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## Street Talk

As the construction season winds down and Public Works turns its attention to snow and ice removal, it's important to look back at some of the projects completed this year.

During the summer, the City's contractor and crews performed mill and overlay work on nearly 17 miles of streets. *This represented almost \$1 million in expenditures to ensure safe and smooth roadways.* During this period, crews performed preventive maintenance, known as chip and seal, on nearly 31 miles of Columbia streets. Maintaining streets by sealing is significantly less expensive. The chip and seal projects were completed for just under \$90,000.

Major road projects completed this year include Clark Lane Phase II at St. Charles Road and Lake of the Woods Road and the roundabout at Rollins Road and Fairview Avenue. The Providence Road Improvement Project and Scott Boulevard Phase II are slated for construction in 2014.

### SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION INCLUDED:

- East side of 7th between Broadway and Cherry
- Fairview Road around Fairview Elementary School
- Providence Road between Business 70 and Vandiver
- Craig Street between Garth and Bear Creek Boulevard

These projects cost almost \$910,000. Other sidewalk projects, such as West Worley, Garth Avenue and Texas Avenue, are in the design phase.




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## Scott Boulevard

The City of Columbia hosted an open house Oct. 29 at Millcreek Elementary School to provide information and listen to comments concerning the Scott Boulevard Phase II project, scheduled to begin in early 2014.

The City urges customers to identify alternative routes now and practice using those routes to determine how the Scott Boulevard closure between Bellview Drive to just south of Vawter School Road will affect you. A website, **ScottBv.com**, has been developed for providing current and historical information on the Scott Boulevard corridor. Suggested alternate routes and commuter alternatives are presented on the site.

The roadway, as well as the intersection of Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road, will be closed from early 2014 through the summer.



## Columbia Eve Fest

***A New Year's Eve Celebration of the Arts • December 31, 2013 • Entertainment from 7 p.m. to midnight***

Join us for a New Year's Eve block party on Ninth Street in the District where culture is celebrated and community is created!

Formerly known as First Night, this year's New Year's Eve celebration will include dancing, music, children's entertainment with finale and a grand finale. Activities will take place at multiple venues on Ninth Street, between Elm and Locust.

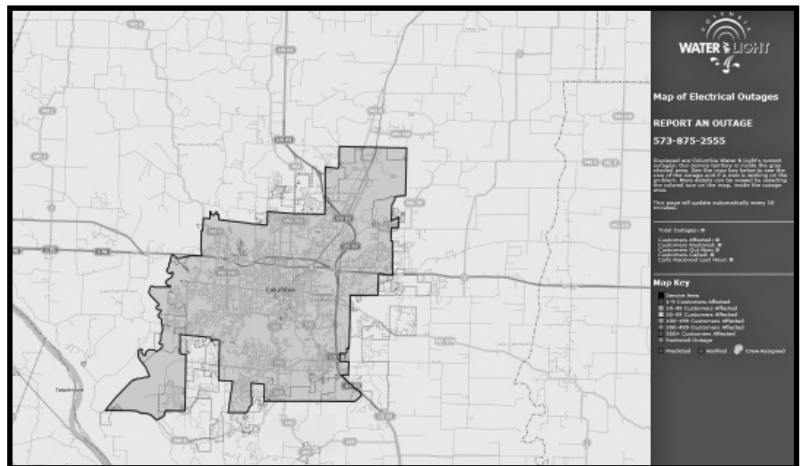
Early tickets are available for \$6; admission will be \$8 at the door. Children 6 and under are free. For more information, visit **[www.ColumbiaEveFest.com](http://www.ColumbiaEveFest.com)**.

First Night Columbia is sponsored by the City of Columbia, Columbia Convention and Visitors Tourism Development Program, KPLA 101.5, KFRU 1400 and NASH 100.1 Radio, KOMU-TV8, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency) and Parks and Recreation.

