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Columbia Regional Airport announces jet service for all flights



Delta Air Lines began jet service for one flight out of Columbia in February and has already announced another round of upgrades for the airport. Beginning April 6, Delta will switch all aircraft at Columbia Regional Airport (COU) from 34-seat Saab 340s to 50-seat regional jets.

“We are pleased that Delta recognized the need for additional capacity in our market and filled that need with larger aircraft,” says Kathy Frerking, Columbia Regional Airport manager.

Delta Air Lines has consistently reported higher than expected load factors since beginning service in Columbia in August 2008. Load fac-

tors, meaning the percentage of seats filled on all flights leaving COU, have been averaging above 70 percent each month. In February 2010, Delta changed one of the three round-trip flights from a Saab 340 to a regional jet. Many of those flights have already been filled above the Saab 340’s capacity.

Don Laird, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, said, “We are excited about the new service to our community. The entire region has benefited by having the Delta service to Columbia Regional Airport. The increased capacity of the new jets and efficiency of operation to Memphis gives us a great connection to the entire U.S.”

For more information about flying from Columbia Regional Airport, log onto www.FlyMidMo.com or call 874-7508.

May 1-8 is Bike, Walk & Wheel Week

The ninth annual Mayor’s Challenge: Bike, Walk & Wheel Week, set for May 1-8, is designed to encourage all Columbians to use active modes of transportation — like walking or biking — to get to work, school and around town.

Bike, Walk & Wheel Week is for everyone! Ride your bike to run an errand, walk up the street to visit a friend or make an active commute to work. It’s easy, it’s fun and when you bike or walk, you help make Columbia a happier, healthier place.

All registered participants receive a free T-shirt, while supplies last.

Visit getaboutcolumbia.com to register and find details about the week’s events and activities.



City offices closed for Memorial Day

City offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made this day and will be delayed one day the remainder of 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 on the holiday.

Did you know?



The Office of Neighborhood Services page at GoColumbiaMo.com is a great source of information for residents, tenants and rental property owners.

See if you live in an area with an organized neighborhood association and report problems in your neighborhood.

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Volunteer of the Month — Sean Spence



Sean Spence

City of Columbia volunteer Sean Spence says his involvement with the Adapted Community Recreation Program at Paquin Towers initially stemmed from fears about the program’s 2009 budget.

“I attended a meeting about a reduction in funding and realized the need to get the community more involved in supporting those efforts,” he said.

From that recognition grew a funding effort, CARE@Paquin, made up of more than 150 volunteers and donors. Over the last 13 months, this small non-profit organization has raised \$11,000, donating \$5,000 of

that to the City for the Adapted Community Recreation Program and investing \$5,000 for the program’s long-term benefit.

The Adapted Community Recreation Program, part of Columbia Parks and Recreation, provides classes, activities and trips for low-income Columbians with disabilities. Spence says that CARE@Paquin is on track to donate at least \$5,000 again this year, due to the strong partnerships that have formed throughout the city.

“I’d like to think I played a small role in helping the community at large recognize this program,” he said. “Volunteering for the City affects all of us, rich or poor, black or white, downtown and around town. It’s a great way of making an impact on everybody.”

Spence also coordinates the Columbia Rotary Club’s participation in the children’s Punt Pass & Kick event.

To learn more about City volunteer programs, call 874-7499 or visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com

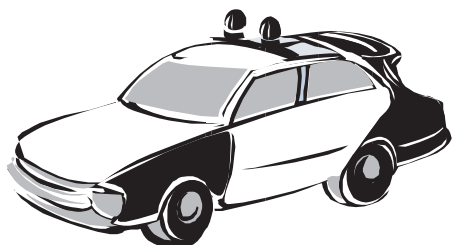
– Submitted by volunteer Sarah Madden

Volunteer advocates needed

The Citizens Police Review Board is looking for volunteers to serve as advocates to assist residents who have a complaint for the board to consider. Volunteers will be screened for consideration for these positions. Volunteers should have no significant criminal history and should have good communication skills.

