



Funding Opportunity for Human Rights and Cultural Diversity Programs

In an effort to increase community education on human rights/civil rights and cultural diversity issues, the City of Columbia's Human Rights Commission is requesting funding proposals from local organizations for human rights educational programs in our community during the calendar year 2006.

Examples of previously funded programs include:

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| \$900 | Parkade Elementary School: Black History Month Job Shadowing Project |
| \$800 | MU Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology: Race in the Schools—An Examination of Color-Blind and Color-Conscious Practices |
| \$750 | Services for Independent Living: People Advocating for the Voice of Equality |

Proposal forms will be available from the Office of Community Services on August 1, 2005 by calling 874-7488 (v/tty) or on the commission's Web page at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoHumanRights)

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway. Interested applicants should plan to attend. The application deadline is October 21, 2005.

Back to School Safety

Summer vacation is over and it's time to go back to school! Here at the Columbia Police Department we tell parents to talk about safety issues at least three times a year. The best times to talk to your children are just before going back to school, Halloween and just before the start of summer. Listed below are some tips to share with your children.

- If your children are walking to school, find other students their age to walk with them.
- Talk to your children about strangers.
- Tell your children to never go into a stranger's house.
- Tell your children never to go with a stranger on foot or in a stranger's car.
- Talk to your children about staying on well-walked and driven roadways.
- Talk to your children about traffic safety.
- Train your children not to answer the phone and to use the answering machine or caller ID.
- Train your children not to answer the door for strangers.
- Train your children about when to call 911 and to report suspicious activities to you.
- Report to your school who is allowed to pick up your child from school.

Please remember that most children under the age of 8 have a difficult time understanding the concept of danger and the issue of stranger danger. For this reason you must practice constant supervision!!!!

Incentive Program for Businesses Cuts Lighting Costs

In a typical commercial building, about half the energy used by lighting is wasted in inefficient use, obsolete light fixtures or insignificant maintenance. Columbia Water and Light has started a new program to help businesses control lighting costs. The Lighting Incentive program offers business customers rebates to cover the costs of upgrading lighting fixtures. These upgrades cut electric demand which help the business and the utility save money by conserving resources.

The goal of the Lighting Incentive program is to lower Columbia's annual electric demand which reduces the system's peak demand. This lessens the utility's need to purchase higher priced peaking power on the wholesale market. This saves Columbia Water and Light money which helps fund the rebates to the businesses for installing more efficient lighting.

Columbia Water and Light's Lighting Incentive program 'buys' lighting efficiency from business customers with high electric demand in the following manner:

- Columbia Water and Light staff make recommendations on how to increase the business's lighting efficiency.
- To qualify for a rebate, a business's new lighting system has to be at least a 10 kilowatt reduction from the old lighting system.
- The program will provide an incentive rebate payment of one half the cost of the lighting retrofit, or \$100 per kilowatt (KW) of reduction, whichever is less.
- The Lighting Incentive program is offered to customers who pay an electric demand charge: Large General Service (rate "D") customers and Industrial Service (rate "I") customers.

For example, under the program, if a customer upgrades his/her lighting system at a cost of \$6,000 and reduces electric consumption by 20 kilowatts, then he/she will be reimbursed \$2,000 by Columbia Water and Light.

For more information, contact Columbia Water and Light at 874-7325.



Web Page Did You Know?

You can find the Leisure Times activity guide on the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's Web site. The guide lists all programs, special events, and classes offered by the department. Go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: LeisureTimes).

Council Action

The Council on June 6:

- Authorized acquisition of land for expansion of the Wabash Station Renovation Project. The property, fronted on Orr Street, is part of the Master Plan prepared for the Wabash Transit Center. The warehouse on the property will be razed and the land will be incorporated into the Wabash Station Renovation Project.
- Authorized renewal of a contract with the Central Missouri Humane Society for animal control services. The city contracts annually with the Humane Society for office space, utilities, daytime reception and dispatch, kennel facilities and veterinary medical services. The \$81,289 contract amount was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Animal Control budget.

The Council on June 20:

- Authorized construction of improvements at Nifong Park and called for bids through the Purchasing Division. The 2004 budget included \$146,000 for this. Funding comes from the 1999 1/4-cent sales tax. The improvements will include a new restroom and building improvements to the two barns.
- Authorized an agreement with First States Investors 5000A, LLC for lease of office space at 800 Cherry Street at \$9 per square-foot (includes utilities, maintenance of common space and some parking). The space is necessary due to current overcrowding in the Finance Department and Public Works and will be transition space during the renovation/expansion of the Daniel Boone Building.

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.



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Learn to Compost! Nature's Way to Recycle

If you're interested in composting, plan to attend a free compost workshop this fall! There are three dates to choose from: Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 29, at 10 a.m.; or Saturday, November 12, at 10 a.m. For additional information, call the Public Works volunteer assistant at 874-6271 or visit the Public Works Department Web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoComposting).