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## Access electric outage information 24/7 *[outageviewer.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://outageviewer.GoColumbiaMo.com)*

If your electricity goes out and you want to know what is happening, check out the new electric outage map online to see if it has been reported or if you need to make a call. By clicking the link under the “*map*” button at GoColumbiaMo.com, you can find out exactly where there are outages in the city and if a crew has been assigned to repair it. The information is updated every 10 minutes so if you are away from home, you can see if service has been restored.



Columbia Water & Light sends crews out as soon as possible to fix electric system problems. The time of the repair depends on the problem. Many times it is as easy as replacing a fuse; other times an entire line must be replaced. The complex nature of outages makes estimating the length of the outage very difficult. The crews continue working on a problem until it is resolved.

If you don't see the electric outage on the map, please call 875-2555. If your phone number is on file with the Utility Customer Service office, your outage report can be handled more efficiently.

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## Server Ordinance

All persons serving alcohol in Columbia must obtain a server certificate by Jan. 1, 2014, or within 30 days from initial employment from the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services.

To receive a certificate, servers must complete a responsible beverage training program approved by the City. Employers may require a specific type of training – be sure to ask if it is approved by the City prior to enrollment.

Next, servers must bring proof of course completion to the Department of Public Health and Human Services to fill out a certificate application. A \$5 certificate fee is charged for each new, renewed or duplicate certificate.

For more information, visit **[GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/ServerTraining.php](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/ServerTraining.php)** or contact the Department of Public Health and Human Services at 874-7346.



*Photo courtesy of Charles McVey*

## Snow Routes

Public Works is charged with snow and ice management of more than 500 road miles, or 1,100 lane miles, of public streets. Three significant snow events last winter led Public Works to make significant changes to snow removal, with the hope that crews will now be able to complete their work more efficiently.

One of the biggest changes is the enactment of an ordinance that effectively establishes “tow zones” on Columbia’s first and second priority snow routes. When snow has accumulated 2 inches or more on the roadway, cars parked along those marked routes are required to be moved immediately. Failure to move a vehicle from a marked snow route when more than 2 inches of snow is on the roadway could result in the vehicle being ticketed and towed at the owner’s expense. Moving vehicles off of first and second priority routes allows crews to complete those roadways and move more quickly into residential areas.

To help customers understand the snow and ice management operations and keep informed of the City’s efforts during a snow event, a new website, **ComoSnow.com**, was created.

## Before Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

Prepare for winter weather by:

- adding winter supplies to your emergency kit...
  - Rock salt
  - Shovel
  - Blankets/clothing

([www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/checklist\\_1.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/checklist_1.pdf))

- making a family communications plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

- listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.

- minimizing travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

- bringing pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

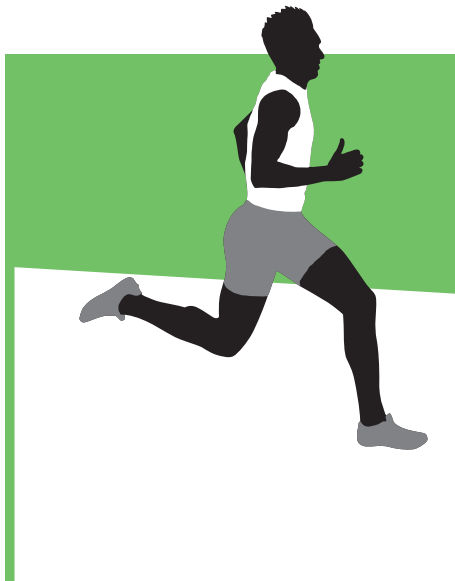
- winterizing your vehicle.

- winterizing your home.

- having a carbon monoxide detector.

- knowing the weather terms.

Learn more at **[www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather)**.



## Columbia Parks and Recreation plans The ROC 7K Trail Run

Columbia Parks and Recreation will present the first ROC 7K Trail Run Jan. 25 at Cosmo Park’s Rhett’s Run. This 7K (4.3 mile) single-track trail run is designed for experienced runners as well as beginners wanting to try something new.

Families are encouraged; no dogs or strollers will be allowed on the course. Awards will be given. The ROC 7K will be the first in a series of new trail events produced by Parks and Recreation.