After completion of training, the volunteer advocates will be available to assist complainants and help explain the procedures. They will meet with complainants as needed and may attend meetings regarding the complaint. Volunteer advocates may be present during hearings before the Citizens Police Review Board to provide support to the complainant.

Those interested in this position should complete a volunteer application on the volunteer programs page of the City’s Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or call the City’s Law Department at 874-7223.



Hospitality Star Award honors Mayor Hindman

The Columbia Lodging Association, in partnership with the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented Columbia’s 6th annual Hospitality Star Night Feb. 9 at the Courtyard by Marriott. Star Night recognizes members of the local lodging community who go above and beyond and truly define the word “hospitality” in their work.

The Hospitality Star of the Year was awarded to Mayor Darwin Hindman. The award is given to someone the committee feels embraces the concept of hospitality to the fullest and demonstrates this daily in all that they do. Although these stars may not work directly in the hospitality industry, they have worked with the industry and have positively impacted the hospitality industry in Columbia. Mayor Hindman has done a great deal for tourism in Columbia by supporting local festivals, assisting in the development of an attractive trails system and enthusiastically welcoming groups to the City.

Other special awards that evening included the General Manager of the Year, Hotel Salesperson of the Year and Hospitality Employee of the Year, in addition to the Star Performer awards, which go to individuals who work at local hotels.

Columbia Lodging Association President David Streeter with Hospitality Star Award recipient Mayor Darwin Hindman

U.S. Cellular Movies in the Park returns for 2010

Columbia Parks and Recreation will roll out another series of movies in the park this summer as the U.S. Cellular Movies in the Park returns! All movies will be shown at Flat Branch Park on a giant inflatable screen and resemble a drive-in without cars. Bring your blanket or low lawn chair and head out for a night of entertainment under the stars!

The movies are shown the second Friday of the month from May through September. Scheduled movies are:

- Friday, May 14, 8:45 p.m. — *UP (PG)*
- Friday June 11, 9 p.m. — *Cloudy with the Chance of Meatballs (PG)*
- Friday, July 9, 9 p.m. — *Planet 51 (PG)*

Upcoming dates, check www.GoColumbiaMo.com for titles:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 10, 7:45 p.m.

There are no rain dates for the movies. Pre-show entertainment and activities begin one hour prior to the movie start time. Concessions are available. Movie admission is \$1 per person; children 12 and under are free.

The U.S. Cellular Movies in the Park series is sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation, KPLA 101.5 and U.S. Cellular.

‘Try Transit’ on Thursday, May 6

Here’s your opportunity to try Columbia Transit for **free**. On Thursday, May 6, Columbia Transit will offer free transportation to everyone ... anywhere Columbia Transit goes.

“Try Transit Thursday” is one day only, so don’t miss it! It’s a great opportunity for a field trip. Go online to www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: Go Bus) to check the bus schedule. Stop by 126 North Tenth St. to see the Historic Wabash Station, which turns 100 years old this summer.

Columbia Transit at the Historic Wabash Station
126 North Tenth Street • 874-7282 • www.GoColumbiaMo.com



New City Hall addition opens



The Fire Department Honor Guard and Mayor Darwin Hindman lead the procession into the new council chambers after the old chambers was decommissioned in a ceremony Feb. 15.

Cashier, City Print and Mail Services and the Mezzanine Level conference room. The utility payment drive-through bay remains open.

Phase 3 of the City Hall expansion will include complete interior renovation of the Daniel Boone building, plus energy-efficient windows, a new reflective roof and an exterior facade compatible with the new addition. Work is expected to take approximately one year.

City Arts Funding

Each year, the City supports local arts programming. In fiscal year 2010, nearly \$99,000 is being provided to local arts agencies in support of visual, performing and literary arts projects and related educational offerings.

As a result, citizens and visitors have access to numerous exhibitions, concerts, classes, workshops and special events. To qualify to receive City arts funding, arts organizations must have 501c3 status.

The application deadline for fiscal year 2011 is May 4, 2010. To learn more, contact the Office of Cultural Affairs, 874-6386, oca@GoColumbiaMo.com or access guidelines at www.GoColumbiaMo.com (search: GoArtsFunding).



