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TIGER NIGHT OF FUN!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TIGER NIGHT OF FUN!

- Location: Hearnes Center
- Date: Monday, October 31
- Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Join the fun at the Hearnes Center for Parks and Recreation's annual Tiger Night of Fun Halloween event Monday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. 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.

COLUMBIA WATER & LIGHT

to teach do-it-yourself energy efficiency class



There are many simple things you can do to save energy, but how do you go about tackling the big projects and achieving big savings? Make a dramatic difference in your home's energy usage by taking the class **"Do-It-Yourself Residential Energy Conservation."**

Learn how to evaluate your energy consumption, conduct an in-home analysis and create a plan for saving energy. The class consists of four classroom sessions and an in-home efficiency test conducted by Columbia Water & Light staff (for Columbia electric customers only). The class runs Oct. 13 through Nov. 10 from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. **Class size is limited to 12 participants.*

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT—
 Columbia Area Career Center
 (573) 214-3800
www.career-center.org



Terry Freeman (left) and Brandon Renaud
 COLUMBIA WATER & LIGHT STAFF





Sister City exhibit portrays Suncheon, Korea

A photography exhibit at City Hall focuses on the city of Suncheon, in the Republic of Korea. Suncheon is the first of Columbia's five sister cities to share visions of community as where people live, learn, play, work, dream and explore. Plans for "Portrait of a Sister City: Suncheon, Korea" began last fall when Mayor Roh Kwan-Kyu and other Suncheon officials visited Columbia. The exhibit premiered at the Aug. 17 "Around the World" Family Fun Fest in Flat Branch Park. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the historic Daniel Boone Building through mid-November. The lobby is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. An online exhibit is available at www.GoColumbiaMo.com. For more information, contact Renee Graham at 874-7316 or email PCO@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Keep Columbia Clean

Have items you don't want, but don't know what to do with them? Furniture? Sports equipment? Old computers?

Please don't set them curbside to have them end up in the landfill. You can find a list online with more than 40 of the most common household items that can be recycled through local businesses and agencies.

Proper disposal helps keep Columbia clean and saves valuable landfill space for future generations. Check online for drop-off sites and other useful recycling information. Visit GoColumbiaMo.com (search GoRecycle) or call 874-6291.

Spraygrounds

The City's pools are closed for the year, but three water spraygrounds stay open to serve the public: at Flat Branch Park, 400 Locust Street; Douglass Park, 400 N. Providence Road; and Stephens Lake Park, 100 Old 63 N. The spraygrounds use re-circulated chlorinated water to run a variety of spray features, such as spray rings, water columns, stream jets, geysers and bubblers. All three spraygrounds were funded in whole or part by the Park Sales Tax.

Public Health and Human Services to offer flu vaccine

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services will offer flu vaccine to residents this fall and winter. The flu vaccine is an annual vaccine, meaning the protection lasts only through the current year's flu season. Even if you were vaccinated last year, you will need the flu vaccine again this year to be protected from this year's flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that all persons over six months of age receive an annual flu vaccination.

The health department will offer both FluMist and injectable vaccine. FluMist can be given to all healthy, non-pregnant persons between the ages of two and 49. For the most up-to-date flu clinic information, you can...

Follow us on Twitter @CoMo_HealthDept, find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CoMoHealthDept> or Visit the health department's website at www.GoColumbiaMo.com and select "health and human services" (from the menu on the left).

Hinkson Clean Sweep 2011

Help prevent pollution in your neighborhood and in local waterways by participating in the Hinkson Clean Sweep on Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to noon.

It's a morning to get a little wet, have fun outside and clean our streams and creeks. Anyone can participate. All supplies will be handed out at the stream cleanup areas. Wear old shoes that can get wet and get ready to have fun.

Sign up today! An online registration form and additional details can be found at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or by calling Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

The Hinkson Clean Sweep is sponsored by the City of Columbia, Show-Me Stormwater Management, Firestone Tires, Sierra Club Osage Group and the Missouri Department of Conservation Stream Team.

Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Student Writings Program

The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Planning Committee is seeking student writings that reflect the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King as his legacy is honored at the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration. Students in grades 4-12 are invited to submit an original essay, poem, song or rap. Selected entries will be chosen by an independent selection committee for publication in the 2012 Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Student Writings Booklet, to be distributed to more than 1,100 people at the annual community celebration on Jan. 12 and published on the celebration website.

Submissions should include reasons the student believes our community is rich in diversity and should incorporate Dr. King's dream of peace, justice and equality for all. This year's Diversity Celebration theme is "One Community, Many Stories." Deadline for submitting an entry is Friday, Nov. 11.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Columbia Public Schools teachers and principals grades 4-12 or City of Columbia's Division of Human Services:

- **Phone:** (573) 874-7488 (v) or 874-7356 (tty)
- **Email:** HumanServices@GoColumbiaMo.com
- **Web:** www.GoColumbiaMo.com (Go Word: GoDiversityCelebration)

Smart 911

Help 9-1-1 protect your family. Share critical information before an emergency so 9-1-1 telecommunicators have it during one.

The Columbia/Boone County Public Safety Joint Communications Center and Rave Mobile Safety, a leading provider of software safety solutions, recently launched new software called Smart911 in the Columbia area. Smart911 is a free service that helps citizens communicate more effectively during emergencies. Smart911 improves the flow of information about you and members of your family, including pets, to emergency responders when you need it the most.

The software provides citizens with the ability to enter information they want to make available to 9-1-1 telecommunicators through a secure website at www.Smart911.com. Information can include children's photos, medical conditions, home addresses of mobile phone callers, disabilities or other rescue-related information. Smart911 then delivers this information automatically with any 9-1-1 call placed within Columbia and Boone County to the telecommunicator's work station at the Emergency Communications Center.

