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## 37th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show

The 37th Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show is returning to historic Nifong Park. Columbia Parks and Recreation will hold the festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20-21. Heritage Festival has no admission charge and offers entertainment and fun for all ages.

Attendees will be able to enjoy music and dancing on two stages. Featured entertainers include the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers along with a variety of traditional and roots music, including bluegrass, folk, German and Cajun.



Visitors can experience “living history” by strolling through a replica Lewis & Clark outpost, cowboy and prospector camps and a lost arts area with traditional artisans. The Village at the Boone County Museum and historic Maplewood Home will be available for tours. A large contemporary handmade craft area will also be featured.

The Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytellers will sponsor ghost stories from 8-9:30 p.m. Sept. 20. 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, KFRU and KPLA 101.5.

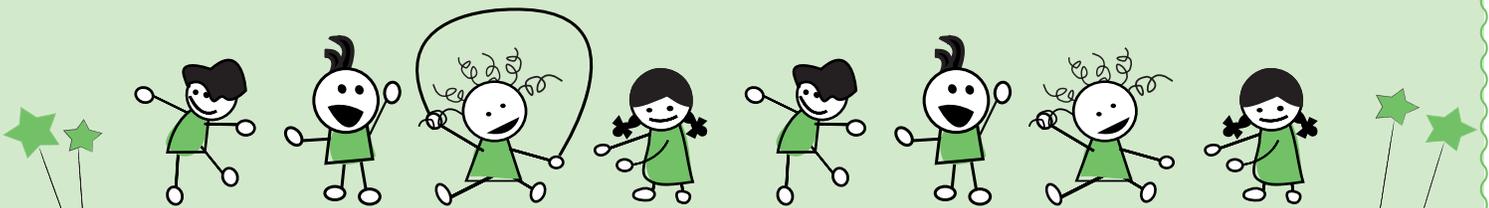
Call 874-7460 for more information about the festival, or visit [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com).



*See you at the Heritage Festival and Craft Show  
September 20-21 at Nifong Park!*

## Parks and Recreation presents last Family Fun Fest of 2014

Columbia Parks and Recreation is partnering with the City’s Office of Cultural Affairs to present the last Family Fun Fest of 2014. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 17 at Flat Branch Park. This month’s theme is *Creative Kids* and is also sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council. The evening will feature hands-on, kid-friendly art activities, musical performances, theater and dance. All activities are free! The Family Fun Fests have been sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Rockin’ Rents.



## Street Talk—Update on projects

Please see the following notes about major road projects that may affect commutes in the upcoming months.



- ✓ The Clark Lane Non-motorized Transportation Project will result in lane restrictions on Clark Lane between New Market Drive and Ballenger Lane. The project will add shoulders to this section of Clark Lane serving as bicycle and pedestrian access. The project is scheduled to be complete by Oct. 31.
- ✓ MoDOT announced that the bridge on Route B over Business Loop 70 will be closed July 11 through Sept. 15 for replacement. A temporary signal will be installed at Route B and Hathman, and detour signs will be placed to assist motorists in navigating around the closure. Columbia Public Works has begun annual maintenance of roadways. Press releases will be issued as work areas are identified each week. In addition to chip seal, APAC of Missouri has also begun mill and overlay operations.
- ✓ Several downtown sidewalks and street crossings will close as ADA accessibility improvements are made throughout the summer and early fall. Non-motorized transportation users will need to find alternate routes as projects are announced.
- ✓ Planning has begun for snow season. The City's contractor is filling up the salt dome and equipment will soon be checked.

Public Works would like to thank citizens for their patience during these projects as the department invests as much time and financial resources possible to improve Columbia's roadways.

### Scott Boulevard Update

Two-way traffic is scheduled to resume on Scott Boulevard between Bellview Drive and Vawter School Road by Friday, Aug. 8. The contractor has been able to work almost every day, despite some rain. Check out the project progress at [ScottBv.com](http://ScottBv.com) or via the Columbia Missouri Public Works Facebook page.

