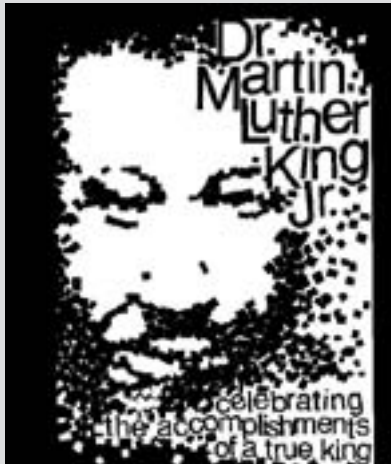


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Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Award Winners

The 16th annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards were presented at the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Jan. 17. The awards are given to an individual/family and an organization/group that have made significant contributions promoting appreciation for diversity and cultural understanding in Columbia.

Job Point was awarded the 2013 Columbia Values Diversity Award for groups.

Job Point was created 47 years ago by the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club, which realized, when given the opportunity, all people have a contribution to make. The organization serves a diverse population and tirelessly advocates for adults with disabilities, youth who are at risk, veterans and others who have been disenfranchised. Job Point's programs center around helping individuals create better lives for themselves and their families. These programs, coupled with the organization's strong commitment to social justice, exemplify the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Job Point

The 2013 Columbia Values Diversity Award for individuals/families was presented to Tyree Byndom.

Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Anyone who knows Tyree Byndom can tell you he is not a silent man. He promotes justice, tolerance and social involvement by participating in a number of organizations that strive to enhance the lives of people in Columbia. Like Martin Luther King Jr., Tyree is a shining example of an individual who has dedicated his life to service. He has an extraordinary ability to bring people from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds together to champion a cause and promote equality and justice. His capacity for tolerance and understanding, paired with his ability to communicate with diverse groups of people, makes him a unifying force in our community.



Tyree Byndom

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt planned

Kids are invited to bring flashlights and baskets to this fun, annual event March 21 at the Riechmann Pavilion, Stephens Lake Park. The price is \$7 per child; pre-registration is required by March 18.

Hunts will be organized by age: 7:45 p.m. for ages 3-5; 8 p.m. for ages 6-7; and 8:15 p.m. for ages 8-10. Prizes will be awarded.

Call 874-7460 to register or for more information. The event is co-sponsored by the University of Missouri Parks, Recreation and Tourism division and Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts.

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The 2013 CARP Volunteer Program begins in March

The City of Columbia is looking for volunteers interested in working in parks, caring for the environment and enjoying an occasional splash in a lake or stream. If this describes you, then you may want to participate in C.A.R.P. The Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project – C.A.R.P.– was created by the Parks & Recreation Department to involve volunteers in implementing an aquatic plant and shoreline management plan.

The 2013 program will be a three-session class scheduled in March. Classes include information on aquatic plants and insects, stormwater management and lake ecology. In return, volunteers are asked to share 18 hours on projects in City parks held Saturday mornings.

Space is limited for the C.A.R.P. class. To get all the details, contact the City's Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.



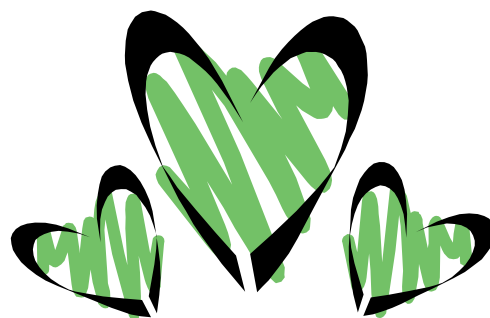
Show your heart some love this American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month, and unfortunately, most of us know someone who has had heart disease or stroke. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S.; one in every three deaths is from heart disease and stroke, equal to 2,200 deaths per day. These conditions are leading causes of disability, preventing people from working and enjoying family activities. Cardiovascular disease is also very expensive—together heart disease and stroke hospitalizations in 2010 cost the nation more than \$444 billion in health care expenses and lost productivity.

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services reminds residents that we can fight back against heart disease and stroke:

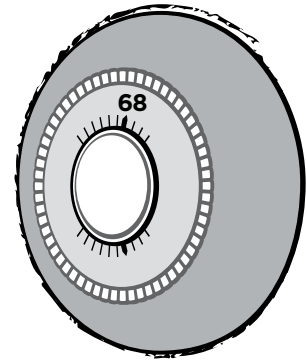
- Get off the couch! Try to be physically active for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week.
- Make your calories count by eating a heart-healthy diet high in fresh fruits and vegetables and low in sodium and trans fat.
- Know your **ABC'S**: Ask your doctor if you should take an **Aspirin** every day; find out if you have high **Blood** pressure or **Cholesterol** (and if you do, get effective treatment) and finally, if you **Smoke**, get help to quit.

