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31st Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show

Step back in time at the 31st Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show at historic Nifong Park Sept. 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival offers entertainment and fun for all ages.

Families will be able to experience life as it was in the 19th century, as the entire park is transformed to that era. Features of the festival will include a wide range of entertainment on three stages.

Featured entertainers include the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers, the St. Louis Czech Express, Blackbury Band, Professor Farquar's Medicine Man Show and Jim "Two Crows" Wallen. The annual fiddlers' contest and other traditional music performances round out the entertainment.

Visitors can experience "living history" by strolling through a replica Lewis & Clark outpost, 1859 town, and a lost arts area with traditional artisans.

A large contemporary handmade craft area will also be featured. From 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, the Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers will sponsor ghost stories. The Heritage Festival will also feature numerous children's activities in the Fun for Young'uns Area.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated and sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and cosponsored by Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Communities Network.

Call 874-7460 for more information or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed for the 31st annual Heritage Festival, Sept. 20-21, and the Columbia Festival of the Arts, Sept. 27-28.

Work an hour, a day or the entire weekend boothsitting for an artist, assisting with children's activities, helping at an information booth or distributing surveys.

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 874-6397, klr@GoColumbiaMo.com, or the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, festival@GoColumbiaMo.com for more information.



Native American dancing and musical entertainment are just two attractions at this year's Heritage Festival on Sept. 20-21.

~ Columbia Festival of the Arts ~

Don't miss the 17th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, Sept. 27-28. Downtown Columbia's Courthouse Square is the site of the weekend-long festival that is free and open to all.

More than 40 live performances of music, dance, theater and literary readings will take place on three stages. A visual art fair will include 50 artists and artwork by local public school students will be on display in the Boone County Government Center.

The Children's Art Area will feature free participatory art activities and performances on the Children's Stage. Local art organizations will also be at the festival, as well as a variety of food vendors. Missouri's first poet laureate, Walter Bargen, will present readings at the Literary Stage. A special attraction this year is "All Dance: All Day," on Saturday, Sept. 27, with dance performances featured all day, including Dancing Wheels, a group of professional stand-up and sit-down (in wheelchairs) dancers.

The festival is a program of the City's Office of Cultural Affairs and is funded by the Missouri Arts Council, local businesses and the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For more information, log on to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search word: GoArts Festival) call (573) 874-6386 or e-mail festival@GoColumbiaMo.com.

September Volunteer of the Month - Jennifer Bloss

Jennifer Bloss is being honored this month for four years of volunteer service to the Columbia Festival of the Arts. The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) coordinates the City's art-related programs and sponsors the annual festival.



Jennifer has provided key services as a member of the steering committee and three years as co-chair of the children's art area. Marie Hunter, OCA manager, says, "What appears to be effortless, on the days of the festival, is carefully planned and executed. Because the festival is free and open to all, Jennifer's efforts impact thousands of festival-goers and artists who perform and display at the event."

Jennifer volunteers on the board of directors for the Columbia Entertainment Co. and is the house manager for the Maplewood Barn Community Theatre. Jennifer states, "It's nice giving back to the community, meeting new people and seeing their talents."

Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call 874-7499 to learn how you can be a volunteer for the City of Columbia.

Graffiti Prevention

Cleaning graffiti is frustrating, costly and time consuming. A few simple steps have been proven to help communities prevent graffiti and deter repeat tagging.

- Clean graffiti as soon as possible. The goal is to deny the vandal the chance to display his/her work; successful graffiti removal programs remove the graffiti within 24 hours. Although the cleanup may be required again and again, patience and persistence does pay off.

- Use fences, controlled entrance and exits, and other barriers that discourage through-traffic.

- Use landscaping as a deterrent to graffiti activity. Prickly plants, brushes and/or shrubs can slow down or eliminate repeat graffiti activity. Lights and sprinklers on timers also help protect vulnerable areas.

- Coat walls with special paint products that do not allow spray paints to adhere or that make them easier to clean up.

- If you see a graffiti vandal, report this activity to the police immediately.

- Start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. Work with your neighbors to identify and report graffiti vandals to the Columbia Police Department.

Columbia Regional Airport's new non-stop service

Starting Aug. 19, Northwest Airlines (NWA) will offer daily nonstop service between Columbia and Memphis and connections to more than 94 destinations. Northwest will fly three daily flights between Columbia and Memphis, with the exception of weekend service.

In addition, Northwest is also offering 1,000 WorldPerks Bonus Miles for roundtrip travel between Columbia and Memphis from Aug. 19 through Sept. 30, 2008. Registration is required prior to travel. Additional terms and conditions apply. Details can be found at www.nwa.com.

Added benefits to using Columbia Regional Airport include free parking near the terminal, single security check-in and shorter lines, comfortable seating on a 34-seat Saab 340 with flight attendants and restrooms, rental car agencies, restaurant and free Wi-Fi access in the main terminal.