The closure has created traffic issues for many commuters and your patience is appreciated. By closing the roadway, the project was completed in five months, as opposed to a year if it had not been closed. Watch for news about a dedication ceremony to mark the opening of Scott Boulevard.



### A piece of Columbia's aviation history uncovered



During the demolition of a City building that recently housed the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's fleet maintenance facility, a sign on a beam was discovered which noted the building had been used by Stephens College to teach young women aviation and flying.

The program at Stephens was established in the 1940s and ended in the 1960s. Classes were held at the Pennant Hotel, which is now used as part of a retirement community.

The beam and sign were salvaged and are currently stored in a hangar at Central Missouri Aviation at Columbia Regional Airport. Talks between Stephens College, the City of Columbia and other interested parties will take place in the future to determine how to integrate this piece of history into a permanent display.

## Portable Fire Extinguisher Safety

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives, but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

- ✓ *Use a portable fire extinguisher when:*
  - the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing.
  - everyone has exited the building.
  - the fire department has been called or is being called.
  - the room is not filled with smoke.
  
- ✓ *To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:*
  - Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
  - Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
  - Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
  - Sweep the nozzle from side to side.
  
- ✓ *Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.*
  
- ✓ *Read the fire extinguisher instructions and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.*
  
- ✓ *Install the fire extinguisher near an exit. Keep your back to a clear exit when using the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.*
  
- ✓ *Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.*

## Utility customers encouraged to register for online account access

Utility Customer Service (UCS) would like to encourage new account holders to register for online account access. Once this is done, customers can view bills online, pay from the website and keep track of month-to-month usage. With the account number, roommates of account holders may also register for online access under a separate email address. Because the website is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, it can be a much more convenient way to access account information. Go to [GoColumbiaMo.com/Finance/Utilities/](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Finance/Utilities/) and follow the instructions for Online Account Access & Bill Payment. The UCS page also provides information on payment options, understanding the utility bill and starting, stopping or transferring services.

## Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Awards

Applications for the 2015 Mayors Climate Protection Agreement awards are OPEN! The Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) Awards program was established by the City of Columbia to recognize the efforts of local businesses and organizations who take action in their own operations to reduce global warming pollution in the community.

*Award categories include:*

- Environmental Stewardship
- Innovative Best Practices
  - Pollution Prevention
- Resource Conservation

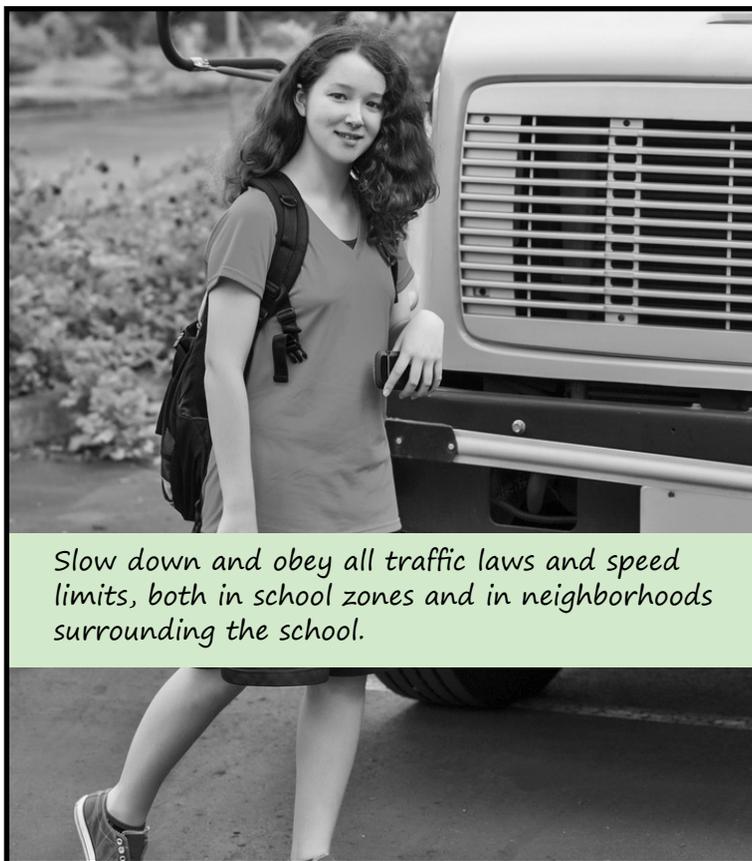
Applications will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2014. Applications are available in the Office of Sustainability and online at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com), search “MCPA awards.” Awards will be given April 2015.

