

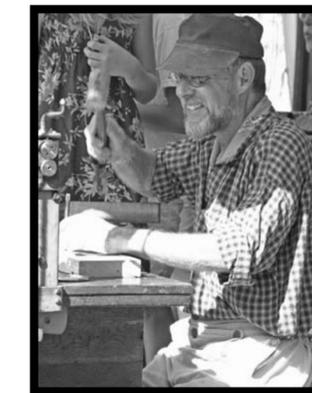
# CITY SOURCE



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## 34th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show



Take a step back in time at the 34th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show at historic Nifong Park. Columbia Parks and Recreation will hold the festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 17-18. The Heritage Festival has no admission charge and offers entertainment and fun for all ages.

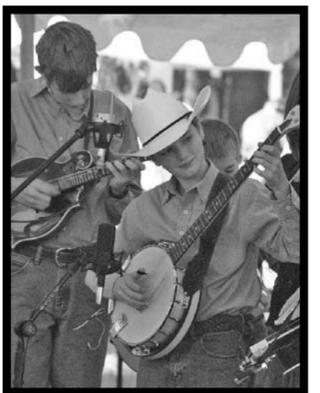
Attendees will enjoy music and dancing on two stages. Featured entertainers include the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers, Professor Farquar's Medicine Man Show and "Two Crows" Mountain Man along with a variety of music, including bluegrass, folk, German, Cajun and the annual Fiddlers' Competition.

Visitors can experience "living history" by strolling through a replica Lewis & Clark outpost, an 1859 town and a lost arts area with traditional artisans. A large contemporary handmade craft area will also be featured.

From 8 to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, 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.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated by Columbia Parks and Recreation and sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Columbia Daily Tribune, KFRU and KPLA 101.5.

Call 874-7460 for more information about the festival, or visit [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).



## Fire in the Sky thanks

Thanks to all who attended the City's annual Fourth of July Fire in the Sky celebration! Columbia Parks and Recreation would like to thank the contributors who helped make it happen: presenters Columbia Insurance Group and KOMU8, as well as sponsors: VA Mortgage Center, Columbia Cosmopolitan Club, Mizzou Athletics and radio stations KBXR 102.3 and KFRU 1400. Thanks also to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Youth Community Coalition. Fire in the Sky is coordinated by Parks and Recreation.

**web DID YOU KNOW?**

The Historic Preservation Commission has been working on an interactive map that will showcase the City's recognized historic properties. Check it out at <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Planning/Commissions/HPC/InteractiveHistoricMap.php>.

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## Volunteer of the Month — Don Williams



Thank you Don!

Many City of Columbia volunteers have expressed that their service is one way they demonstrate their love for the City. July Volunteer of the Month Don Williams does this by teaching others why they should love our city as well. Williams is a member of the Columbia Hospitality Corps and also volunteers at the Lake of the Woods Columbia Visitor Center.

Williams has logged more than 500 hours in two years at the visitor center, where he has greeted visitors, answered questions and

provided helpful information, including directions to area hotels, restaurants, parks, trails and shopping.

Many of us may not fully appreciate what Columbia has to offer. Next time you are heading past the Lake of the Woods exit on I-70 consider stopping by the visitor center to learn something new and say "hi" to Don or one of the other volunteers.

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

~ Written by volunteer Brittany Perrin

## Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting

Neighbors watching out for neighbors is an effective crime prevention tool. Please join Columbia Neighborhood Watch for its annual public meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 1B, 701 E. Broadway. Police Command Staff will be present and Chief Ken Burton will speak, as his schedule permits. For more information, visit [www.columbianeighborhood-watch.org](http://www.columbianeighborhood-watch.org).

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 2 AT NOON

- Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
- New Century Fund Board
- Personnel Advisory Board
- Internet Citizens Advisory Group

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 7 AT NOON

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

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

## Columbia Imagined Community Resource Kit – Phase 1

"What is a Comprehensive Plan?" [www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Comprehensive\\_Plan/index.php](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Comprehensive_Plan/index.php)



The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Task Force have been working steadily over the last year doing research to educate themselves on existing conditions in the Columbia metro area. They are now ready to engage the community and metro area to increase awareness and gather information from neighborhoods, organizations, groups and citizens. Particular areas of focus are: what do you think of this approach, how do you want to be involved and who needs to be involved?

A community resource kit has been assembled and contains a short Power Point presentation, 10-minute video, handouts and questions for citizens to answer. Through the use of these meeting kits the task force and commission want to increase awareness of what a comprehensive plan is and facilitate ways for citizens to become involved. The kits are designed for anyone to present the information; training for presenters can be arranged. To have a meeting presented to your neighborhood, organization or group of friends, or if you would like to present one, contact the Planning and Development Department at 874-7239 or email [planning@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:planning@GoColumbiaMo.com) for more information.