Registration is \$25 prior to the event and \$30 on race day. To register for the run, visit **[GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com)** or call 874-7460. Use activity code #207300-01 when registering.

## Are you insulated?



Tired of your house being hot in the summer and cold in the winter? It might be time to upgrade your insulation. Remember, when insulating your home, it must be adequately ventilated so your attic can “breathe.”

### **Columbia Water & Light’s minimum recommendations:**

- **Attic Insulation:** R-38 (12-15 inches)
- **Floor:** R-19 above unheated areas (6 inches)
- **Crawl Space Wall Insulation:** R-10 with a vapor barrier (foam board)
- **Duct Insulation:** R-13 in unheated areas
- **Rim Joist Insulation:** R-13 (4 inches)

Electric customers can receive incentives plus a low-interest loan for adding insulation. Check out the Home Performance with Energy Star program at **ColumbiaPowerPartners.com** or call 874-7330.

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## Let your voice be heard!

What is a consolidated plan? The consolidated plan is a document required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), designed to help guide communities on directing federal dollars they receive in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, fair housing, community facilities and neighborhood needs. The consolidated planning process allows you to weigh in on what you think are the most important community needs in Columbia.

Multiple opportunities will be available over the next year for citizen input, including public hearings, special meetings and surveys. An important event to attend is the Neighborhood Congress to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC), 1701 W. Ash St. Attendees will participate in a discussion involving community development needs and how we can most effectively use our HUD funding. For more information, call 874-6321 or visit **GoColumbiaMo.com** and search “2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.”

## Police Department offers burglary prevention tips

*Follow these prevention tips to decrease your chances of becoming a burglary victim during the holiday season.*

1. Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars.
2. Secure sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or a wooden dowel rod in the track and install vertical bolts. This will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
3. Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don’t rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
4. Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and TVs. Make your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, to help deter criminals.
5. Keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Installing low-voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders as well as highlight a house.
6. Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate.
7. Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open to maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your residence.
8. Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home. A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.
9. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways.
10. Organize or become a member of a Neighborhood Watch program to protect your neighborhood. An alert community is a safe community.
11. Go to the Columbia Police Department Web page for more crime prevention tips, forms to inventory your property should you become a victim and information on Neighborhood Watch. **<http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Police/Crime/crimepreventionpage.php>**



## Howard B. Lang, Jr. Award

Please consider nominating a deserving person to receive the sixth annual **Howard B. Lang, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia.**

Howard Lang was mayor of Columbia from 1953-57 and made a positive difference for the City. The recipient of the Lang Award will receive \$1,000 (which may be designated to a project, program or charity of her/his choice) and an engraved plaque.

Nominate a City of Columbia volunteer who serves to benefit City residents through City programs and services. This person may be a member of a City board or commission, an unpaid elected official or other City volunteer. The recipient will be chosen based on his/her impact, initiative and length of service, and announced in early 2014.

Nomination forms can be found at **GoColumbiaMo.com**; search for "**Lang Award Nomination Form.**" Return nominations to the address noted on the form by Friday, Jan. 10.

If you have questions, contact Trust Specialist John Baker at 817-5027, [jdbaker@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:jdbaker@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## CoMo Gives

Find out all you need to know about CoMoGives, the Community Foundation of Central Missouri's end-of-year campaign to raise funds for 30 charitable organizations that serve the Columbia and Boone County community, at **comogives.com**.

This is the first year of CoMoGives, and the Community Foundation trusts that you'll help make it a success. The Central Missouri Humane Society, We Always Swing Jazz Series, First Chance for Children and Meals on Wheels are examples of the 30 deserving agencies to which you can give through **comogives.com**.

There are 27,000 copies of the CoMoGives Giving Guide circulating throughout Columbia. The guides describe the campaign, highlight the participating agencies and showcase generous sponsors. The giving window for the campaign is Dec. 1-31, 2013. To add to the excitement, the Community Foundation is providing four matching grants, one each to four agencies satisfying the following: \$2,000 for the highest number of non-repeated donors, \$2,000 for the largest number of donors under age 35, \$1,000 for the highest dollar total of donations and \$1,000 for the largest number of donations \$250 and up.