Weatherize now to keep cool this summer

Did you put off making your home more energy efficient over the winter? No problem. A nice spring day is a wonderful time to tackle some of these projects. Remember, energy efficiency is just as important in the summer as it is in the winter.

- Caulk to stop leaks**
- around windows and door frames
 - in foundation cracks
 - where siding meets the foundation, roof and chimney
 - outside where wires or plumbing lines meet your structure

- Weatherstrip**
- along the bottom of exterior doors or doors that lead to unheated areas
 - on the inside of door jams

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874-7325



Energy Efficiency Incentives



Make 2010 the year for energy efficiency improvements. You will get money back for your projects and save money on your utility bills. Check out the following:

Columbia Water & Light - Rebates for insulation, heating and cooling equipment, doors, windows, air sealing, solar water heating and photovoltaic systems (www.GoColumbiaMo.com/WaterandLight - Home Performance)

Ameren UE - Rebates for natural gas furnace, boiler, water heater and tankless water heater. Incentives for programmable thermostats and efficiency improvements recommended by a qualified energy auditor (www.amerenu.com - UEfficiency)

State of Missouri

- **Rebates** - starting in April: heating and cooling systems, water heaters, clothes washers and dishwashers.
- **Green Sales Tax holiday** - exempts state sales tax on qualifying Energy Star certified appliances from April 19 through April 25, 2010. (www.dnr.mo.gov – Transform Missouri)

Federal tax credit - Thirty percent of the cost of energy efficiency improvements up to \$1,500 for qualified heating and cooling equipment, insulation, water heaters, windows, doors, wind turbines, solar systems, biomass stoves and fuel cells (www.energystar.gov – Tax Credits)

**Note: There are different requirements and funding constraints for each of these programs. Please check with each entity for details.*

Keep mosquitoes away

The days are getting warmer and it’s more enjoyable to be outside! The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services reminds you to protect your family from unwanted spring guests – mosquitoes. Remove mosquito breeding sites from your home by following some of these tips:

- Make sure rain gutters are clean.
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- Store plastic wading pools, flower pots, plastic containers, wheelbarrows, canoes, etc. inside or upside down when not in use.
- Do not leave trash outside. Empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc. can harbor standing water.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
- Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
- Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- Don’t leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
- Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
- Fix dripping outside water faucets.
- Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae.
- Watch for ditches that do not flow and contain stagnant water for a week or longer.
- Make sure screens are in place and not damaged.

For more information or to report mosquito harborage problems in your neighborhood, contact the Environmental Health Division at 874-7346.

Fire Station No. 9 Grand Opening

The Columbia Fire Department officially opened Fire Station No. 9 at 201 Blueridge Road on Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 a.m. A public grand opening was hosted on Sunday, Feb. 7, with over 300 in attendance.

Fire Station No. 9 was funded by a voter approved ¼ cent capital improvement sales tax in 2005; the project was approved by the City Council in 2008.

Fire Station No. 9 will provide additional resources to the north areas of Columbia, while serving the entire city through the road network that includes the recently completed Providence Road extension and the improvements to Range Line Street.

Fire Station No. 9 houses Quint 9, the Hazardous Device Unit and the Special Operations vehicle.

The men and women of the Columbia Fire Department thank you for the outstanding support and resources you provide to help them deliver excellent customer service.

Attendees assist with “housing” Quint 9 in Station 9 by pushing the truck into the apparatus bay.



Spring lawn cleanup time

Lawn tips
Yard waste deposited in the street affects the efficiency of the City’s street sweepers. Please keep yard waste out of gutters and streets.

Leave grass clippings on your lawn. They distribute nutrients back to the soil, which reduces the need for fertilizer.

When blowing grass clippings off sidewalks and driveways, always blow them back into the yard, never into the street. Clippings may clog storm drains and affect water quality.

Grass clippings and yard waste can be collected weekly when placed with your regular trash pick-up.

Need to soil-test your lawn?
Test your soil to determine individual lawn fertilizer needs. Soil samples can be taken to the MU Extension Office at 1012 N. Route UU or to Munford Hall on the MU campus. A soil test will help you understand what the plants in your lawn require.