The new flights between Columbia and Memphis are available for booking at www.nwa.com, by calling Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525, through travel agencies or your favorite Internet travel site. For schedule information, check www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: GoAirport).

PARKS & RECREATION

CALENDAR

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

September 1

Last day for Oakland Family Aquatic Center

September 2

Pooch Plunge, Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 6-8 p.m., \$4 per dog

September 4

Twilight Family Fun at Flat Branch Park: Ironweed Bluegrass Band and Norm Ruebling Band, 6-8 p.m., free

September 11

Twilight Family Fun at Flat Branch Park: Circus, 6-8 p.m., free

September 12

Outdoor Cinema Series: Wizard of Oz, 7:45 p.m., Stephens Lake Park, \$3 per person, 6 and under free

September 15

Registration begins for adult mid-winter volleyball

September 15

Registration begins for adult basketball

September 18

Twilight Family Fun at Flat Branch Park: Stream Extravaganza, 6-8 p.m., free

September 19

OAK/50+ Fall Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3

September 20-21

31st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, Nifong Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free

September 25

Twilight Family Fun at Flat Branch Park: Magic shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., park activities from 6-8 p.m., free

September 27

Star Gazing, Lake of the Woods Recreation Area, 8-9:30 p.m., free

September 27-28

Columbia Fall Festival of the Arts, Downtown Courthouse Square, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free

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Picture This:

Columbia's Gallery Guide

Columbia's guide to galleries, museums and other visual art opportunities has been updated. With 25 locations detailed, expect to find a wide array of art to browse or buy...painting, photography, ceramics, fiber, sculpture, jewelry, glass, metal and more, made by local, regional and international artists.

The gallery guide also lists Columbia restaurants that regularly exhibit art, as well as locations of historical murals and online art resources. Get a copy of the free guide at the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), 300 S. Providence; the lobby of the Daniel Boone City Building, 701 E. Broadway; or at the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), 1 S. 7th Street. E-mail oca@GoColumbiaMo.com or call (573) 874-6386 to have a copy sent to you.

The gallery guide is a collaboration of the CVB, OCA and the Missouri Arts Council.

Share the Road

Ever been a driver frustrated by the actions of a bicyclist? A bicyclist frustrated by a driver? Not knowing the rules of the road can lead to confusion for anyone. Consider the following information about how to share the road.

LEARN

{Street Smarts: Bicyclists}

- Think of yourself as the driver of a vehicle.

See where it takes you.

- Ride with traffic. When riding slower than the speed limit or flow of traffic, it's important to stay as far to the right as possible.

- Signal all turns and stops with proper hand signs.

- Like anyone on the road, obey all traffic laws and signals.

{Street Smarts: Drivers}

- Treat bicyclists as you would fellow drivers on the road.

- When passing bicyclists, allow for three feet of space between your car and their bicycle.

- Making a right turn? If you're following bicyclists, you must yield to them.

- Obey all traffic laws and signals.

PARTICIPATE

Consider taking Confident City Cycling, a bike safety and skills class for adults. Instructors guarantee even the most road-savvy bicyclist or driver will come away with new knowledge.

For more information, visit the GetAbout Columbia Web site at www.getaboutcolumbia.com, call 573-442-7189 ext. 28, or stop by the GetAbout Columbia office at 101 North Seventh Street and pick up a "Guide to Your Ride" booklet.



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Craft Donations Needed for Festival of the Arts

Join the Recyclebration at the Festival of the Arts Sept. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in downtown Columbia. This Public Works project increases awareness about local recycling opportunities. Participate and reduce Columbia's waste line.

If you would like to donate craft items for the event, please bring them to the Grissum Building, 1313 Lakeview Ave., Aug. 1 - Sept. 18. Items such as beads, calendars, colorful greeting cards, fabric, ribbon, yarn, 6-pack plastic rings from soft drinks and other craft items are needed.

If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours at the festival, call (573) 874-6271 or e-mail pw_volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.



Peak Warnings: *why we need your help*



Peak electrical demand occurs during the hottest days of summer when electric consumption is critically high.

At these times, wholesale electric prices are very high. Lowering electric demand during these

times saves Columbia Water & Light money which helps keep your electric rates low.

DURING HOT SUMMER AFTERNOONS

- Set thermostats up one or two degrees

- Change the air conditioning/furnace filter

- Avoid heating the kitchen. Instead, barbecue, use the microwave or prepare a cool meal

- Leave window shades that receive direct sunlight down during the day

- Keep storm windows and fireplace dampers closed

POSTPONE UNTIL AFTER 8 P.M.

- Using major electric appliances

- Doing laundry

- Using automatic dishwashers and dehumidifiers

Labor Day Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made that day and will be delayed one day throughout 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.

YOUTH RECREATION Scholarships are now Available

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 of fees 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.

Planning for Emergencies

September is National Preparedness Month. You don't know when an emergency will happen, but there are things your family can do to prepare. Create an emergency plan and prepare an emergency kit.

