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New airline coming soon!

Did you know a new commercial airline will soon be serving Columbia Regional Airport (COU)? The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently issued an order selecting Mesa Air Group, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary Air Midwest, Inc. (d/b/a US Airways Express), to provide essential air service through Columbia Regional Airport. Mesa will be providing 12 nonstop round trips to St. Louis and 12 nonstop round trips to Kansas City per week for a two-year period at a subsidy of \$598,751 annually. Mesa is expected to begin service at COU some time in September but, until then, Trans States (American Connection) will continue to provide flights to St. Louis. Watch for upcoming news releases regarding the change of service.

COU would like to hear from YOU!

Columbia Regional Airport would like to know your travel habits! An online survey has been added to the City's website to give you the opportunity to tell us what you think about Columbia Regional Airport, what airport amenities are important to you, and what your ideas are for improving the airport. Visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com and click on the "Airport Survey" button on the main web page under "Announcements." We want to hear from you!

Council action

The Council on June 5:

- Appropriated \$145,394 for construction of methane gas extraction wells at the sanitary landfill. In Fiscal Year 2002, special obligation bonds were sold for solid waste projects, which included the methane gas extraction wells. This project will construct a header system along the south end of the landfill and install additional extraction wells for Cell #1 and Cell #2.
- Authorized an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Summer Food Service Program for children. The purpose of this contract is to provide funding for community-based nutrition sites to low-income children during the summer months. The program is located in Douglas Park.

The Council on June 19:

- Authorized construction of an addition to Fire Station No. 1 and construction of renovations to Fire Station No. 2. The work at Fire Station #1 will consist of the addition of an apparatus bay, along with alterations to the interior, including a training room and offices. Estimated cost is \$443,000. The work at Fire Station #2 will consist of raising the existing apparatus bay walls. Estimated cost is \$275,000.
- Authorized construction of a salt storage facility on Big Bear Boulevard. The construction cost estimate for this project is \$475,000. Financing would be through the street ballot issue passed by citizens in November 2005.


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.

Columbia Transit

As students settle into off-campus apartments and look for rides to the movies, Columbia Transit refines its Theater Special Route and introduces its new commuter route—the Gold. The Gold Route picks up passengers from Campus View, Campus Lodge, The Reserve, other apartments, plus other stops along Old Highway 63 and drops them off at Brady Commons at 25 minutes after the hour. The route operates Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. during the UMC Fall and Winter semesters only and does not operate during UMC school breaks.

The Purple Theater Route—Columbia Transit's most requested route—will now stop at both Brady Commons and Wabash Station between trips to the theaters so passengers can more easily transfer to other buses. The under-used Thursday night bus will be dropped. Purple will run Friday from 6:05 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 2:05 p.m. to 10 p.m., ending at Wabash Station.

Find up-to-date information on bus lineup and passenger boarding at Wabash station on Community Line 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697) (#717), on the Columbia Transit Web site, www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoWord: GoRiderAlert) and at the station, 874-7282. Columbia Transit appreciates your patience during the station's renovation.

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Columbia Water & Light challenge:

Reduce your energy consumption by 2%

use the coupon below for compact fluorescent lightbulbs to help you get started



SAVINGS WITH A TWIST

Make your next light an ENERGY STAR. You typically spend more to light your home than you do to operate your refrigerator all year long. If you're still using standard bulbs and inefficient fixtures, you're wasting a lot of energy and money. Switching to energy-efficient lighting can save you time, energy and money, and help protect the environment.

ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs:

- Use up to 75% less energy
- Last up to 10 times longer

By replacing the five most frequently used lights in your home with ENERGY STAR qualified models, you can save more than \$60 a year in energy costs.

Save even more! Now through November 30, you can get a \$2 Instant Rebate on ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs at Hy Vee and Westlake Hardware stores. Call 874-7325 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com for more information.

Limit 12 bulbs per customer, per visit. Offer valid 10.1.06-11.30.06, while supplies last.



Preventing sewer backups and overflows is everyone's responsibility!

Did you know that grease buildup is a significant cause of sewer backups and overflows? When grease is poured down the drain, it hardens as it hits cold water creating a barrier in the sewer line eventually blocking the entire sewer line. Sewer backups and overflows can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. Here's what you can do to prevent grease from damaging your sewer system:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets. Allow it to solidify and discard with the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from all cooking and serving utensils and discard into the trash.
- Before washing dishes and utensils, wipe off cooking oil, mayonnaise, salad dressings, and similar food products with a paper towel and discard in the trash.
- Do not put fats, cooking oils or grease into garbage disposals.
- Use sink strainers or baskets in kitchen sinks. Empty sink strainers or baskets into the trash.
- Speak to friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in our sewer systems.