Free Mulch Days for your Autumn Landscaping – Mark Your Calendar!

Free mulch days are scheduled for these Saturdays: September 24, October 8, and October 29, 2005. An on-site loader will be available 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Capen Park Drive mulch site (off Rock Quarry Road) and Parkside Drive mulch site (off Creasy Springs) to assist you while supplies last.

Compost for Sale this Fall

Compost is on sale at the City's Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, on these Saturdays, September 10; October 1, 22; and November 12, from 8 a.m. to noon, and every Wednesday from 1p.m. to 5p.m. The fee for one cubic yard is \$12 plus tax. A minimum fee of \$12 plus tax is required. A loader will be on site to assist you. Appointments may be scheduled for loads of 10 cubic yards or more anytime during the week. Questions? Call 474-9145.



Community Line

By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 250, you can learn about Health Department services.

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Mayor Darwin Hindman (with scissors) leads the ribbon cutting at a ceremony to dedicate Stephens Lake Park June 26.

CONSERVE COLUMBIA!

Now is the perfect time to cut your utility costs by tuning up your home with a few simple projects.

Insulate! Check the attic, outside walls or next to unheated areas, floors above unheated areas, foundation walls. Water and Light recommends R-38 (about 12 inches) in ceilings and R-19 (about 6 inches) in floors over unheated spaces.

- Install storm windows and doors.
- Weatherstrip and caulk! Check for drafts around windows, door frames, foundation cracks, electrical outlets, etc.
- Replace air filters on your heating and cooling system often and perform regular maintenance.
- Clean dust and lint away from appliances (heating/cooling unit, refrigerators, water heaters, etc.) regularly so the motors run more efficiently.
- Tighten gaskets on the doors of refrigerators and stoves.

Contact Columbia Water and Light for more information: www.GoColumbiaMo.com, use GoWord "GoConservation" or call 874-7325 for a free energy audit.

Stephens Lake Park

Dedicated on June 26

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate Stephens Lake Park was held Sunday, June 26. The crowd braved the heat to enjoy a variety of activities and the formal dedication of the park.

Live music was provided by the bluegrass band, Ironweed. The crowd also enjoyed canoe and kayak demonstrations and rides by The Alpine Shop, kite demonstrations by the Funky Fliers Kite Club, fishing demonstrations by Bass Pro Shops, children's activities, and a scavenger walk on the park's perimeter trail.

The ribbon-cutting followed at 2 pm with comments by Mayor Darwin Hindman, City Manager Ray Beck, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hood and Michael Sleadd, representing the citizens' group, Coalition to Save Stephens Lake Park. The Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors officiated at the ribbon-cutting.

Though much of the work on the park is complete, parks and recreation staff are continuing to finish a number of items under the park's master plan, which is intended to be a long-range development plan. Stephens Lake Park features hard surface trails, a free swimming beach, fishing lake, picnic shelters, a pier and boardwalk extending across the lake, playgrounds, climbing boulder and an open playfield.

The Parks staff is working to complete an indoor shelter which will be available for summer programs and public rental. The shelter is slated for completion later this year.

Future plans include an amphitheater in the western area of the park, a sprayground and a bathhouse area by the swimming beach. Arboretum features planned for the park include demonstration gardens, various tree collections, a wetlands demonstration area, a prairie restoration area and a waterfall.

Artist Carol Fleming was selected by the City's Standing Committee on Public Art and Commission on Cultural Affairs to create site-specific public art for the park as part of the Percent for Art program. Her ceramic sculpture, called Look Out Point, is located near the amphitheater site. The 12 components form a spiral and create a space for personal reflection or use as a gathering place. The work is meant to represent growth, hope and joy. Clay was used because of its connection to the earth and the natural setting of the Park.



Fall Activities in Columbia

Columbia Festival of the Arts

September 24-25
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days
Courthouse Square, downtown Columbia

Don't miss the 14th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 24-25. Downtown Columbia's Courthouse Square is the site of the week-end-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 art work by local public schools students will be displayed in the County Government Building. The Children's Art Area will feature free participatory art activities and performances on the Children's Stage. Local arts organizations will also be at the Festival, as well as a variety of food vendors. A special feature this year will be two interactive art-themed mazes, each 1,000 square feet, for Festival-goers to explore.

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's Tourism Development Fund. For more information, call 874-6386, (TTY 874-7488), log-on to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoArtsFestival) or e-mail [festival@GoColumbia Mo.com](mailto:festival@GoColumbiaMo.com).

Recyclebrate

at the

Columbia

Festival of

the Arts

Meet us at the Public Works Volunteer

Recyclebration and create your work of art!

People of all ages are creating art projects

from recyclable materials at the Columbia

Festival of the Arts.

