sites listed below on the day of the Hinkson Clean Sweep. Signs will be posted near the sites.



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: Flat Branch Tributary at Flat Branch Park, 4th & Broadway. (One block east of Providence Road in downtown Columbia.) This site is best if you have young children.

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.

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!

Watch for the "Green Team"!

Tailgate Recycling at Mizzou Football Games



During Mizzou home games, the "Green Team," comprised of Sustain Mizzou members and Columbia Public Works volunteers, encourages fans to recycle by distributing recycling bags to tailgaters. Sponsors for this recycling program include the MU Athletic Department and Campus Facilities, Anheuser Busch Recycling, and the City of Columbia.

Take advantage of these services offered by the Solid Waste Division:

- Bag Deliveries to Residents: Yard waste bags will be delivered the week of October 2-6, 2006. Watch for your bags on your regular refuse collection day. Questions? Call 874-6291.
- Compost Sales: Citizens may purchase compost at the Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, every Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. and on these Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon: October 7, 28, and November 11, 2006. Call 474-9145 for additional information.
- Free Composting Workshops: Workshops are held at the Compost Demonstration Site at Capen Park off Rock Quarry Road. Free or reduced priced compost bins are available to participants. Workshops begin at 10 a.m. on these Saturdays, October 28 and November 11, 2006. For details, call 874-6271.
- Free Mulch Days: Mulch giveaway dates are October 14 and November 4, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. while supplies last. An on-site loader is provided at the Capen Park mulch site only. Questions? Call 874-6291.



Share the Light

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

Funds donated through Share the Light 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 Activity and Recreation Center and participate in other recreational activities. Share the Light funds have purchased mulch for Adopt-A-Spots maintained by volunteers, maintained public art pieces, 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.



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Water for the Future

Water Treatment Plant Open House

Join Columbia Water and Light for the dedication of the newly expanded plant. Tours will be available.

Wednesday, October 18, 2006
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Directions: Travel south on Providence Road/Highway K for approximately 10 miles past Stadium Boulevard. The Columbia Water Treatment Plant is on the north side of the highway, right before the Katy Trail parking lot.

The Columbia water system is gearing up for the future by making system upgrades as promised with the 2003 bond issue. The first part of the process, the water treatment plant, will be completed this fall. This expansion will provide the capacity to produce 32 million gallons a day to Columbia customers.

To bring treated water to Columbia, a second large transmission water line will be constructed this winter. This line will enable more water to be pumped to Columbia and will also serve as a back up for the existing transmission line.

Other water distribution system improvements include an additional pump station on the northeast side of Columbia (including an additional I-70 crossing), replacing and upgrading older water mains and fire hydrants. All of these water system improvements will keep the water flowing to Columbia residents, when and where they need it, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Community Line

By dialing the City of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 285, you can learn about senior citizen recreation programs.

Halloween safety tips

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents it can be somewhat spooky. Concerns for children's safety while trick or treating can be troubling for Mom or Dad. The Community Services Unit at the Columbia Police Department would like to remind parents of the following safety tips for having a fun-filled Halloween.

- Make sure all costumes are flame resistant
- Keep costumes short to prevent tripping
- Use makeup instead of masks that may obstruct the child's vision
- Put reflective tape on costumes so drivers can see them
- Always trick or treat in groups. A parent should accompany small children
- Only stop at familiar homes where outside lights are on
- Never enter a stranger's house or a stranger's car
- Trick or treat while it's still light; if dark use a flashlight
- Parents should always check all of the treats at home in a well-lighted place
- Eat only unopened candies and treats

Halloween should only be scary at the "haunted houses". If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Community Services Unit at 874-7405.

Catch the spirit with Columbia Transit!

Cheer for the MU Tigers and avoid the traffic on game day. The Columbia Transit Spirit Bus shuttles fans to and from Faurot Field for all home football games. The cost is only \$1 each way from downtown locations. Out-of-town friends can ride for \$2 each way from their hotels. Find pick-up locations and hotels on the Columbia Transit Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

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, and at the station, 874-7282. We appreciate your patience during the station's renovation.



PUBLIC POWER
An American Tradition That Works

Public Power Week
October 1-7, 2006

Public Power Week

The citizens of Columbia started their own utility in 1904 so they would have a safe, reliable, low cost source for water and electricity. The decision was a good one. The utility has accomplished its original goals and has also reinvested money back into the community. During Public Power week, we celebrate this wonderful community asset that benefits every one of us. Thank you Columbia!

Volunteer of the month

by volunteer Nancy Summer

Our October volunteer of the month, Rhonda Hafner (right), volunteers for Columbia's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA).

Rhonda has been key to the success and growth of the Columbia Festival of the Arts. OCA Festival Coordinator Kay McCarthy says "Rhonda's steady leadership and dedication represent that of every volunteer who has given time to provide our community with the September arts celebration for the past 15 years."

In 2001, Rhonda supervised the largest on-site installation ever to be on the festival grounds, giving more than 30 hours of time during the festival weekend alone.

Rhonda attends monthly meetings from February through September and, as the Visual Arts co-chair, concludes with a full weekend of work during the Festival. Her effort to provide hospitality and a pleasant experience for visual artists has repeatedly been commended by the artists themselves.

Each year the festival is powered with more than 800 volunteer hours. For more information on how you, your family, business or organization can get involved, see our website at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7499.



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 27 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 and provides 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 \$6 per person. 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.

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.

October

- **7 Star Gazing**, Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, 9-10:30 p.m., Free
- **13 Singles Mixer**, Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens Lake Park, 8-11 p.m., \$7
- **14 One Sky, One World Day** (kite flying event), Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Free
- **17 Swimming lessons begin**, Fall Session II, Hickman Pool
- **20 OAK/50+ Fall Dance**, Parkade Center (east side), 601 Bus Loop 70W, 7-10 p.m., \$3
- **27 OAK Ham and Bean Lunch**, Parkade Center (east side), 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6
- **27 Halloween Family Fun**, Nifong Park, 7-8:30 p.m., \$5 per person, pre-register
- **31 Halloween Tiger Night of Fun**, Hearnes Center, Time TBA, Free

Sign up online for TREE POWER

Columbia Water and Light electric customers can receive a FREE 6- to 10-foot shade tree and save money on summer cooling costs. Sign up and a representative will come to your home to recommend the best place for your tree.

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874-7788

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