Obstructions in sewer lines may also be caused from trash such as feminine products, condoms, and syringes being flushed down the toilet. Unlike organic matter, these products and plastics do not decompose and disappear during the wastewater treatment process. They have to be collected and thrown away. Please save our crews this task by choosing to throw these items away yourself in the trash rather than flushing them down the toilet.

To find additional information about sanitary sewer systems, go to the Sewer Utility website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com, or you may contact Sewer Maintenance at 874-6287.



29th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show

Step back in time at the 29th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show at historic Nifong Park. The Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 16 and 17 and 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 with special performances by Bob Hamm, world champion gun spinner; the Thunderheart Singers, American Indian drummers and dancers; a fiddlers' contest and other traditional music performances. Visitors can experience "living history" by strolling through a replica Lewis & Clark outpost, an 1859 town with more than 30 tents of

shopkeepers and a list arts area with traditional artisans. A large, contemporary handmade craft area will also be featured.

From 8 to 9:30 pm on Saturday, September 16, 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 ABC-17, Boone County Historical Society, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, Columbia Daily Tribune, Hampton Inn, Metro Rotary Club & Missouri River Communities Network.

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



above: Entertainment at the Heritage Festival will include authentic American Indian dancing.

below: Making art at the Columbia Festival of the Arts.



Two fall festivals
celebrate local
art and history

Columbia Festival of the Arts

September 23-24, 2006

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

Courthouse Square, downtown Columbia

Don't miss the 15th annual Columbia Festival of the Arts, September 23-24. 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 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 huge "Monster Murals" that Festival-goers can help paint.

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, call 874-6386 (TTY 874-7488), logon to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoArtsFestival) or e-mail festival@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Holiday schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. Residential refuse and blue bag collection will be delayed one day throughout the week. Also, the landfill will be closed. City buses will not operate and parking meters will not be enforced.

Columbia Parks & Recreation
CALENDAR

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

September

- 4 Last day for Oakland Family Aquatic Center
- 7 Twilight Outdoor Cinema at Flat Branch Park, "O Brother Where Art Thou?" (PG) pre-show at 6 pm, movie at 8:45 pm, \$3 per person, children 6 and under free
- 12 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session I, Hickman Pool
- 13 OAK/50+ Trip to Busch Stadium, Cardinals vs. Astros, depart Parkade Center at 8:30 am
- 14 Twilight Karaoke at Flat Branch Park, please register, 6-8 pm, Free
- 15 OAK/50+ Fall Dance, Parkade Center (east side), 601 Bus Loop 70W, 7-10 pm, \$3
- 16-17 Heritage Festival & Craft Show, Nifong Park, Hwy 63 S at AC exit, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 18 Registration begins, adult mid-winter volleyball
- 18 Registration begins, adult basketball, returning teams
- 21 Twilight Stream Extravaganza at Flat Branch Park, 6-8 pm, Free
- 23-24 Columbia Fall Festival of the Arts, Downtown Courthouse Square, 10 am-5 pm, Free
- 25 Registration begins, adult basketball, new teams
- 28 Twilight Circus at Flat Branch Park, 6-8 pm, Free
- 30 Swimming lessons begin, Fall Session I, ARC



Calling all kids!

Don't forget to check out the kids' games at the 29th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show, September 16-17.

Fall activities at Flat Branch Park

Don't miss the fun at Flat Branch Park in September during Twilight Festivals on Thursdays. Flat Branch is located at Fourth and Cherry. Call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 for more information:

- Thursday, September 7, 6-8 pm, Flat Branch Outdoor Cinema: "O Brother Where Art Thou?" (PG) The movie will begin at 8:45 p.m. following Twilight entertainment. Grab a blanket or low lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars! Admission is \$3 per person; children 6 and under are free. Sponsored by Flat Branch Pub & Brewing and U.S. Cellular and presented by Columbia Parks and Recreation, Columbia Daily Tribune, Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Ragtag Cinema.
- Thursday, September 14, 6-8 pm, Twilight Karaoke: Join us for this fun-filled night of karaoke. Please register if you'd like to participate. Call or e-mail Erin at 874-6341 or edcarril@GoColumbiaMo.com. We will accept walk-ups if time allows.
- Thursday, September 21, 6-8 pm, Stream Extravaganza: See the article on the following page for more information.
- Thursday, September 29, 6-8 pm, Flat Branch Circus: Back by popular demand; if you missed out on the last couple of years, here's your chance to join in on the fun. Enjoy rousing circus music from the Big Top Circus Band, complete with ringmaster. Watch as Ann Gafke's performing dogs play musical chairs, do an agility course and more.

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



Volunteer of the month

by volunteer Timothy Rowland

Trees are an essential part of Columbia and require maintenance throughout the year to keep them healthy. This is where the help of TreeKeepers volunteers like Larry Barringhaus, our September Volunteer of the Month, is needed.

