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## Get your flu vaccine now

It's not too late! If you are aged six months or older, stop by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for your annual flu vaccination. Flu vaccine is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at the clinic, 1005 West Worley. No appointment is needed; walk-ins are welcome.

Thanks to generous support from University of Missouri Women and Children's Hospital and the David B. Lichtenstein Foundation, the health department can provide free seasonal flu vaccine (injectable and FluMist®) to all children ages six months through 18 years. For adults age 19 and older, cost of the injectable vaccine is \$25. FluMist®, a quadrivalent vaccine designed to protect against four strains of the flu virus, is also \$25 and can be given to healthy, non-pregnant people ages 2-49 years. The health department accepts cash, checks and a variety of insurance plans, including: Medicaid, Medicare Part B, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, CIGNA, Coventry, Humana, Medicare Railroad, UMWA and United Healthcare. Receipts can be given upon request.

Learn more at: [GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/fluclinic-schedule.php](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/fluclinic-schedule.php). For flu vaccine updates check out Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CoMoHealthDept> and Twitter at @CoMo\_HealthDept.

## Modifications made to Scott Boulevard construction road closures

Scott Boulevard Phase II construction is scheduled to begin in early 2014. The project will require the closure of Scott Boulevard between Bellview Drive and Vawter School Road while the bridge over Hinkson Creek is demolished and rebuilt. This project also includes a new roundabout at Vawter School and Scott Boulevard.

Originally, the entire intersection of Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road was to be closed for the duration of the project. After listening to customer feedback, however, modifications were made to the construction schedule that will keep the intersection open, with the exception of a three-week closure in early to mid-summer.

Although the intersection will remain open for traffic to flow from westbound Vawter School south on Scott and traffic to flow north on Scott to east on Vawter School,

there will be normal delays associated with traveling in a construction area. Motorists who take this route should use caution. Learn more and keep updated on this project by visiting [ScottBv.com](http://ScottBv.com).



## When it snows, avoid the tow

Help the City clear Columbia streets of snow! Columbia Public Works reminds everyone there is no parking on first and second priority snow routes when snow accumulates 2 inches or more. Vehicles must be moved off of the street; vehicles that are not moved are subject to citation and towing at the owner's expense. Clearing priority routes quicker makes it possible to move into residential areas sooner.

## Electric outage information [outageviewer.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://outageviewer.GoColumbiaMo.com)

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

Columbia Water & Light sends crews out as soon as possible to fix electric system problems. The complex nature of outages makes estimating the length of the outage very difficult. The crews will continue working on a problem until it is resolved.

## Alcohol Server Ordinance

As of Jan. 1, 2014, all persons serving or selling alcohol in Columbia must possess a server certificate or obtain one 30 days from initial employment from the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services.

To receive a certificate, servers must complete a responsible beverage training program approved by the City. Following course conclusion, servers must bring proof of completion to the Department of Public Health and Human Services to fill out a certificate application. A \$5 certificate fee is charged for each new, renewed or duplicate certificate.

If someone serving or selling alcohol does not possess a server certificate at the time of inspection, the server may face suspension or revocation of his/her server certificate. In addition, the server and establishment may face prosecution in Municipal Court.

For more information, visit [GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/Server-Training.php](http://GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/Server-Training.php) or contact the Department of Public Health and Human Services at 874-7346.

## Park and Ride

Downtown parking permit holders may notice they're getting a little something extra when they pick up their parking tag in January: free public transportation for a year with a Columbia Transit bus pass. For permit holders interested in using transit for the first time, the new pass is a great opportunity to try it for free. Permit holders who already use public transit for some of their commuting could save up to \$400 a year on bus fare with the free pass.

The free passes are part of the Park and Ride program, approved by City Council in 2013. Permit holders in all unmetered off-street parking facilities and lots will receive the pass after they pay for their 2014 permit and pick up their parking tag in City Hall. The passes come already activated and are valid as long as the parking permit is active. The City hopes to decrease traffic congestion, increase the use of downtown and citywide routes and offer more convenient transportation options to downtown visitors.

Customers can find information on bus routes, schedules and Columbia's 390+ bus stop locations by visiting the City's website, downloading the free DoubleMap smartphone app or calling 874-7282.

## Street Talk-Winter Weather and City Streets



Columbia Public Works has been working hard to provide the best possible service to customers during winter weather. The City of Columbia maintains almost 515 miles of roadways. Because streets have at least two lanes, that translates into 1,343 miles of roads to treat and plow. To put that in perspective, it equates to a one-way trip from Columbia to Boston, Mass.

To help prevent snow from sticking to the roads, Public Works can pretreat priority routes with a liquid salt solution called brine, sometimes mixed with beet juice, before the snow falls. This helps prevent the snow and ice from bonding with the road surface. Roads are pretreated only if the forecast calls for the precipitation to begin as snow or sleet. If rain falls first, roads typically are not pretreated as the rain washes the brine off of the road and renders the process ineffective.

You can learn more about the process for keeping Columbia's streets and sidewalks safer and passable during winter weather at [Comosnow.com](http://Comosnow.com) or by calling 874-7250. Drive safely this winter!

## Free energy saving upgrades for income qualified customers

Columbia Water & Light electric customers can make their homes more energy efficient through the Central Missouri Community Action. The service is FREE for income-qualified customers! This program helps families in need save money on their energy bills so it can be used on other pressing family needs.

### Do you qualify?

1. Total income cannot exceed the 200 percent federal poverty income level
2. Columbia Water & Light electric customer
3. Own your home or have your landlord\* agree to participate

\*Landlords: Partial funding is available for rental units with income-qualified tenants. This program will pay for 50 percent of the upgrade for single-family homes and 30 percent for each multi-family unit.

