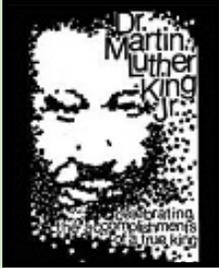


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Columbia Values Diversity Award Winners

The 17th annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards were presented at the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Jan. 16. 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.

Ulysses S. Grant Elementary School was awarded the 2014 Diversity Award for groups.



Grant Elementary School representatives

Grant Elementary School has deep roots in diversity. It opened in 1910 and is the oldest existing school in Columbia. In 1959, the Battle Family broke the color barrier by sending their children to Grant, which made Grant the first elementary school in Columbia to be integrated. The school works to fulfill its mission through a cooperative effort with parents and the community, to help all children reach their academic, intellectual, social and creative potential within a safe and nurturing environment. Grant currently has students from 27 countries. The school works to make the community a better place through Adopt-a-Spot projects with its Partners in Education. Its "Wish Granted" program gathers food baskets during the holiday season to help feed families in need. Built around a supportive community that thrives on diversity, the school creates a lasting connection long after students have graduated.

The 2014 Columbia Values Diversity Award for an individual was presented to Dr. Julie Middleton.



Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Hoppe & Dr. Julie Middleton

Dr. Middleton has been a powerful force and promoter of education for almost 30 years. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve...you only need a heart full of grace." Dr. Middleton exemplifies Dr. King's teaching through the promotion of education to all Columbia youth, her work in the community to foster dialogue and understanding and her selfless service to those in need. Middleton has served on numerous boards, most of which serve minority youth or families. She is always an advocate for hearing the voices of all in the community and has worked with many groups to coordinate events and call attention to diversity in Columbia.

Fire Safety Tips: Change your clock, change your battery

When you turn your clocks forward one hour Sunday, March 9, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends:

- Replacing batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery immediately.
- Replacing all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old, or sooner if they do not respond properly.



John Deere 772G motor grader with a Heneke 12-foot wing plow

The wing plow attachment allows the grader to plow snow from two lanes with a single pass. The grader has six-wheel-drive capability to ensure it can plow in some of the toughest conditions. This equipment was purchased with appropriations from the City Council in fall 2013. The grader was purchased from Tri-State Construction Equipment in Ashland, Mo., at a bid cost of \$243,868.

Public Works is ready for winter weather!

Winter weather in central Missouri can be very unpredictable -- warm temperatures one day and subfreezing temperatures with ice and snow the next. Columbia Public Works has a dedicated staff and fleet of vehicles to keep Columbia's roads passable regardless of what Mother Nature has in store.

Highlighted is one of the newest pieces of equipment in the snow-fighting fleet, a John Deere 772G motor grader with a wing plow. Learn more about the entire fleet at **Comosnow.com**.



Scott Boulevard Phase II Update

Scott Boulevard Phase II construction is on track to begin in early 2014. Construction bids will be received in mid-January with an award expected soon after.

After listening to customer feedback at an open house in October, Public Works made a notable change to the project's closures and detours. The full closure of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road during the project has been changed. The intersection will remain partially open to traffic with the exception of a three-week period. Traffic will be able to travel north on Scott to Vawter and then east on Vawter to Nifong. Likewise, traffic will be able to travel west on Vawter and then south on Scott.

Northbound traffic from Vawter School on Scott to Bellview and southbound traffic on Scott from Bellview to Vawter will still be prohibited during the length of the project due to the demolition and reconstruction of the bridge over Hinkson Creek.



Keep up with the latest news on this project at ScottBv.com.

Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a volunteer organization under the supervision of the Columbia Fire Department. You may have seen CERT volunteers assisting at local events such as Fire in the Sky, Art in the Park, the Memorial Day Air Show and MU home football games.

CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. If a major disaster strikes, such as the 2011 Joplin tornado, CERT volunteers will be called upon to supplement the local emergency response in a variety of support functions. CERT volunteers are also encouraged to take an active role in emergency preparedness projects in the community.

For more information about CERT and how it works, visit GoColumbiaMo.com/Fire/Educational/cert_classes.php or the FEMA website at fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams.

Parks and Recreation facility is in new location

Columbia Parks and Recreation's Stephens Lake Activity Center is now in a new spot! All classes, programs and offices that were housed there have moved to the Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area. They are now at the Hillcrest Community Center on the site at 1907 Hillcrest Drive.

The City of Columbia assumed management of Waters-Moss in June 2012 as part of a land swap agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Parks and Recreation staff renovated the buildings on the site to accommodate programs from the Stephens Lake Activity Center, which includes four full-time recreation staff. Programs include Fifty Plus, preschool, life enrichment and special events.

The move to the new facility will save the City from renting the space at the Stephens Lake Activity Center. Further development of the Waters-Moss site will include a neighborhood park with playground, restroom and other standard amenities. Funding of the park and building renovation comes from the park sales tax, approved by voters in November 2010.

For more information about the move or specific programs, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

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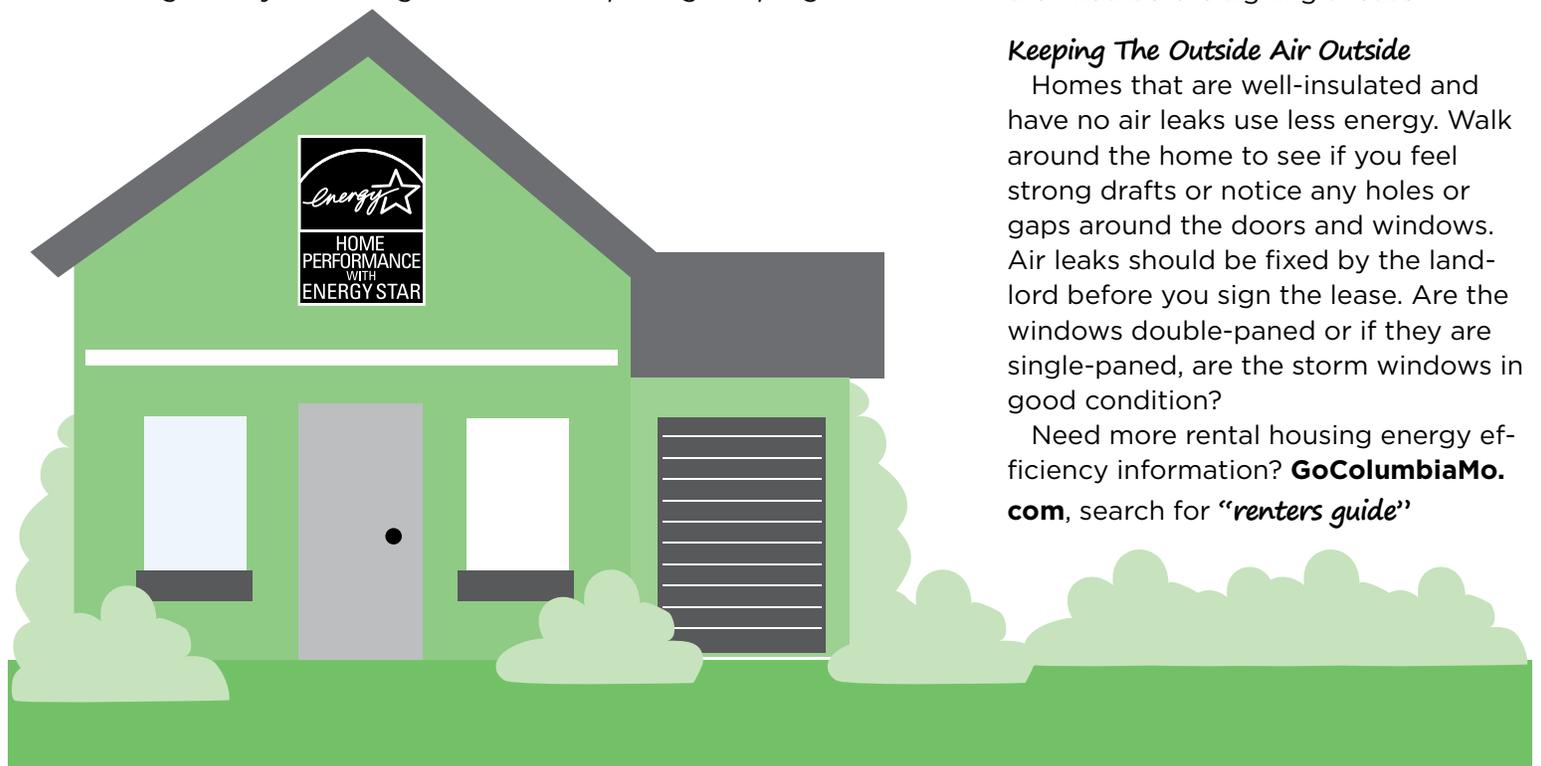
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* The average utility bill savings of those completing the program.



