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City of Columbia's 4th of July Fire in the Sky

*Presented by Columbia Insurance Group
and KOMU 8*

The City's 62nd annual 4th of July Fire in the Sky event will be held downtown again this year. Activities and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. July 4. The event is free. Entertainment and children's activities will be at Flat Branch Park, 4th and Cherry Street, and the entertainment main stage is planned for MU's Peace Park on Elm between 6th and 8th streets. Fireworks will begin about 9:15 p.m. and will be launched from the top of the parking garage at Sixth and Cherry. They will be choreographed to music simulcast on KBXR. Concessions will be available and parking will be free downtown and on the university campus. Celebrate Independence Day in The District! For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or visit GoColumbiaMo.com.



*This family friendly event
is sponsored by KBXR
102.3, KFRU 1400,
Convention & Visitors
Bureau and Cosmo Club.
Coordinated by Columbia
Parks & Recreation.*



Photos by Notley Hawkins

Fireworks illegal in city limits

Before the July 4th holiday, the Columbia Police Department would like to remind residents that it is illegal to possess or shoot fireworks inside the Columbia city limits. Violation of the ordinance can result in the confiscation of your fireworks and a summons to appear in municipal court.

Fireworks may be disposed of at the household hazardous waste (HHW) facility, 1313 Lakeview, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month, April through November, or through the Columbia Fire Department by appointment at 874-7391.

If you plan to shoot fireworks outside the city limits, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- **Shoot fireworks at a safe distance from structures and other people.**
- **Never relight a "dud" firework.**
- **Always keep a hose or bucket of water handy.**
- **Children under age 12 should not handle fireworks and should not shoot fireworks without the supervision of an adult.**
- **Pets are often frightened by fireworks so keep them away from this activity.**
- **Never consume alcohol while handling fireworks.**

If you are looking for a safe alternative to shooting fireworks, attend Fire in the Sky in The District July 4. For more information, visit the Parks & Recreation page at GoColumbiaMo.com.



Join members of the Columbia Police Department for **Coffee with a Cop**

It's a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships and drink coffee. Police departments in more than 175 cities and 36 states have joined in the concept to help improve community trust, police legitimacy and partnership building to combat crime.

One of the key concepts of *Coffee with a Cop* is that it removes the crisis situations and barriers which are often the only interaction community members have with their local law enforcement officers. Instead, it provides a relaxed, informal one-on-one interaction in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust, which is the foundation of building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving. *Join members of the Columbia Police Department and grab a cup of coffee:*

- Friday July 18, 8:30-10 a.m., Panera Bread, 3709 South Providence Road; or
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 8:30-10 a.m., Coffee Zone, 11 North Ninth Street.



Tips for a Healthy Summer

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services wants you to enjoy your summer the healthy way!

- Don't forget the sunscreen! Before going out in the sun, lather up with SPF 15 or higher.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Drink lots of water and limit alcoholic beverages and caffeine.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in hot environments without air conditioning—including unsupervised vehicles.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Check on elderly family members and neighbors.
- Watch for the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

For more information on heat safety and cooling centers, visit GoColumbiaMo.com/Health or find us on Facebook at Facebook.com/CoMoHealthDept.

Window air conditioner exchange 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!

- **May 19 through Sept. 11 (while supplies last)**
- **Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- **9-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m.**

You must bring the following items to participate:

- Proof of your current physical Boone County address (IDs or leases will not be accepted)
- Identification for everyone at your address (originals, no copies)
- Proof of all income for everyone at your address (including food stamps and TANF)
- Current utility bill for your address
- An older, inefficient window air conditioner to exchange

Voluntary Action Center

874-2273

403A Vandiver Drive, Columbia, MO

City offices closed for July 4th holiday

City offices will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection for July 4 will be delayed until Saturday, July 5. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Columbia Transit will operate on a limited schedule to support the fireworks that evening. See GoColumbiaMo.com for details. The landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced July 4.



Street Talk

As important as new roads are to the community, the maintenance of existing roadways is also a critical investment that must be made. Maintenance investment in pavements is similar to maintaining your car or house. If you

don't perform preventive maintenance or fix a minor issue, the problem can worsen where you must invest substantially more monies into a major repair or replacement.

Columbia Public Works has a long history of roadway maintenance, dedicating funds each year for maintaining existing driving surfaces. But how does one decide which roads qualify for preventive maintenance, more substantial repairs or removal and replacement?

Columbia Public Works has always relied on staff expertise to evaluate roadways but took the concept of pavement management to the next level last year by creating a pavement management engineer position. The role is filled by a licensed, professional engineer who is working with the Street Division and Public Works Engineering to establish a pavement management program that results in a more a favorable cost-to-benefit ratio from street maintenance funds.

The following factors are used to determine what maintenance activities are appropriate on which roads:

- field observations and a nationally-accepted pavement rating system;
- street supervisor recommendations;
- timing since the last maintenance;
- budget constraints; and
- engineering judgment.

The goal of Public Works is to evaluate every roadway in Columbia, keeping them in the best condition possible given a limited budget.