## School Zone Safety

August brings warm temperatures, trips to the pool, backyard barbeques, late summer vacations, and for many children, the beginning of an exciting new school year. When school is in session, Columbia roadways have additional traffic from commuting college and high school students, school busses and parents transporting their children to and from school. The increase in vehicle traffic brings more opportunities for crashes and potential safety challenges for children. With patience and awareness, you can help make a safe and prosperous school year.

*Follow these safety tips when driving, especially in school zones:*

- Reduce your speed. Do not exceed the posted speed limit within a school zone. Decreased speed allows the driver more time to see and react to potential hazards such as a child running into the street.
- Refrain from using your cell phone while driving. Text messaging, looking at social media sites, making a phone call and even changing your radio station are all examples of distracted driving. It only takes a fraction of a second for distracted driving to turn into a tragedy.
- While driving through a school zone, keep your eyes open and scan the area. Be on the lookout for potential hazards and use defensive driving skills. Being aware of your surroundings allows you to quickly react and possibly prevent an accident.



*Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in neighborhoods surrounding the school.*

## Window air conditioner exchange Free for income qualified customers

*Eligibility requirements for the Air Conditioner Exchange program:*

- Be a current Columbia Water & Light electric customer
- Have an older less efficient and/or broken window unit to exchange
- Have an annual income of less than 200 percent of the poverty level

**Please call before bringing your older unit in to confirm eligibility and availability!**

- Until Sept. 11 (while supplies last)
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 9 a.m.-11 a.m. & 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Voluntary Action Center  
573-874-2273**

**403A Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Missouri**

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## Water Boil Advisories

A boil advisory is issued by Columbia Water & Light when there is a water main break that causes the pressure to drop. A pressure drop could cause a backflow situation where a contaminant could be drawn into the water distribution system. The water quality tests take 24 hours to process so boil advisories usually last one day.

*What should I do during a boil advisory?*

- Boil water for three minutes prior to using it for cooking or drinking.
- Do not consume ice from an automatic ice maker. Remake ice with water that has been boiled for three minutes.
- Wash dishes and food contact surfaces by immersing for one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented bleach per gallon of water.

*Notification*

Columbia Water & Light uses different methods of notifying customers, ranging from hang tags to phone calls, depending on the amount of customers in the affected area. The best way to be notified is to sign up for text or email alerts through the Nixle system. Sign up at [GoColumbiaMo.com/Nixle](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Nixle).

## Take advantage of website services during higher call volume times

Summer is here. In addition to higher temperatures and longer days, Utility Customer Service (UCS) is experiencing higher than normal call volume as students move out, move in or change locations. The result: longer waits on hold for customers. There are a number of services available on the City's website at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) that may eliminate the need to call UCS. Customers may request new service, transfer services to a new address or terminate existing services by filling out an online form. Customers may also review payment options, sign up for automatic bill payment from a checking account and update contact information from the website. Using the website allows for non-traditional business-hour access to UCS. Thanks for helping reduce UCS call volume by taking advantage of the website.

## Pooch Plunge

Finish off the "dog days" of summer at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center with your canine friend. After the pool closes for the summer Sept. 2, it will be open for dogs only to swim from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. that evening. Pre-registration is required; price is \$4 per dog. Space is limited. Call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 to register.



## New bus system free for August

With a brand-new City bus line launching this month in Columbia, the City hopes to attract new riders to the revamped public transportation system by offering **free** ridership for the entire month of August. The promotional free rides are intended to ease the burden of the transition for the City's loyal transit customers who rely on the bus as their only means of transportation, as well as offer an opportunity for other community members to give it a try.