## Conservation Tips videos a big hit

Do you need to complete an energy efficiency project but are not sure how to accomplish it? Check out the show "Conservation Tips" on YouTube. These demonstration videos will let you know what you need for the project and walk you through the process. The videos feature Energy Management Specialist David Mars and are produced by the City Channel and Columbia Water & Light.

Conservation Tips videos were loaded on YouTube in the spring of 2010 and have had more than 135,000 views since that time. The videos help Columbia residents save energy and water plus they have also received national attention. Columbia Water & Light received a request from the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Idaho to use the videos for its statewide low-income weatherization program.

Type in the search box "CWLvideo" to find Columbia Water & Light's channel on YouTube.

## Community Gardening with a Twist!

Try to solve this equation! What does this equal...

The desire to grow your own fruits and vegetables...	+	Gardening expertise and grant funding from public health and other community organizations...	+	The City's willingness to turn unused land into a productive green space and educational area for the community...	=	The Unite-4-Health Community Garden
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## The Unite-4-Health Community Garden

The Unite-4-Health Community Garden, one of Columbia's newest community gardens, is located west of the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services parking lot at 1005 West Worley. Neighborhood residents work alongside pre-school aged youth, WIC clients and employees from public health and human services.

The garden's 22 prolific spots consist of tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, cantaloupe, peppers, corn, squash and various other things. Some gardeners plan to donate their produce to WIC nutrition education classes held at the public health and human services department.

The "Food Production at Home and in the Community" action team is one of six community teams addressing childhood obesity within Columbia, along with PedNet Coalition, Community Garden Coalition, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture and the Health Department. They are promoting the health benefits of gardening by getting more children and families involved in growing and eating their own fruits and vegetables. For more information on this and other community gardens, call 874-7559.



## Citizen Survey

Thanks to all who completed the 2011 citizen survey. You can see the final report at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Feedback/etc-survey.php](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Feedback/etc-survey.php). Overall satisfaction with City services rated 24 percent above the Kansas and Missouri average and 23 percent above the national average.

Citizens are most satisfied with parks and least satisfied with street conditions. Top priorities: maintain City streets and infrastructure; protect residents and businesses from crime; keep paying attention to utilities.

Questions? Contact Toni Messina at [trmessin@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:trmessin@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## James T. Scott exhibit at City Hall

A new exhibit at City Hall focuses on James T. Scott, a local African-American man who was accused of assaulting a young white girl in the spring of 1923. Before he was able to stand trial, a mob broke into Scott's jail cell and lynched him from a bridge near Columbia Cemetery.

There was a memorial service on April 20 in remembrance of Scott and those who swore to protect his right to a fair trial. A new headstone provided by the James T. Scott Monument Committee was unveiled during the memorial service.

The exhibit includes an overview of the memorial as well as history of the lynching and details from media coverage in 1923. The exhibit is located in the main floor display cases at City Hall and will be on display until late August. The lobby is open M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; with extended hours during City Council meetings.

## Free online energy evaluation

Save money and energy when you partner with Columbia Water & Light. Check out the free and simple online energy audit. The audit provides specific tips for your home plus there's a great reference library for researching projects. This free service will help save money on your electric bills.

**You and Columbia Water & Light — a Powerful Partnership**  
**ColumbiaPowerPartners.com**



## Watch your water use and save!

### DO YOU NEED TO WATER YOUR LAWN?

- Watering thoroughly, but infrequently, develops a deep root system so plants can use moisture and nutrients deep in the ground.

- Water according to moisture in the soil; not a fixed schedule.

- Lawns are dry when footprints remain in the grass long after being made.

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I WATER?

- Lawns need only one inch of water per week; approximately three times a week for 20 minutes.

- Use a tuna can or a rain gauge to accurately measure the amount of water your irrigation system or sprinkler delivers.

- Set a timer as a reminder to turn off the sprinkler.

- Water in the early morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., avoiding windy conditions.

### OTHER EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE

- Don't irrigate the pavement; choose and adjust sprinklers to fit the lawn area.

- Mulch to retain moisture and prevent water-robbing weeds.

- Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ inches with a sharp blade.

- Never use a hose to rinse off pavement; sweep leaves and grass clippings.

- Landscape with native plants that are tolerant to Missouri summers.

## Parks and Recreation presents last Family Fun Fest of 2011

The Family Fun Fest series is coming to an end for 2011. Columbia Parks and Recreation has presented a Family Fun Fest event at Flat Branch Park throughout the summer.

The final Fun Fest will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 15 and is sponsored by the City's Office of Cultural Affairs and the Missouri Arts Council with the theme Creative Kids.