Parks and Recreation presents Family Fun Fests

Columbia Parks and Recreation is hosting the next Family Fun Fest from 6-8 p.m. July 16 at Flat Branch Park. Fun Fests are held the third Wednesday of the month from May through September. Entertainment for the entire family features music, live performances, art activities, hands-on learning, face painting, balloon art and fun for all families. Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Rockin' Rents.

July 16: Summer Fun

- Sponsored by OneMain Financial
- This evening will feature a variety of summer-inspired entertainment and hands-on activities.

Coming Up:

- **Aug. 20: Around the World**
- **Sept. 17: Creative Kids**

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

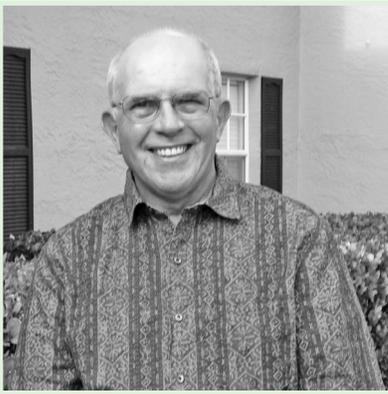
Call 874-7460 for more information.

July

4	Fire in the Sky, Flat Branch Park/The District, entertainment at 6:30 p.m., fireworks after 9 p.m., FREE
4	Special swim hours at Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods Pool and Little Mates Cove, 12-5 p.m.
10	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Community Band, 7 p.m., FREE
11	Movies in the Park, "Elf," Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under FREE
12	SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of event
13	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
16	Family Fun Fest: Summer Fun, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
18-20	Show Me State Games
25-27	Show Me State Games
27	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE

Code Corner –Trees & Tree Limbs

Trees and tree limbs may be considered a nuisance according to Chapter 11 of City code. A tree or tree limb that is dead and that is a hazard to life or property, causes a safety hazard by obstructing the line of sight of a motor vehicle driver, bicyclist or pedestrian at a street intersection or could interfere with the passage of motor vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians on any public right of way is included in the list of nuisances. To report a tree or tree limb issue, or any other code violation, contact Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or report via the City's website.



Chuck Bondra

Volunteers of the Month – Chuck Bondra

Chuck Bondra, who worked for the City’s Planning Department for 31 years, is now retired and volunteers at the City’s household hazardous waste (HHW) collection facility. The HHW facility provides a location where citizens can drop off hazardous waste products, such as pharmaceuticals, acids, mothballs, paint strippers, cell phones, kerosene and brake fluid –

products that are flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic or poisonous – for proper disposal.

For the past two years, Bondra has volunteered at the HHW facility, assisting with traffic flow, answering questions and helping train and supervise new volunteers.

“I enjoy meeting and helping the people who come to the collection facility,” Bondra says.

After retirement, Bondra was looking on the City’s website for volunteer opportunities and thought volunteering for the HHW facility looked interesting. He had also used the facility over the years.

“Most days I run into people dropping off stuff who I know,” he said, “And the people who run the program are nice to work with.”

Helping others is something Bondra enjoys, both in Florida and Missouri. He fixes bikes for needy people in both states, volunteers at the library and is a caseworker for St. Vincent DePaul Society in Florida.

The HHW facility is open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays April through November. To learn more about volunteering with the City, call 874-7499 or email volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Volunteers helped 'Cleanup Columbia' April 12

The 18th annual Cleanup Columbia, a citywide trash pickup event, was held Saturday, April 12. The City’s Volunteer Programs staff, who organize the event, report that 1,360 volunteers participated picking up more than 1,750 bags of trash and sharing more than 3,100 hours of service. Volunteers picked up litter along streets, streams, trails and in City parks.

Cleanup Columbia is sponsored by APAC-Missouri Inc., 102.3 BXR, KFRU AM 1400, KOMU TV 8, the Mid-Missouri CW, the Columbia Daily Tribune, CenturyLink and Sonshine Graphics. Columbia Public Works, Columbia Parks & Recreation, Central Missouri Community Action and the Golden K Kiwanis Club also provide in-kind support.

Web Did You Know?— It’s not often that Utility Customer Service needs to contact you directly, but when the need arises (power outages, water boil advisories or courtesy reminders of past due bills), it is important that all information is up to date, especially a valid phone number. You can update your contact information online at GoColumbiaMo.com. Select utilities from the home page and update your contact information from the utilities page.



Mark your calendar now for 'Cleanup Columbia 2015' that will be held on April 11!

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: July 7 at 5 p.m.

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes Commission

Application deadline: Aug. 8 at 5 p.m.

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing 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.

\$50 to \$1,600 Rebate High Efficiency Air Conditioner

If your cooling system is older than 10 years, you have frequent service problems and/or you would like to control your cooling costs, it is time to consider installing a new unit. You might be eligible for a Columbia Water & Light rebate of \$50 to \$1,600 for a qualified unit.

- ColumbiaPowerPartners.com
- **874-7325**

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