

2010 Energy Efficiency EXPO

DATE
Saturday, Oct. 30

TIME
Noon - 5 p.m.

LOCATION
Multipurpose Building
Boone County Fairgrounds

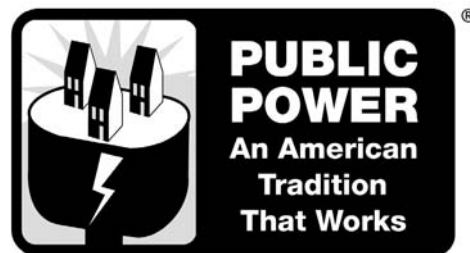
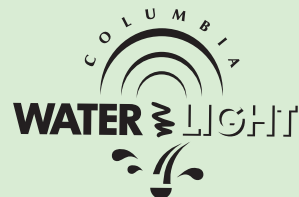
Attend this free event and learn how to save energy and money. Visit with energy experts in heating, cooling and insulation.

Register for door prizes and learn from interactive presentations throughout the day.

Free hot dogs, soda and popcorn will be served!

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The citizens of Columbia started Columbia Water & Light in 1904 so they would have a safe, reliable, low-cost source for water and electricity. The utility has operated as a business within city government since that time. The benefit of a municipally owned utility is that it is run by the citizens of Columbia through the City Council and operated by your friends and neighbors. Rates are established by the cost to serve each customer, not to return a profit to shareholders.

During Public Power week, we celebrate this wonderful community asset. Thank you, Columbia.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility open through November

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will soon close for the winter, so clean out your garage and basement and bring us your old paint, chemicals and other hazardous waste items.

The facility is open the first and third Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1313 Lakeview Avenue. The last collection date this year is Nov. 20. The facility reopens in April. For more information, call Solid Waste at 874-6291.

Volunteer of the Month—Sonrisa Wood



Sonrisa Wood

There really is a place in Columbia for everyone, even a “big city” girl like Parks and Recreation volunteer Sonrisa Wood. Wood came to Columbia from Los Angeles. She brought with her a heart for volunteering and expertise working with children.

Since December, Wood has been working with the L’il Lady Bulldogs Dance & Cheer Group through the Parks and Recreation Department.

When she found out they needed help with the team, she was pleasantly surprised. “When I got an e-mail saying they needed someone to head up the dance and cheer team I was really excited to help out. I taught cheer and gymnastics for five years in LA for Parks and Recreation and I knew this was right up my alley,” she said.

Camren Cross with the Columbia Parks & Recreation Community Recreation Program said, “Sonrisa is an excellent all-around volunteer, as are so many of my volunteers, but Sonrisa is one who goes above and beyond by doing so much more than just showing up for events to help out.” Wood has spent time seeking events where her group can perform and has helped design T-shirts for the team to wear.

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

Thanksgiving holiday

City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made that day 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.



Online Utility Services, NO Waiting!

GoColumbiaMo.com is the fastest, most convenient way to start new service, terminate your service or transfer your service to a new location. Already a customer? You can check your account, pay your bill or even e-mail a question.

No access to a computer, no problem. You can still access your account, check your balance and due date and even pay your bill. Just call 874-7694. First-time users will need to have their social security number on file at Utility Customer Service, know their account number and set up a pin. Questions? Call customer service at 874-7380.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the Columbia Vision Commission. Application deadline is noon, Nov. 5.

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...

Curious about your home’s greenhouse gas emissions?

Check out Columbia Water & Light’s online energy audit. There are ways to save energy, a resource library and you will get a report on your home’s greenhouse gas emissions.

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October is Energy Awareness Month

Started by President George Bush in 1991, October is set aside to promote the wise and efficient use of our nation’s energy. By developing renewable resources and using efficient technologies, we can protect the environment, stimulate the economy and increase energy security.

Simple actions every day add up to big results

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees in the summer and 68 degrees in the winter while you’re at home.
- If you don’t have a programmable thermostat, leave your keys by the thermostat so you remember to adjust it when you leave.
- For windows that receive direct sunlight, keep shades closed during summer days and open during winter days. Close them at night throughout the year to provide some insulation.
- Reduce the temperature setting on your water heater to 120 degrees or less.
- The recommended temperature for your refrigerator is 37 to 40 degrees and 5 degrees for the freezer.
- Scrape your dishes rather than rinsing them before putting them in the dish washer.

- Some electronic devices draw power even when they are turned off, so make sure to unplug them when they are not in use. Always turn off your computer when it is not in use.

- Close the fireplace damper when it is not in use.
- Combine trips, share rides, walk, ride your bike and use mass transit.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle.

Make a big dent in your energy bills

Check out Columbia Water & Light’s energy efficiency programs

- Home Performance with Energy Star Rebates
- Efficiency Rebates
- Super Saver Loan Program
- Free Energy Audits
- Online Energy Audit and Reference Library



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Why does the City offer energy efficiency incentives?

“Columbia Water & Light conducted an integrated resource plan that forecasted the future cost of electricity and the utility cost benefit of energy efficiency incentives. Research showed that paying for customers to reduce their electric load is less expensive than future electric supply costs.”

Columbia’s Renewable Energy Portfolio

In November 2004, Columbians approved a renewable energy ordinance for the City’s power supply portfolio. Currently, the City is required to supply 2 percent of our electric portfolio with renewable resources without raising rates more than 3 percent. Columbia Water & Light is currently surpassing the requirement by supplying 5 percent of our energy through wind, biogas, biofuels and solar energy. The utility continues to search for cost effective renewable resources for the future.