Kids will be able to enjoy participatory art activities and kid-friendly performances of music, dance and theater. Family Fun Fests are free.

Entertainment for the entire family will also feature face painting and guaranteed fun for all ages.

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8, EntPro Entertainment and Columbia Home magazine.

## New dog park open

A new dog park has been completed at Indian Hills Park, 5009 Aztec Blvd. Dogs can run leash-free in this fenced 1.5-acre area that can be accessed from the parking lot on the west side of the park.

"We have acted upon citizen requests for more leash-free areas to exercise their dogs," explained Mike Griggs, park services manager. "Neighbors came to the park planning meetings and helped choose which improvements would be accomplished in this park."

Other improvements completed include a playground replacement on the west side, and a new playground, picnic shelters and cul-de-sac to serve the residential neighborhood on the east side of the park.

For more information, please call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.



## Columbia Coffee Express

City Hall's coffee kiosk, Columbia Coffee Express, announces its new product line featuring the following:

- Fresh fruit, veggies, juices and green tea
- Yogurts, cheese, bottled water and Crystal Light
- Granola bars, nuts, Slim Jims and snack mixes
- 100-calorie snack packs and 90-calorie granola bars
- Espresso drinks, hot chai and hot chocolate
- Iced tea and lemonade coming soon
- Mini-muffins and a variety of pastries from Upper Crust
- Coffee sold by air pot and catering available
- Ongoing changes in menu and product line
- Now accepting credit cards

Columbia Coffee Express is located just inside the corner door of City Hall (8th and Broadway) and is open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours for special events. Call 356-9555 for information.

## Summertime Safety

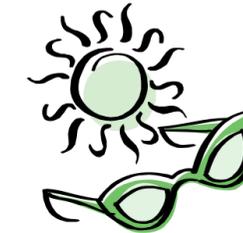
### BEWARE OF BUGS

When you're outside this summer, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services encourages you to prevent tick bites and reduce your risk of tick-borne diseases. Protect yourself by:

- Knowing where to expect ticks. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through vegetation such as leaf litter or shrubs. Always walk in the center of trails to avoid ticks.
- Use a repellent with DEET (on skin or clothing) or permethrin (on clothing) and wear long sleeves, long pants and socks. Products containing permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear which can provide protection through several washings. Repellents containing 20 percent or more DEET can be applied to the skin, and they can protect up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Apply this product to children, avoiding the hands, eyes and mouth.

Check your body for ticks after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Check these parts of your body and your child's body for ticks:

- Under the arms
- In and around the ears
- Inside belly button
- Back of the knees
- Under the arms
- In and around the hair
- Near the hip and buttock area
- Around the waist



If you notice an attached tick, remove it immediately and watch for signs of illness. If you develop a rash or fever or become ill 1-3 weeks after a tick bite, contact your health care provider. For more information on ticks, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>.

## Don't dump into storm drains

Everything that enters a storm drain goes directly to local waters. Don't dump, wash or rake anything directly into a storm drain or into the path of street gutters leading to storm drains. These waterways give us drinking water and are where we swim and fish.

Yard debris and trash in the storm sewer system can:

- Alter drainage patterns by blocking flows and pipes, which can cause street flooding.
- Pollute and damage streams and waterways.
- Cause downstream properties to flood.
- Increase extra work for Columbia's Storm Water Utility maintenance crews who handle blockages, flooding and pollution cleanups.

If chemicals or yard debris get on the street, sidewalk or driveway, sweep them back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing down street gutters and into storm drains. Water pollution control is most appropriately addressed at the watershed level in your back yard.

As the saying goes, everyone lives upstream of somewhere else. What happens in someone's back yard and neighborhood impacts every other part of the watershed system at lower elevations - all the way to the ocean.

Report illicit dumping at 874-7250.

## Parks & Recreation Calendar

Register online!  
[www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com)  
Call 874-7460 for more information.

### SEPTEMBER 2011

5 Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center closes for summer

6 Pooch Plunge, Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 6-7:30 p.m., \$4 per dog, must pre-register

7 Norm Ruebling Band at Stephens Lake Amphitheater, 7 p.m., free

17-18 34th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, Nifong Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free

21 Family Fun Fest: Creative Kids, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., free

### OCTOBER 2011

9 One Sky, One World Day, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., free

## Neighborhood Congress to be held this fall

The Office of Neighborhood Services, along with United 4 Healthy Living and University/Boone County Extension, will host a Neighborhood Congress event Sept. 27 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Activities and Recreation Center, 1701 W. Ash St.

Multiple City departments will be on hand to discuss their services from 5-6 p.m., and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. a neighborhood congress will take place where neighborhood association representatives will be able to meet and discuss issues of common concern. More details will be coming later this summer.