Find an energy-efficient rental

Investigating energy efficiency details before you sign a lease can help you control costs and be comfortable.

Utility Data

Contact the utility providers for previous billing data so you have a general idea of the costs involved.

Heating and Cooling

Heating and cooling your home is the biggest part of your utility expenses. Since apartments share walls, ceilings and floors with neighbors, they can have cheaper utilities. Does the heating and cooling system look clean and well maintained? The newer the system, the more efficient it usually is. Who changes the filters every three months? Is there a programmable thermostat?

Water Heaters

Water heating is normally the second highest utility expense after heating and cooling. Water heater efficiency is influenced by the age, insulation, temperature setting and location of the unit. Where is the water heater located? If it is in an unconditioned space, like a garage, or if it is an older unit, ask your landlord to add an insulated jacket. Is the water heater or any of the faucets leaking? If so, make sure these are fixed before signing a lease.

Keeping The Outside Air Outside

Homes that are well-insulated and have no air leaks use less energy. Walk around the home to see if you feel strong drafts or notice any holes or gaps around the doors and windows. Air leaks should be fixed by the landlord before you sign the lease. Are the windows double-paned or if they are single-paned, are the storm windows in good condition?

Need more rental housing energy efficiency information? **GoColumbiaMo.com**, search for "renters guide"



2014 CARP Volunteer Program begins in March

The City of Columbia is looking for volunteers who are interested in working in parks, caring for the environment and enjoying an occasional splash in a lake or stream. If that describes you, then you may want to participate in CARP.

The Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project - CARP - was created by the Parks & Recreation Department to involve volunteers in implementing an aquatic plant and shoreline management plan.

The 2014 CARP class will be held Tuesday evenings March 4, March 18 and April 1 at the ARC, 1701 West Ash. Classes include information on aquatic plants and insects, stormwater management and lake ecology. In return, volunteers are asked to share 18 hours of service on projects in City parks held on Saturday mornings.

Space is limited for the CARP class. To register or learn more, contact the City's Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

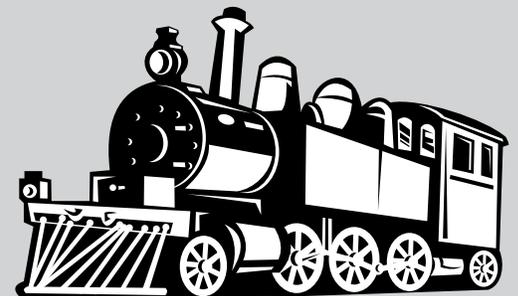
Interested in the region's transportation needs, projects, plans, goals and objectives?

The Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) is updating the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to the year 2040. A revised draft is now available for public review and comment. A public hearing and potential adoption on the plan is anticipated at the Feb. 22, 2014, CATSO Coordinating Committee meeting. For more information and to review the latest plan draft, search the City's website for "2040 LRTP" or call the Community Development Department at 874-7239.

Train Show set

All aboard for the 37th annual Train Show! The Train Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 15 at Paquin Tower (1201 Paquin St.). You'll see model trains and early transportation displays as well as movies and photographs on rail travel. The event is hosted by Mid-Mo Railfan and Columbia Parks and Recreation.

Admission is free.



Announcing 2014's Most Notable Historic Properties

Since 1998, the City's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has been recognizing Most Notable Historic Properties. These properties are at least 50 years old, located within the City of Columbia corporate limits and have architectural or historical characteristics which contribute to the City's social and/or aesthetic resources. They may be endangered, derelict, recently restored, nicely maintained, modest or grand, hidden away or in public view. Stephens Stables, Columbia's brick streets, Booches, Wash Station, the Tiger Hotel and Frederick Douglas High School are among the 145 recognized Most Notable Properties.

Five new properties have been added to the list in 2014 including: a civil war name-sake built by the WPA, a "giraffe" Tudor home worth writing about, one of the first homes built on grassy lands farmed by the founders of MU and a final resting place with a fair view and a chapel on a hill.

1. *Lee Elementary School — 1208 Locust St.*
2. *Francis Pike House — 1502 Anthony St.*
3. *Thornton House — 905 S. Providence Road*
4. *Fairview Cemetery (northeast of the intersection of Chapel Hill and Fairview Road)*
5. *Countryside Nursery School — 1320 S. Fairview Road*

To learn more about the new additions and for more information on the Most Notable Property Program, visit the Community Development Department on the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com/community_development/planning.

Or visit the HPC's Facebook page or blog:

- [facebook.com/ColumbiaHPC](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaHPC)
- <http://comorevamp.wordpress.com/>

Pet assistance available

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services wants to help you get your pet spayed or neutered! A partnership between the Central Missouri Humane Society and the Animal Control Division provides a limited number of vouchers available to help you get your dog or cat spayed or neutered at no charge. You must be a Columbia or Boone County resident. If you meet any of the eligibility requirements below, please call the Animal Control Division at 449-1888 or Central Missouri Humane Society at 443-3893.

To qualify for a pet spay/neuter voucher have proof of enrollment in one of the following eligible programs or fit into the income guidelines listed:

- **Missouri EBT Card** (Food Stamps)
- **MO Healthnet** (Medicaid)
- **WIC** (Women, Infants and Children)
- **Temporary Medicaid for Pregnant Women**
- **LIHEAP** (Low Income Utility Assistance)
- **Temporary or Permanent Disability**
- **Social Security & Social Security disability**
- **TANF**
- **Income Eligible**

| Household Size | Yearly | Monthly | Weekly |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 1 | \$20,665 | \$1,722 | \$430 |
| 2 | \$28,704 | \$2,392 | \$598 |
| 3 | \$36,144 | \$3,012 | \$753 |
| 4 | \$43,584 | \$3,632 | \$908 |
| 5 | \$51,012 | \$4,251 | \$1,062 |

Delinquent payment collection changes

Customers who are late with their utility payments are no longer able to pay the electric crew disconnecting their account. Access to customers' financial data is now limited to staff positions within the Finance Department.

Utility payments will now need to be made:

- in person, at City Hall (drop box, drive-thru or cashiers office);
- by phone at 874-7694;
- online at GoColumbiaMo.com;
- by mail;
- at local businesses (Gerbes, HyVee, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Schnucks and Wal-Mart); or
- by signing up for an automatic monthly deduction from a bank account.

