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Preparation for New Transmission Lines

Open House to be held this summer



During summer, Columbia residents look to cool down by starting up their air conditioners. Columbia Water & Light (CWL) continually monitors electrical activity to ensure there aren't any problems. CWL is also preparing to reliably deliver electricity to Columbians in the future, while meeting strict federal standards and mandates through its initiative, The Columbia Electric Transmission Line Project.

The project includes a new substation and 161-kV transmission lines along a route that includes: Scott Boulevard, Vawter School Road, Nifong Boulevard and Grindstone Parkway.

Transmission line construction will not happen until 2017, but there has been plenty of activity along the route in preparation for the new lines. Here's a snapshot of the work taking place and what is coming up this summer:

- ✓ **Surveying and Soil Testing:** Routine surveying started in January and continues in the south Columbia neighborhoods along the route. This work is occurring primarily along public easements in the project corridor. Utility companies have also been in the area marking locations of utilities with flags. Soil testing started in late March, first taking place along Scott Boulevard, with other streets along the route following. If soil tests are taking place near you, or you see a utility locate flag, it does not mean a transmission pole will be placed there.
- ✓ **Determining Pole Placement:** Pole placement along the route has not been determined yet and won't occur until late 2015. Results of the surveying and soil testing will aid in the decision process about the placement and design of transmission poles and lines. There are a number of factors taken into consideration before a decision can be made, including:
 - working around underground utilities;
 - location of street intersections;
 - soil stability; and
 - easement rights and space/lengths between each pole.
- ✓ **Upcoming Open House:** Pole placement and design recommendations will be shared with the community and the City Council later in 2015. Look for an open house announcement this summer. Announcements will be posted on *PoweringColumbia.com* — a website dedicated to The Columbia Electric Transmission Line Project.
- ✓ **Have a question about the electric transmission line project?**
 - Go to *PoweringColumbia.com* and submit one through the contact page of the website.
 - Leave a phone message at 844-244-7870. A project representative will get back to you as soon as possible.

Street Talk



Columbia Public Works is springing into a new construction season with more than 20 roadway, sidewalk, pedestrian safety and trail projects in the design and construction phase.

The Scott Boulevard Phase III Roadway Improvement project is scheduled to be underway by

this fall. Phase III will improve Scott Boulevard between Vawter School Road and State Route KK. Scott Boulevard Phase III is the last of three voter-approved projects to improve Scott Boulevard between Rollins Road and Route KK.

The College Avenue Safety Enhancement (CASE) project is scheduled to begin in May. This project consists of a median on College Avenue between University Avenue and Rollins Street with two dedicated pedestrian crossings controlled by pedestrian signals.

The MKT to Parkade Bike Boulevard project is scheduled for construction this year. This project includes four intersection improvements and pavement striping along a corridor that connects the MKT trail to the Parkade Plaza.

As construction season begins, Public Works asks motorists to please slow down in work zones, pay attention and don't become distracted, and find alternate routes when available. A complete list of current projects is available at GoColumbiaMo.com.

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all plastics labeled
#1 through #7!

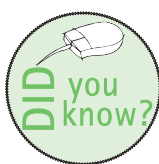
If plastic material is labeled #1 through #7, you may put it in your blue bag for curbside recycling or take it to any of the drop-off locations in Columbia.



Thanks for Recycling!

Web Did You Know?

Looking to uncover information about local historic properties? Interested in developing your own walking tour? The Historic Preservation Commission maintains an interactive map of the City's "Most Notable" and National Register properties, landmarks and districts! GoColumbiaMo.com/Maps/Historical_Places/



As promised...

Water system improvement project



Using voter-approved funding, Columbia Water & Light is working on upgrading the water distribution system for the northwest side of town. Crews are replacing a 6-inch water line on Texas Avenue from Garth Avenue to Creasy Springs Road. This water main has been experiencing breaks and is approaching the end of its useful life. The existing pipe will be replaced with an 8-inch and 12-inch water main. The upgraded water line will increase the amount of water that can be delivered to the area for consumers and firefighting purposes. It will also increase the reliability of water service in the area.