### What is covered?

As funding allows, you might qualify for these FREE\* upgrades:

- Energy efficiency assessment (determines which upgrades are needed)
- Insulation (attic, wall, rim joist, ductwork and either crawlspace or floor over unconditioned spaces)
- Air & ductwork sealing

Additional funding from other sources might be available for other energy efficiency improvements.

### How do I apply?

**Contact the Central Missouri Community Action, 443-8706 ext. 1958 or [mary-man-tei@showmeaction.org](mailto:mary-man-tei@showmeaction.org).**

## New Art for City Hall



The final Percent for Art project designated for the interior of City Hall has been installed on the fourth floor by local artist Norleen Nosri. The ceramic works, titled “*CommuniTea I & II*,” are inspired by the rich diversity of Columbia. The serving, drinking vessels and bases represent many people coming together and sharing. The compositions symbolize giving and receiving, which in turn, portrays the main theme of the work, a communal sense of gratitude.

## Making waves

You may notice some waves as you pass by the new Short Street parking garage. The three-waved, stainless steel sculpture is a new piece of public art titled “Tidal Murmur,” created by artist Beth Nybeck and located at the northwest corner of the garage. Nybeck’s works are abstract and inspired by questions and thoughts she has for the world. “When works of art are exhibited out in public spaces, oftentimes people can explore and engage the artwork in a spatial and tactile fashion,” says Nybeck. This new work is part of the City’s Percent for Art program, which allows for one percent of the cost of new city construction or renovation to be used for site-specific art.

## TreeKeepers 2014

TreeKeeper volunteers have been making a difference in Columbia’s parks for more than 15 years. They assist the forestry staff in planting, pruning and mulching trees and removing invasive plants.

The 2014 TreeKeeper class will be held at the ARC, 1701 W. Ash: Tuesday evening, Feb. 11; Thursday evening, Feb. 13; and Saturday morning, Feb. 15. The class will review tree identification, diseases and insects and pruning and planting techniques. Following the class, participants are asked to share 36 hours of service on tree projects in parks.

To learn more about TreeKeepers and to register for the 2014 class, call 874-7499 or email [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com).



## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### February

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| <b>6</b>  | <b>Black History Month: African-American film and discussion, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., FREE</b> |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Black History Month Talent Show, Douglass High School, 7-9 p.m., FREE</b>                         |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Black History Month: African American panel discussion, Armory Sports Center, 7 p.m., FREE</b>    |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Black History Month: Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Dinner, St. Luke, 3 p.m., FREE</b>            |

## Infrastructure Report

The City of Columbia Infrastructure Report for 2013 is now available on the City’s website at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com). Infrastructures are a network of systems. It is what makes us a community, and we all contribute to its success. The 2013-2015 City of Columbia Strategic Plan requires an annual infrastructure report be developed. The 2013 report includes improvements, highlights and the expected projects for 2014.

## Code Corner: Carbon Monoxide detectors

Starting Oct. 1, carbon monoxide (CO) detectors will be required in living units with fuel-burning appliances or an attached garage. This is a requirement of the International Fire Code to ensure safety of residents. Inspectors with Neighborhood Services will check for CO detectors during rental inspections; the City’s Building & Site Development staff will ensure they are present in new construction and where work requiring permitting has been done. If you have questions about residential code enforcement or wish to file a complaint, contact Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or visit us the City’s website.



Chris Ingersoll

### Volunteer of the Month-

### Chris Ingersoll

Chris Ingersoll, a fish biologist for US Geological Survey, has ridden more than 65,000 miles since he began biking to work for fitness benefits 23 years ago. When Ingersoll heard about Park Patrol, it made sense to volunteer since he's already on the trail 4-5 times a week. Since 2006, he has logged more than 800 hours as a Park Patrol volunteer. Ingersoll tries to make eye contact and say hello to those on the trail because "he wants to make the trail a friendly place."

Park Patrollers create a presence on the trail and contact City staff about maintenance issues so trails remain safe, clean and in good repair. Leigh Britt, Neighborhood Services manager, says of Ingersoll, "We appreciate his consistency in serving as an extra set of eyes on the trail and staying in regular communication with City staff."

Ingersoll appreciates that Columbia is so bike-friendly. "It's heartening to see the range of people on the trails," he said. Ingersoll says he volunteers to help keep the trails safe.

Learn more about volunteering with the City at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) or by calling Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

### Disconnection crews ending delinquent payment collection

Customers who are late with their utility payments will no longer be able to pay the crew disconnecting their account after Jan. 31, 2014. Utility payments will need to be made:

1. *In person, at City Hall (drop box, drive-thru or cashier's office);*
2. *By phone at 874-7694;*
3. *Online at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com);*
4. *By mail;*
5. *At local businesses (Gerbes, HyVee, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Schnucks and Wal-Mart); or*
6. *By signing up for an automatic monthly deduction from a bank account.*

In order for the City of Columbia to comply with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) regulations, a new policy on collecting payments was established. This policy secures customers' financial data by limiting and controlling who, how, when and where City personnel may access this information. Access to this information is limited to positions within the Finance Department. Columbia Water & Light crew members do not meet the policy's guidelines for collecting payments.

### Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

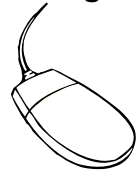
**Application deadline: Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.**

- Commission on Human Rights
- Public Transit 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.

### Web Page Did You Know?

Columbia citizens are getting involved in redesigning the local bus system, with many changes set to launch in August. View the plans online and give input by taking the survey at [COMOConnect.org](http://COMOConnect.org).



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Bob McDavid

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| <i>Third Ward</i>   | <b>Karl Skala</b>    |
| <i>Fourth Ward</i>  | <b>Ian Thomas</b>    |
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