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

March

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| 2 | Boy/Girl Scout Day, Hickman Pool, 1-3 p.m., pre-register, \$3 per child |
| 5 | Spring/Summer <i>Leisure Times</i> available |
| 6 | Women's History Month Film, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., FREE |
| 15 | Annual Train Show, Paquin Tower, 10 a.m. -3 p.m., FREE |
| 20 | Precious Moments/Women's Recognition Awards, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., FREE |

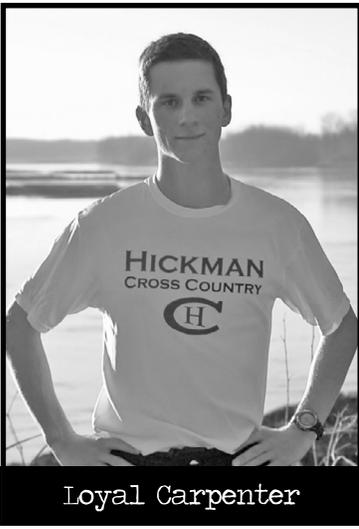
Electric outage information outageviewer.GoColumbiaMo.com

Find out exactly where there are reported outages in the city and if a crew has been assigned to repair them. The information is updated every 10 minutes so if you are away from home, you can see if service has been restored.

Code Corner

Chapter 11 of City of Columbia Code of Ordinances regulates dismantled, inoperable, junk-filled and unlicensed vehicles. Nuisance vehicles hurt a neighborhood and may encourage other code violations or criminal activity. When a violation of a nuisance vehicle is identified, the property owner has 30 days to comply before the violation is abated or the case is referred to municipal court. The Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) handles nuisance vehicle cases and other residential code enforcement issues. **If you have an issue where ONS can help, please call 817-5050.**





Loyal Carpenter

Volunteer of the Month- Loyal Carpenter

For Loyal Carpenter, a Boy Scout and senior at Hickman High School, volunteering meant finding a need and then meeting that need. Carpenter learned about the need for a compost bin at the community garden at Worley and West Boulevard and met that need as part of his Eagle Scout project. The result is a sturdy, 9-by-3-foot compost bin with three compartments that allows community gardeners to stir compost frequently and easily move it to the next stage.

“This bin will serve as an educational tool for our gardeners,” said Health Educator Maureen Coy.

Carpenter managed and supervised all aspects of the bin’s construction: raising money for the materials, finding plans online through MU Extension, communicating with the Columbia Community Garden Coalition and his Eagle Scout council, building the bin and supervising fellow troop 708 scouts.

Carpenter says he learned about communicating with different layers of people and how to train and lead the scouts who assisted him. He enjoyed the construction portion of the project most.

“Everyone was so excited about the bin and that I was building it,” Carpenter said. “My greatest satisfaction was seeing them excited about the bin.”

Learn more about volunteering with the City by visiting **GoColumbiaMo.com** or calling Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson



The Plan for How We Live & Grow

The final draft of Columbia Imagined, the comprehensive land use plan for the City of Columbia, is now available online at **ColumbialImagined.com**. Approved by City Council on Oct. 7, 2013, Columbia Imagined is the result of three years of hard work by the public, the Comprehensive Plan Task Force, the Planning and Zoning Commission, University of Missouri consultants and Community Development Department staff.

Designed to express the community’s vision for how and where the City should develop, Columbia Imagined assesses existing conditions and then presents policies and an implementation plan to guide land use and community development decisions to achieve this vision.

Printed hard copies and CDs with electronic files are available for review at the Daniel Boone Public Library and in the Community Development Department (City Hall).

For more information, call the Community Development Department at 874-7239.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: April 4 at 5 p.m.

- Airport Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Downtown Columbia Leadership Council
- Planning and Zoning Commission

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at **GoColumbiaMo.com** or at the City Clerk’s Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

Web Page Did You Know?

You can review food establishment inspection scores online. Search “**Food Inspection**” at **GoColumbiaMo.com** to view routine inspections dated within the last year.



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