Help increase awareness

of local recycling opportunities and services. To donate materials for the

Recyclebration, or for

information about this event, call the Columbia

Works Volunteer

Program at 874-6271

or e-mail [pw-vol@Go](mailto:pw-vol@GoColumbiaMo.com)

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Jump on the Spirit Bus to Mizzou home football games!

Let Columbia Transit help you avoid the traffic and enjoy the game. Cost for the MU football shuttle is \$1 each way from downtown and \$2 each way from area motels. All buses drop off football fans at Maryland and Hospital Drive.

Catch the bus to the game from these downtown sites:

Wabash Station
Armory parking lot
Boone Tavern & 8th Street parking garage
Harpo's
Addison's Grill
Flatbranch Pub
Shiloh Grill

To find pick-up sites for the motel routes and more information on the *Spirit Bus*, visit our Web page at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoBus), or call the Wabash Station at 874-7282. Show your team spirit—support Mizzou and leave the driving to us!

Fall Activities at Flat Branch Park

Don't miss the activities at Flat Branch Park in September, from Twilight Festival and Craft Show at historic Nifong Park. The Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 17 and 18.

- Thursday, September 1, 6-8 pm, Flat Branch Circus: Back by popular demand! Enjoy rousing circus music from the Big Top Circus Band, complete with ringmaster and more.
- Thursday, September 8, 6-8 pm, Twilight Car Night with The Bubbas: Mid Missouri Corvette Club will display new and classic Corvettes at Flat Branch Park. You'll also enjoy music from The Bubbas.
- Saturday, September 10, 7:30 pm, Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema featuring *Back to the Future*. Grab a blanket or low lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars! Admission cost is \$3 per person; children 6 and under are free. Rain date is Sunday, September 11, at the same time.
- Thursday, September 15, 6-8 pm, Bottom of the Boot Bluegrass Band: This fun local band will make you want to get up and dance.
- Thursday, September 22, 6-8 pm, Twilight Bike Night: Get on your motorcycle and ride down to Flat Branch Park! See many bikes including Mid-America Harley Davidsons—this night is for motorcycle lovers young and old.
- Thursday, September 29, 6-8 pm, Cave Creek Blues Band: This local band will awe you with their amazing music including blues, rock, country and R&B.

Twilight Festival entertainment at Flat Branch Park is co-sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

28th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show

History will come alive once again at the annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show at historic Nifong Park. The Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 17 and 18.

Visitors will be able to experience life as it was in the 19th century,

as the park is transformed. Features of the festival will include a replica Lewis and Clark camp, an 1859 town with more than 30 tents of shopkeepers, and traditional artisans dressed in authentic attire demonstrating their trades and selling their wares. American Indian dancing demonstrations will be held, as well as hayrides, museum tours, and a wide range of entertainment on three stages. A large contemporary handmade craft area will also be featured.

From 8 to 9:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 17, 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. Great food and a beautiful park setting will make the Heritage

Festival a family tradition.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated and sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation and co-sponsored by ABC17, Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Courtyard by Marriott, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Communities Network.

Call 573-874-7460 for more information or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord:GoHeritage Festival).

Columbia Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

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

September

- 1 **Twilight Flat Branch Park Circus**, 4th & Cherry, 6-8 pm, Free
 - 5 **Final day for the season, Oakland Family Aquatic Center**, 12-6 pm
 - 8 **Twilight Car Night**—Flat Branch Park, 4th & Cherry, 6-8 pm, Free
 - 10 **Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema**, *Back to the Future*, 7:30 pm, \$3, 6 yrs under free, 4th & Cherry Sts.
 - 11 **"Coolin' Down with the Blues,"** blues, jazz and gospel concert at Douglass Park, 2-8 pm, free
 - 12 **Swimming lessons begin**, Fall Session 1, Hickman Pool
 - 15 **Twilight Music**—Flat Branch Park, Bottom of the Boot Bluegrass Band, 4th & Cherry, 6-8 pm, Free
 - 16 **50+/OAK Autumn Dance**, Parkade Center east side, 601 Bus Loop 70 W, 7-10 pm, \$3
 - 17-18 **Heritage Festival & Craft Show**, Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S at AC exit, 10 am-5 pm, Free
 - 19-23 **Advanced Registration for Adult Basketball**, returning teams
 - 22 **Twilight Bike Night**—Flat Branch Park, 4th & Cherry, 6-8 pm, Free
 - 24 **Cosmo Day in the Park**, golf tournament at L.A. Nickell 12:30 pm shotgun start
 - 24-25 **Columbia Fall Festival of the Arts**, Downtown Courthouse Square, 10 am-5 pm, Free
 - 26-30 **Open Registration for Adult Basketball**, new teams
 - 29 **Twilight Music**—Flat Branch Park, Cave Creek Blues Band, 4th & Cherry, 6-8 pm, Free
- September 19-October 14: Register for Mid-Winter Volleyball