Know the square footage of your lawn and calculate the amount of fertilizer needed. Use only that amount.

Keep fertilizer off paved surfaces. Rain can wash the fertilizer into streams.

It is best to apply fertilizer when soils are moist and then water lightly. This will help the fertilizer move into the root zone where it is available to the plants.

Choose fertilizer with low phosphorus values since many Boone County soils are naturally high in phosphorus.

Use the minimal amount of fertilizer necessary and apply it in small, frequent applications. An application of 2 pounds of fertilizer five times a year is better than 5 pounds twice a year.

Calibrate your fertilizer spreader to be sure you know exactly how much material is being discharged.

Visit <http://soilplantlab.missouri.edu/soil/> for more information on soil testing.

For more information, contact the City’s Public Works Department at 874-7250.



Summer Youth Volunteering

Looking to solve summer boredom for teens? Volunteering provides an opportunity to make good use of time, have fun and make a difference for Columbia.

Columbia youth 12-15 years can participate in Youth In Action, sponsored by the City’s Volunteer Program. Youth In Action allows kids to participate in a variety of supervised, structured projects at events and with agencies throughout the community. Youth In Action projects begin when school is out.

Another great resource is the Directory of Summer Youth Opportunities, a listing of opportunities with City departments and community agencies for young people.

To apply for Youth In Action or access the directory, call 874-7499 or visit the volunteer programs page of the City’s Web site at www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Parks & Recreation presents Family Fun Fests



Family Fun Fests are back this spring and summer! Columbia Parks and Recreation will present a Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park on the third Wednesday of each month through September.

The free Fun Fests will be held from 6-8 p.m. and will feature a new theme each month. Entertainment for the entire family will include music, special performances, art activities, bounce houses, hands-on activities, balloon-animals and face painting.

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Home & Lifestyle Magazine.

May 19: Fitness is Fun
Dancing, bicycling and martial arts are fun ways to stay fit. Join us for fun demonstrations and hands-on activities. Find out the many ways to enjoy getting fit from a variety of organizations and departments. Sponsored by the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center)

Don’t Miss!
June 16: Explore Outdoors • July 21: Dancing in the Streets
Aug. 18: Around the World

Neighborhood Watch training sessions set

Columbia residents are invited to join Columbia Neighborhood Watch and the Columbia Police Department in keeping their neighborhoods safe. Neighborhood Watch training is now being offered quarterly. The training will provide information and assistance to residents about safety, while encouraging neighborhood involvement. Emphasis is placed on neighbors being watchful, with the goal of reducing crime.

All training sessions are from 7-8 p.m. Future sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Premier Bank, Bethel & Nifong, May 4
- Shepard Boulevard Elementary, 2616 Shepard Boulevard, Sept. 9
- Parkade Center, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Nov. 9

Members of the Neighborhood Watch Board will conduct the training; Columbia police officers will be on hand. Read more about Neighborhood Watch, the Office of Neighborhood Services and the Columbia Police Department by visiting www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Police.

PARKS & RECREATION
Calendar

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

May 1
Hershey Track and Field Meet, Rock Bridge High School Track, 9 a.m., free

May 1 - 7
Mayor’s Challenge: Bike Walk and Wheel Week

May 8
MLB Pitch Hit and Run, Albert-Oakland Park, 9:30 a.m., free

May 14
U.S. Cellular Movies in the Park: UP, Flat Branch Park, 8:45 p.m., \$1 per person, 12 and under free

May 15
Kids Bicycle Safety Challenge, Shelter Insurance parking lot, 10 a.m.-noon, free

May 15 - 16
Heritage Weekend, Douglass Park

May 19
Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free

May 21
OAK (Older American Klub) May Dance, Stephens Lake Activity Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3

May 21
Whiff and Giggle Couples Golf, L.A. Nickell, 5 p.m. shotgun start, \$40 per couple

May 29
Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center opens

Boards & Commissions

The City is taking applications for the following:

Housing Authority • Parks & Recreation Commission • Board of Plumbing Examiners • Environment and Energy Commission • Disabilities Commission • Board of Mechanical Examiners

Application deadline is noon, May 7. 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 information and requirements.