"Columbia has a large population that drives to work in personal vehicles, but offering a viable public transportation option is important in our growing community for when customers need another option or just want to live a more active lifestyle," says Multi-Modal Manager Drew Brooks.

The new COMO Connect bus line is completely different than the old Columbia Transit routes and is based on two core connector routes (Black and Gold) that run in both directions through the heart of the city and nine smaller neighborhood routes that circulate into more residential areas. The bus line also extends service into new areas including Lake of the Woods, Prathersville Road, Scott Boulevard and Southampton Road.

For more information on the new bus system, visit [COMOconnect.org](http://COMOconnect.org).

## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### September

1	Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center closes for summer
2	Pooch Plunge, Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$4 per dog, must pre-register
4	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, 7 p.m., FREE
12	Movies in the Park: "Frozen," Flat Branch Park, 8 p.m., \$2, free for kids 8 and under
17	Family Fun Fest: Creative Kids, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
20-21	37th annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, Nifong Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., FREE

## Code Corner

### Occupancy Limitations

Columbia's zoning laws, found in Chapter 29 of the City's Code of Ordinances, place limits on the number of people who can occupy a housing unit based on the definition of family. Essentially, not more than three unrelated people can live together in property located in R-1 zoning and not more than four can live together in other zoning districts.

Over-occupancy can be an issue when single family homes turn to rental and more people live there than ordinance allows, causing additional traffic, trash, noise and safety issues. For more information on the City's enforcement of over-occupancy, contact Neighborhood Services at 817-5050.

## Web Did You Know?

You can receive the weekly Art News email from the Office of Cultural Affairs with information on upcoming arts events, classes and cultural activities.

Visit [GoColumbiaMo.com/Arts](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Arts) and click "Sign up for Art News" under Announcements.



Shelby Catalano

## Volunteer of the Month

Shelby Catalano

Shelby Catalano is an ambitious senior at Mizzou who is double majoring in classics and political science with a minor in history. She started doing volunteer work that was organized by the university and then branched out to volunteer with the City of Columbia.

Over the past year, Catalano has volunteered at many special events the City hosts, such as Family Fun Fest, Symphony in the Park and Flat Branch

Movie Night. Catalano likes volunteering for the “artsy” stuff because it brings out her creative side. She also became a Park Patrol volunteer because she enjoys hiking Bear Creek Trail and Stephens Lake Park once or twice a week.

“The events I usually volunteer at have small children who are running around with huge smiles, something I don’t usually see on a daily basis,” Catalano said. “And I enjoy being useful.”

Another way she has helped children is by raising about \$5,000 for Children’s Miracle Network while employed at Wal-Mart.

Catalano says she volunteers because it makes her and the community better. “People who volunteer get enjoyment out of volunteering, and it helps the community be the best it can be,” she said.

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

*Written by Theresa Nelson, Volunteer*

## Twilight Walks

The City’s Historic Preservation Commission members invite you to join them on Twilight Walks to learn more about the City’s historic downtown!

*Upcoming dates and topics:*

- Thursday, Aug. 14 — Historic Hotels and Theaters
  - Thursday, Sept. 18 — Historic Places of Worship
  - Thursday, Oct. 30 — Haunted Buildings and Those That Have Burned
- Tours will leave from City Hall “Keys to the City” sculpture (701 E. Broadway, 8th & Broadway) promptly at 7 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Tours will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Contact Rachel Bacon at 874-7239 for more information or to request special accommodations.

## Labor Day Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. The regular City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made Sept. 1 and will be delayed one day the remainder of the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Columbia Transit buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced Sept. 1.

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

*Application deadline: Sept. 5 at 5 p.m.*

- City of Columbia New Century Fund Inc. Board
- Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
- Personnel Advisory Board

*Application deadline: Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.*

- Citizens Police Review Board
- Columbia Community Development Commission
- Commission on Cultural Affairs
- Substance Abuse 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.

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