For more information about living a heart healthy life, find Public Health and Human Services on Facebook and Twitter or call 874-7356.



Low-Cost Energy Efficiency Tips

You don't have to spend a lot of money to be energy efficient! Many of the items on the list below are free. Other efficiency measures listed require a very small investment and are easy do-it-yourself projects.



Heating

- Wear layers of clothing and use extra blankets.
- Replace the system's filter every three months or when dirty.
- Set thermostats at 68 degrees or as low as possible while you're home.
- Set thermostats to 60 degrees when you're away from home, or install a programmable thermostat to do it automatically.
- If you have a heat pump, do not make a lot of changes in the thermostat temperature during heating season unless you are going to be away for several days. Otherwise, the auxiliary heat will come on which makes the system more costly. If you are going to be gone for several days, set the programmable thermostat so the house gradually warms up before you return home.

Windows/Doors

- For windows that receive direct sunlight, keep shades open during the day and closed at night.
- Caulk window and door frames on the exterior.
- Replace weather stripping on exterior doors, as needed.
- Replace missing window putty or glazing, as needed. Close storm windows.

Air Sealing

- Close fireplace damper when not in use.
- Install foam gaskets behind light switches or outlets located on exterior walls.
- Seal holes in the exterior walls, crawl space or basement where air conditioning and plumbing pipes penetrate.
- Install weather stripping around the perimeter of attic access hatches and pull down stairs.
- Magnetic kitchen exhaust fan covers can keep air from leaking when fan is not running.

Ductwork and Air Distribution

- Don't block vents and/or radiators with furniture, curtains or rugs.
- Seal leaky duct connections with duct sealing mastic. Do not use duct tape, as it will dry out and come loose.

Looking for some help or want to make some larger energy efficiency improvements?

Contact Columbia Water & Light

ColumbiaPowerPartners.com

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874-7325

Why do I need a permit to install a water heater?

There are several reasons why permits are required for initial installation and replacement of water heaters. Water heaters supply hot water to plumbing fixtures and appliances intended for bathing, washing or culinary purposes. They come in a variety of styles and sizes and, while it is almost impossible to purchase a new one that does not comply with recognized standards, it is possible to install them improperly. A permit and the subsequent inspection allows for the verification of the following:

- The water heater is installed per the manufacturer's instructions and meets requirements of the International Building Code (IBC) adopted by the City. Electric water heaters need to be checked for proper wiring and clearance to combustibles. Gas water heaters need to be checked for proper venting, combustion air, gas pipe sizing and clearance to combustibles.
- The water heater is located and connected to provide access for observation, maintenance, servicing and replacement. The IBC also places special safety requirements on water heaters installed in attics, storage closets, bedrooms, bathrooms or garages.
- If the water heater is located where water leakage from the tank could cause damage, such as the second floor, the inspector verifies the tank is installed in a galvanized steel pan to direct the water to a floor drain or the exterior of the building.
- The water heater has a temperature and pressure relief (T&P) valve properly installed. This valve works by sensing the temperature and, when it exceeds the set limit, releases water from the valve allowing cooler water to enter the tank, reducing the temperature. It does the same thing for pressure. An improperly installed T&P valve or one that has failed can cause a large amount of damage. There have been documented stories of water heaters that have gone through floors and roofs of buildings and traveled hundreds of feet through the air. For an example, go to www.youtube.com and search for "MythBusters" and "exploding water heater."
- The check or shut-off valves are installed in the proper location.
- The discharge pipe associated with the T&P valve is installed properly. A trapped or obstructed discharge pipe that will not allow water to be released through it at its full capacity could have the same effect as a failed T&P valve.

A permit may be obtained in the Building and Site Development Service Center on the 3rd floor of City Hall. Typically, a permit for water heater installation is \$16.20. Call 874-7474 or email bldg-inspection@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Columbia Imagined

In January, City staff completed a draft of Columbia Imagined, the City's new comprehensive plan. Tentative public forums, to begin in late February, will offer residents opportunities to comment on the proposed document. Please review the plan on the City's website: gocolumbia-mo.com/community_development/planning. City staff looks forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts on this important guide for the City's future.