Reminders on Trash

Thanks for your help in keeping Columbia’s residential areas neat and tidy!

Don’t put your trash out earlier than 4 p.m. the day before your collection. In the City of Columbia it is unlawful to place or allow any refuse to remain at the curb or in any other open and unscreened area accessible to animals on any day other than the scheduled day of collection of refuse for that location. The “day of collection” is from 4 p.m. of the day preceding collection until 6 p.m. the day of collection.

Don’t store bags of trash outside until your trash day. The City has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) that states that owners of dwellings shall supply approved covered containers for rubbish. In one and two family residences the tenant shall provide a leak-proof, covered, outside rubbish container.

Keep it Clean: The IPMC also states that all exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. This applies to all residential buildings.



Nuisance Party

In 2006, the City Council passed the nuisance party ordinance to assist police in reducing the number of large parties occurring throughout the city.

The ordinance states:

“It shall be unlawful for any person having the right to possession of any residential premises, whether individually or jointly with others, to cause or permit a social gathering on the premises to become a nuisance party.”

A nuisance party is defined as: “a social gathering of 10 or more people on residential property that results in any of the following occurring at the site of the gathering, on neighboring property or on an adjacent public street.”

Examples of activities that fall under the nuisance party ordinance are: liquor law violations, peace disturbances, fighting, property damage, littering, trespassing, public urination, indecent exposure and drug violations.

Residents are encouraged to contact their beat officer if they believe a nuisance party is occurring in their neighborhood or if these parties are a recurring problem. Working together, police and residents can help reduce the number of nuisance parties. Visit the City’s website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com to view a list of beat officers or call 442-6131.

Tips for a safe Halloween

With proper planning it isn’t tricky to make Halloween a real treat for the whole family. The following tips will help keep you and your family safe this Halloween.



- Try on costumes ahead of time and make necessary adjustments to prevent accidents.
- Carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing or shoes.
- Parents or guardians should accompany small children. Older kids should only trick-or-treat in groups.
- Makeup is a better choice than a mask that may obscure a child’s vision. Only trick-or-treat in neighborhoods you know and never go inside a stranger’s house.
- Homemade treats are nice, but it is best to only accept them from people you know well.
- Never hesitate to call 911 and report suspicious activity to the police.

Third annual Neighborhood Leadership Program returns in 2011

Do you serve as a leader in your neighborhood or have an interest in helping your neighbors work together to address common concerns? You may be interested in the Neighborhood Leadership Program designed by the City of Columbia to assist those who serve as leaders in their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Leadership Program will include sessions on topics including:

- an overview of local government
- public safety
- code enforcement
- planning and development process
- ideas to strength neighborhoods

Participants will get new ideas for their neighborhood and network with others in the community who face similar challenges. The content of the series is designed to be helpful to those with years of experience as well as those just getting started in neighborhood efforts.



Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday evenings from Feb. 1 through March 15. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 10.

Twenty-five applicants will be notified of their selection to participate by Jan. 14. There is a \$25 registration fee; scholarships are available.

To learn more and to register, call 817-5050 or visit the City’s website.

Tiger Night of Fun

Join the fun at Parks and Recreation’s annual Tiger Night of Fun Halloween event

DATE
Sunday, Oct. 31

TIME
5-7 p.m.

LOCATION
Hearnes Center

Tiger Night of Fun is a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Kids will enjoy a night of activities, games and lots of treats—all for free. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.



Rental Registry Amnesty Program

The City of Columbia has a rental conservation law that requires all rental property to be registered with the City. This law seeks to ensure that all rental property complies with the International Property Maintenance Code. For tenants, the result is living in a safe and maintained unit.

The City will hold a rental registry amnesty period from Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. During this time, persons operating a residential rental unit without a valid certificate of rental compliance may apply for a certificate of compliance without being prosecuted for operating the unlawful rental unit. After Nov. 15, 2010, if the City finds a rental property without a valid certificate of compliance, those persons who are operating illegal rental units will be prosecuted.

To learn more about the City’s rental conservation law and the amnesty program, contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Street Side Art

Since 2007, the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) has participated in the City’s downtown graffiti abatement efforts by working with local artists to address traffic boxes. Now called Traffic Box Art (TBA), the program just completed a third installment, a box painted this summer by Kate Gray at the corner of Tenth Street and Broadway.

Gray’s work focuses on the historic nature of The District with various architectural elements featured throughout the design and text that advises viewers to “look up” and take in the unique surroundings. Broadway features two other painted traffic boxes, at Ninth Street by David Spear, and at Hitt Street by Dennis Murphy.

At least one new box will be added each year. Participation is limited to local artists. To date, none of the boxes addressed have been vandalized since being painted, though all were regular targets before being selected for the TBA program. For more information about the TBA program or public art in Columbia, contact the OCA, oca@GoColumbiaMo.com or 874-6386.

Before it was painted by local artist Kate Gray this summer, the traffic box at Tenth Street and Broadway was regularly vandalized.

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Register online!
www.GoColumbiaMo.com
Call 874-7460 for more information.

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10	New Leisure Times is published
19	Older American Klub (OAK) Thanksgiving Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7 - 10 p.m., \$3 per person