Smart911 allows you to store critical care and emergency rescue information with Smart911 in advance of an emergency. The information is collected on the Smart911 website. If you make a 9-1-1 call from a Smart911 registered phone, the technology automatically makes your information available to the 9-1-1 telecommunicator. Until that time, the information entered is kept completely private and secure. It is only viewable by emergency personnel when the registered user calls 9-1-1, and then only for the amount of time necessary to address the emergency. Smart911 holds the registered users profile in escrow until an emergency call is made from his/her phone.

SHARING INFORMATION

You have the option to choose what information you want to share: personal information, household details, medical information, special needs and much more. To review a complete list of options, visit <http://info.smart911.com/citizen/sharing-data>.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Smart911 website has a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions at <http://info.smart911.com/citizen/faq>.

REGISTRATION

The registration process is quick and easy...just four simple steps. After completing the steps, you will have a chance to add optional information or edit the information you have provided. You must complete every step or the service will not work until you have added and confirmed a phone number.

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: Oct. 7 at 12 noon

- Cultural Affairs Commission • Substance Abuse Advisory Commission
- Board of Adjustment • Citizens Police Review Board • Community Development Commission

Application deadline: Nov. 4 at noon

- Mayor's Committee on Physical Fitness • Columbia Vision Commission
- 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 more information.

Parks & Recreation CALENDAR

Register online!

www.GoColumbiaMo.com

Call 874-7460 for more information.

OCTOBER 2011

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| 9 | One Sky, One World Day, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., free |
| 31 | Tiger Night of Fun, Hearnes Center, 6-8 p.m., free |

Columbia Imagined - A Comprehensive Plan for a Sustainable Community

PHASE II - "WHO ARE WE?"

An important step in preparing a plan is deciding what defines us today. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Task Force are describing existing conditions in metro Columbia organized in seven elements or themes: Livable and Sustainable Communities, Mobility, Connectivity and Accessibility, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Environmental Management, Intergovernmental Cooperation and Land Use and Growth Management. The planning team will host the first of several public engagement meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at 7 p.m. in Rooms 1A and 1B of the City Hall Addition, 701 East Broadway. Join us as we ask the public's help identifying characteristics of Columbia that people consider important.

If you are unable to attend the public meeting and have an organization, group, committee or neighborhood association that wishes to participate, a "Community Resource Kit" is available for pickup - or you may request to have a presentation made. Additional meeting dates will be posted on www.GoColumbiaMo.com and on the Columbia Imagined Facebook page. For details, contact the Planning and Development Department at 874-7239 or email planning@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Volunteer of the Month - Teressa Litchfield



Teressa Litchfield

After experiencing Columbia's lush, green trails and beautiful creeks, and then moving to the sandy deserts of southern California, August Volunteer of the Month Teressa Litchfield can appreciate the adage "you don't know what you have until it's gone." Columbia's scenery is one of the things that brought Litchfield, and her husband Ted, back to Columbia, and it's one of many reasons she has dedicated her time to the City.

Litchfield volunteers for the Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project (C.A.R.P.), TreeKeepers, Cleanup Columbia and the Hinkson Clean Sweep. She has a special place in her heart for keeping the City clean and beautiful.

"Most people don't realize how big of an effect their small actions have on the environment. Litter thrown out of a car window eventually makes its way to the creeks that flow throughout Columbia," Litchfield says.

Small actions can have a significant positive impact as well. Volunteering a few hours a year for events like the Hinkson Clean Sweep keeps hundreds of pounds of trash out of our water and helps preserve Columbia landmarks.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The best way to protect your family from fire is to be ahead of the game. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That's why Columbia's Fire Department is teaming with NFPA Oct. 9-15 to let the community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires — cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning. For additional local Fire Prevention Week activities and information, visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Fire/ or www.Firepreventionweek.org.

Unite 4 Healthy Neighborhood's

Ever wonder where we get our food? Or how easy or difficult is it for local residents to access food? What about whether certain foods are available and affordable to residents who shop at different locations? Unite 4 Healthy Neighborhood's (U4HN) assessment of the Columbia-area food system will piece together the community's food puzzle by identifying strengths, needs and gaps. This includes growers, distributors, retailers and consumers.

How can you help? Throughout September and October, consumers will be asked about their food shopping habits. If you are asked to participate, please share your thoughts and lend your voice to this project. Surveys will also be available online by visiting www.GoColumbiaMo.com and following links to the Public Health and Human Services page. Producers will also complete a survey about the goods they provide.

This project is a community partnership between PedNet's Food Asset Mapping Team, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, MU Extension Healthy Lifestyle Initiative and MU's Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES). Be on the lookout for surveyors this fall, and participate in the community-wide effort to better understand our food system. Results and future directions will be shared starting with a report in April 2012. For more information on survey dates, times and locations, follow the health department on Twitter @CoMo_HealthDept or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CoMo-HealthDept>. Please consider participating to make sure this is a community effort!

Be prepared for disasters

What is your plan in the event of a disaster? The blizzard in February, the tornadoes in Missouri this spring and the summer flooding along the Missouri River are all reminders of how important it is to have a disaster plan in place before a disaster strikes. Avoiding disasters may be difficult, but preparing for them is simple and can save your life.

September is National Preparedness Month, a time in which residents are encouraged to have a plan in place and be ready for disasters. Having a basic emergency supply kit available for your home, work and vehicle and knowing where to meet your family or coworkers during and after an emergency are just a couple ways to prepare.

The Columbia/Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages residents and families to prepare for any type or scale of disaster. For more information on being prepared, contact OEM at 874-7400.

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