It's important to develop a plan since the family might not be together when an emergency happens. Everyone should understand the plan and practice it annually.

In the event of an emergency, you may not have access to food or water for days so it's important to have the following supplies in an emergency kit: gallon of water per person, canned food and manual can opener, battery-powered radio, flashlight, batteries, prescription medicine, first-aid kit, money and sleeping bags or blankets.

Visit the Columbia/Boone County Health Department for free family emergency planning literature.

Twilight Family Fun at Flat Branch Park



Crowds enjoy family fun activities

Bring the family out for a fun and relaxing night from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays in September in Flat Branch Park!

The park will be the site of Commerce Bank Kids Camp with

bounce-houses, Commerce Bank Kids Camp balloon-animals, entertainers and hands-on activities provided by local organizations.

You Can Be a Leader in the Community

The City is accepting applications for the following boards and commissions.

- Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board

- Internet Citizens Advisory Group

- New Century Fund Board

- Personnel Advisory Board

Applications and current vacancies are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office.

Call 874-7208 for information and requirements.

MOO-DAH Returns to Cowlumbia



The MOO-DAH Parade kicks off at 2:01 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. MOO-DAH is all about having fun and showing off your sense of humor. Outstanding entries from past MOO-DAH parades have included: The BBQ Grill Team, People Who Definitely Have Seen Elvis and the Meadow Muffins.

Get your friends together and get silly! Registration deadline is Sept. 22. All entrants will need to stop by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau at 300 South Providence to pick up their official parade packet which includes tickets for the grand prize drawing. Learn more at www.moodahparade.com.

City Receives Donation



(l-r) City Manager Bill Watkins, former City Manager Raymond Beck, Steve Shufleberger and Steve Willey

Steve Shufleberger and Steve Willey, representatives of the Richard Knipp Estate, presented a \$100,000 donation to the City of Columbia June 30 to honor former City Manager Raymond Beck. Knipp, who owned Knipp Construction Inc., died in 2004.

Knipp had worked with Beck during his years of public service on the Columbia City Council and the Planning and Zoning

Commission. He left the money in his will to the City to commemorate Beck's long-term service. Shufleberger, co-executor of the Knipp Estate and general manager of Knipp Construction, worked with Knipp for 27 years.

The City is considering using the money for constructing the plaza area in front of the new City Hall addition at Eighth and Broadway.

Trihalomethane UPDATE

Columbia Water & Light has begun research on the elevated levels of trihalomethanes in the water system. As suggested and approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the University of Missouri's Water Resources Research Center has started collecting data to pinpoint problem areas. Once the results from the research become available, solutions can be presented on how to lower the levels of trihalomethanes in Columbia's water system.

Trihalomethanes are a by-product of the disinfection process. They are formed when chlorine breaks down organic material in the water. In 2007, Columbia's water exceeded the maximum contaminant level of 0.08 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes. The average reported concentration for 2007 was 0.0823 milligrams per liter.

There is not an immediate danger in consuming Columbia's water. Long-term exposure to levels of trihalomethanes that meet the maximum contaminant level is a health concern. A person consuming two liters of water per day for over 70 years could result in three to four cancers per 10,000 people. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that people who drink water exceeding the standards for trihalomethanes might also experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system.

PARAMETERS OF RESEARCH Formation Potential: Samples are being taken from the wells to measure the total organic carbon and bromide levels. These agents react with chlorine to form trihalomethanes. This data will help determine if water from certain wells is more likely to form trihalomethanes.

Stream Extravaganza

**Thurs. Sept. 18
6 - 8 p.m.
Flat Branch Park
4th & Broadway**

Celebrate clean streams with this special event at Flat Branch Creek in downtown Columbia! It's an evening of fun, frogs, fishing poles, birds, nature tattoos, learning and magic for the whole family. Environmentally- friendly lawn care, rain gardens and rain barrels will also be highlighted.

Cast a fishing line, pick up a crawdad, learn about water quality, and build your own boat out of nature's materials then send it floating down Flat Branch.

You'll find out more about watersheds, stormwater and streams that run through Columbia and the wildlife that depends on those streams. Touch wildlife pelts, make bird feeders and identify "Tattletale Bugs" that indicate the health of a stream.

Flat Branch Park is an example of urban renewal and stream rehabilitation. Come and see how this former EPA cleanup site was transformed to a beautiful park complete with a meandering stream.

For more information, contact Mona Menezes, City of Columbia, at (573) 817-6447 or by email at mona.menezes@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Free, family event for all ages!



U.S. Cellular presents: Movies Around Missouri Stephens Lake Park Outdoor Cinema Series

Don't miss the last outdoor movie of 2008, the much-loved classic The Wizard of Oz, at 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 12. The movie will be shown on a giant inflatable screen at Stephens Lake Park.

Price of admission is \$3 per person, children 6 and under are free. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring a low lawn chair or blanket to spread on the grass.

The Stephens Lake Outdoor Cinema Series is sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation, the Columbia Daily Tribune, and the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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