A recruitment article, announcing the annual TreeKeepers training sessions, caught Barringhaus's attention in 2004. He saw this as an opportunity to give back to Columbia and signed up to become a TreeKeeper.

Today Barringhaus, and many other TreeKeepers, play a vital role in keeping Columbia's park and trail trees attractive. TreeKeepers work includes trimming, pruning, mulching, and planting trees.

Barringhaus also plays an important role in the city's Adopt-A-Spot Beautification program by turning the water to beds on in the spring and off in the fall. This prevents freezing weather from bursting water lines.

Barringhaus, married for 35 years to wife Connie, has always been interested in trees. "I enjoy working with trees, have the time now and am physically capable of doing this type of volunteer work" he says, "There are no negative aspects of doing this for my community."

The City of Columbia thanks Larry for his volunteer service in the TreeKeepers program. For more volunteer opportunities, visit us at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Recyclebration

September 23 & 24

Need compost?

Compost can be purchased from the City's Compost Facility, 5700 Peabody Road, every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on these Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon: September 16, October 7, 28, and November 11, 2006. Questions? Call 474-9145 or visit the web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (GoComposting).

Experience RECYCLEBRATION at the Columbia Festival of the Arts. People of all ages create art projects out of recyclable materials. This Columbia Public Works project helps to increase awareness of local recycling opportunities. Bring your family and friends. You will have a great time while helping to reduce Columbia's waste-line.

Beginning August 1, you may donate recyclable materials for RECYCLEBRATION such as colorful greeting cards, calendars, leftover address labels, 6-pack rings from soft drinks, fabric, yarn, beads or leftover craft items. For a detailed list, call the Public Works Volunteer Coordinator at 874-6271 or e-mail pw-volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Stream Extravaganza 2006

with Special Guests, "The Fishin' Magicians!"

Thursday, September 21st, 6-8 p.m.
Flat Branch Park, 4th and Broadway in
Downtown Columbia
Free, Family Event

Celebrate Clean Streams with a magical evening on Flat Branch Creek! It's an evening of fun, frogs, fishing poles, education & magic for the whole family. The "Fishin' Magicians" will entertain people of all ages with their comedic "Fish Shtick" routines. Watershed-Friendly Lawn Care demonstrations and Rainwater Gardens will also be highlighted.

You'll find out more about the 14 streams that run through your city and the wildlife that depends on those streams. Test your wildlife knowledge of birds and other animals that live within our city limits, cast a fishing line, pick up a crawdad, learn about water quality, & see how a downtown stream has been revitalized. We'll also be catching and identifying "Tattletale Bugs" that indicate the health of a stream, and using special hi-tech camera equipment to look inside the pipes that carry storm water to the streams. Over 20 fun activities for all ages. The Downtown Twilight Festival will be held the same evening, just four blocks from the Stream Extravaganza.

For information, contact:
Mona Menezes, City of Columbia, 817-6447
Email: mona.menezes@GoColumbiaMo.com

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 aged 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 information, call 874-7460. Application forms can be obtained at www.GoColumbiaMo.com then typing in GoYes at the GoWord prompt.



Fall is a great time to plant a tree and save energy.

Well-placed shade trees around your home can reduce your summer cooling costs by 30%. Sign up for Columbia Water & Light's Tree Power program and we'll show you the best spot for your free shade tree! Then all you have to do is sit back and watch your savings grow.

TREE POWER



Electric Customers call
874-7325 or sign up at
www.GoColumbiaMo.com

Back to school safety

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

- If your children are going to walk to school find other students their age they can walk with.
- 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.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of the internet.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Police Department's Community Services Unit at 874-7405 or 874-7606.

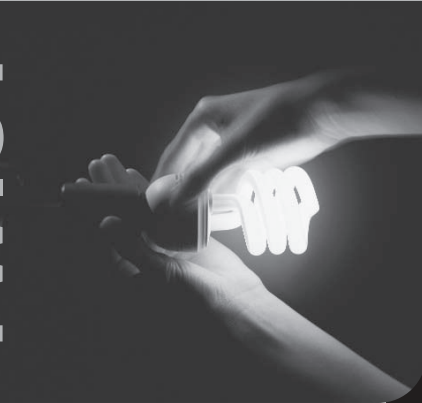


By dialing the city of Columbia's Community Line at 874-7650 (TTY 874-7697), message 669, you can learn about the Arts Express Newsletter.



Public Safety Joint Communications (PSJC) offers a variety of online resources, such as a local Street Directory, list of public safety radio (scanner) frequencies, burglar alarm ordinances, links to weather information and highway conditions. Go to www.GoColumbiaMo.com on the PSJC page.

SAVINGS WITH A TWIST



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ACE Hardware
at Westlake ACE Hardware
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CHANGE A LIGHT
CHANGE THE WORLD
ENERGY STAR

Turn over for more information!