All donors are entered into a grand prize drawing where the winner gets to choose which CoMoGives agency receives a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation in the winner's name!

The goal is \$120,000 and 1,350 donors. If you have questions, call John Baker at 817-5027 or write to [info@cfcmfoundation.org](mailto:info@cfcmfoundation.org).



## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### January

6	CARE summer program applications available online
20	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Candle Light Walk and Celebration, Walk at Douglass High School at 6:30 p.m., proceed to St. Paul
21	Swimming lessons start at Hickman Pool
25	R.O.C. 7K Trail Run, Rhett's Run Trail at Cosmo Park, 9 a.m., \$25 in advance, \$30 race day
25	Swimming lessons start at the ARC

## Holiday Hours

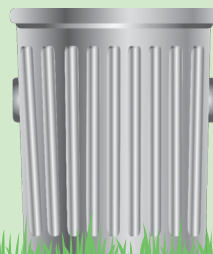
City offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The second regular City Council meeting in January will be held Tuesday, Jan. 21. **Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made Jan. 20 and will be delayed one day the remainder of the week.** Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Parking meters will not be enforced and City buses will not run Jan. 20.

## Code Corner

Did you know that enforcement of building codes and nuisance ordinances helps keep the community safe? **It deters crime by sending a message that we value a healthy and safe place to live.**

Code enforcement also helps protect property values. If you see an issue in your neighborhood like an unlicensed, inoperable or junk-filled car, scattered trash or home in disrepair,

please contact the Office of Neighborhood Services on the City's website or call 817-5050.





## Volunteer of the Month- Stephanie Sanders Cagle

Within the first month of moving to Columbia in June to take a position with Columbia College and get married, Stephanie Sanders Cagle stepped forward to become the volunteer coach with Lil Lady Bulldogs Dance and Cheer Program. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Lil Lady Bulldogs serves 5-12 year-old girls, teaching them cheers and dances. They meet twice a week at the Armory.

Under Sanders Cagle's direction, the team has grown from eight girls to 22 girls and

added three new volunteer coaches. Sanders Cagle varies the routines to expose the girls to a variety of styles, such as hip hop, jazz and pom-pom routines.

Sanders Cagle brings energy and enthusiasm to coaching, as well as 12 years of dance experience and drill team expertise. The other three coaches have experience in baton, cheerleading, jazz and dance.

The Lil Bulldogs had their first performance in October, participated in Mizzou's homecoming parade and will perform at other events around Columbia, as well as cheer and dance for the Columbia Youth Basketball Association league this winter.

"Seeing the smiles on the girls' faces and catching the 'aha' moments when the girls get the routine, keeps me coming back to coach," Sanders Cagle says.

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

*Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson*



## Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

Register now for the 21st annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, from 7-8:45 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person, but scholarships are available upon request. Please call the Office of Cultural Affairs at

874-6386 for registration information. A registration form is available on the City's website at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: **Diversity Celebration**).

The theme of this year's celebration is **"The Rich Tapestry of Diversity."** In honor of the 21st anniversary of the Diversity Celebration, the featured speaker will be Steve Pemberton, author of **"A Chance In The World."** Pemberton will be available for book signing immediately following the celebration and books will be available for purchase. This year's program will also include performances representing the rich diversity of the community, live music at the breakfast and the presentation of the 17th annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards.

The celebration is designed to be accessible to all. Call 874-6386 for more information or accommodations related to disability.

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

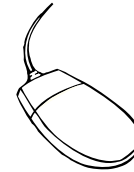
**Application deadline: Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.**

- Commission on Human Rights
- Public Transit Advisory Commission

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

## Web Page Did You Know?

Did you know that you can quickly and easily report graffiti for cleanup to the Office of Neighborhood Services? Visit **[GoColumbiaMo.com/Police/](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Police/)** and click on the **"Report Graffiti"** link.



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