Utility payment changes coming soon

In the next few months, the City of Columbia will implement a new automatic bill paying system, which was authorized by City Council on Oct. 1, 2012. The mobile-friendly system will make it easier for customers to sign up for automatic bill payment and manage their accounts in real time. Customers will be able to schedule payments, link to multiple accounts, track usage history and manage how they want to receive bills and updates. Various payment options will also be available. There will be NO fee for customers who choose to pay cash/check by mail, in person or by automatic bank draft. However, customers who choose to pay by credit card or e-check via the Internet or telephone will be assessed a \$4.60 convenience fee for each payment up to \$1,000. For example: A bill of \$230 would be assessed a \$4.60 convenience fee. A bill of \$2,500 would be assessed \$4.60 for the first \$1000, \$4.60 for the second \$1000 and \$4.60 for the remaining \$500 - a total convenience fee of \$13.80. For more information, visit the City's website or call 573-874-7380.

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PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

MARCH

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| 6 | Spring/Summer Leisure Times available |
| 7 | Women's History Month film, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., free |
| 16 | Annual Train Show, Paquin Tower, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free |
| 21 | Precious Moments/Women's Recognition Awards, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., free |
| 21 | Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Riechmann Pavilion, times vary by age, \$7, must pre-register by March 18 |
| 30 | Egg Hunt EGGstravaganza, Douglass Park, 12-1:15 p.m., free |

Earth Hour

Earth Hour 2013 will be held Saturday, March 23, from 8.30-9.30 p.m.

Columbia Water & Light estimated a two megawatt drop in Columbia's electric consumption during last year's Earth Hour. The two megawatts of electricity is equivalent to the amount of power used by almost 80 homes in Columbia in an average day. This worldwide event is held each year to increase knowledge about saving energy and avoiding greenhouse gas emissions. Visit the City's website at **www.GoColumbiaMo.com** and search "Earth Hour" or visit **www.columbia-climatechangecoalition.org** to learn about events and activities.

Volunteers of the Month—February

Columbia Golf Foundation



With national interest in junior golf decreasing, John Westin, president of the Columbia Golf Foundation, came up with the idea of offering free golf camps to introduce youth to the sport. For the past three summers, Columbia Golf Foundation has organized and offered these camps through Columbia Parks and Recreation at L.A. Nickell Golf Course. The camps, for Columbia kids ages 8-17, run one day a week for four weeks and

teach the basic skills needed to play golf.

“It’s fun to see youth on the course and pass on the love of golf,” said Andrew Baier, who works for the City golf courses and teaches at the camps. “Ninety percent of the campers have never been on a golf course or held a club. Through golf, youth learn etiquette and honesty through scoring and get plenty of exercise.”

Through the Columbia Golf Foundation, more than 100 youth, who may not have otherwise had access to the game, are introduced to golf in a fun and interactive format each summer. The foundation is also key in helping fund Columbia area high school golf teams at Rock Bridge, Tolton and Hickman.

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

-Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson

Building Addresses

The City of Columbia Fire Department requests your assistance in making the 9-1-1 system work more effectively and efficiently. The system relies upon property owners posting their assigned addresses in an obvious location. They should be of contrasting color and large enough to see from the roadway. Enhanced 9-1-1 provides for automatically displaying the telephone number and location where a 9-1-1 call has been placed, but if the address numbers are not obvious at night, it can slow the response of the Fire Department. Properly displaying your address number assists emergency responders in quickly locating the incident reported.

Try budget billing

Sign up for the City’s budget billing program and you can make the same payment each month. To qualify, you need to have lived at your current residence for more than 12 months so your monthly payment may be calculated. The City will review your account quarterly to see if you have overpaid or underpaid and will adjust your monthly bill accordingly. Signing up for budget billing:

- Wait for your March bill to arrive.
- Fill out and return the tear-off flap of your return envelope or call 874-7380.

Enrollment is only offered during the March billing cycle. You will have around 20 days to sign up after receiving your March bill.

Utility Customer Service

UCS@GoColumbiaMo.com • (573) 874-7380

GoColumbiaMo.com/Finance/Utilities/budgetbilling.php

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: April 5 at 5 p.m.

- Airport Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Downtown Columbia Leadership Council
- Liquor License Review Board
- Planning and Zoning 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 information.

Did you know?



It’s now easier than ever to sign up for automatic bill payment for utilities. Visit “news and updates” at GoColumbiaMo.com.

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