The water project is being done in conjunction with street work and is expected to be finished in the fall. At times, there will be traffic lane restrictions or partial closures during the construction phase. If there are any water service disruptions during this project, customers will be individually notified.

\$50 to \$1,600 Rebate

*High efficiency air conditioner/
heat pump*

Is your HVAC system older than 10 years? Does your system have frequent problems? Do you want to save energy and money?

Then it's time to consider installing a new unit. Plus, Columbia Water & Light will help electric customers finance it with a rebate.

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CPD Honor Guard will train with U.S. Army Old Guard



The Columbia Police Department's Honor Guard was selected as one of few honor guards nationwide to train with the Third Infantry Regiment Old Guard of the U.S. Army. The honor guard will travel to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Fort Myer, Va., May 10, where a weeklong training will begin with the Old Guard. The training coincides with National Police Week in Washington, D.C., where tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge and participate in a number of events to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. In 2005, Officer Molly Bowden was honored at

the event after her passing in February of that year. The CPD Honor Guard was created in May 2010 and provides services for special events, promotions, retirements and funerals. The team regularly trains together to maintain its professional appearance and performance.



MCPA Awards
City of
Columbia

MCPA Award winners announced!

The Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) Awards program was established by the City of Columbia to recognize the efforts of local businesses and organizations that take action in their own operations to reduce global warming pollution in the community. The 2015 winners were announced at the April 20 Columbia City Council meeting and recognized at a reception April 22.

Environmental Stewardship category

- *Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (organization)*
- *The Lawn Company (business)*

Innovative Best Practices category

- *Columbia Area Career Center (organization)*
- *OHM Professional Offices: Home of Simon Oswald Architecture and CM Engineering (business)*

Pollution Prevention category

- *Shelter Insurance (business)*

Resource Conservation category

- *Schneider Electric (large business)*
- *Quaker Manufacturing, LLC (large business)*
- *Main Squeeze (small business)*
- *Columbia Art League (organization)*

Application period for the 2016 MCPA Awards is Aug. 1 – Dec. 31, 2015. Visit GoColumbiaMo.com/Sustainability/MCPAawards.php for more information.

Exchange window air conditioner and save *For income-qualified customers*

Below are the eligibility requirements for the Window 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. 10 (while supplies last)
- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 9-11 a.m. & 1-4 p.m.

You must bring in 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, not 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.

Outdoor Aquatic Facility Hours

Location	May	June/July	August	September
Douglass Family Aquatic Center	Open May 23, 24, 25 12-5 pm. Closed May 26-29. Open May 30-31 12-5 pm	Closed June 1-3 Open for season June 4 M,W,F 1-7 pm T,Th,Su 12-5 pm Sa 11 am-5 pm	M, W, F, 1-7 pm Tu, Th, Su 12-5 pm Sa 11 am-5 pm Last Day Aug 9	Closed for the Season
Lake of the Woods Pool	Open May 23, 24, 25 12-5 pm. Closed May 26-29. Open May 30-31 12-5 pm	Closed June 1-3 Open for season June 4 M,W,F 1-7 pm T,Th,Su 12-5 pm Sa 11 am-5 pm	M, W, F, 1-7 pm Tu, Th, Su 12-5 pm Sa 11 am-5 pm Last Day Aug 9	Closed for the Season
Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center	Open May 23, 24, 25 12-5 pm. Closed May 26-29. Open May 30-31 12-5 pm	Closed June 1-3 Open for season June 4 M-F 12-7 pm Sa 11 am-5 pm Su 12 pm-5 pm	M-F 12-7 pm Sa 11 am-5pm Su 12-5 pm Last Weekday Aug. 14. Open Aug. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 12-5 pm. Closed Aug 17-21, 24-28, 31	Closed Sept 1-4 Open Sept 5-7 12-5 pm After Labor Day, Closed for season
Little Mates Cove at Twin Lakes	Open May 23, 24, 25 12-5 pm. Closed May 26-29. Open May 30-31 12-5 pm	Closed June 1-3 Open for season June 4 M,W,F 11 am-7 pm T,Th,Su 12-5 pm Sa 11am-5 pm	M,W,F 11 am-7 pm T, Th, Su 12-5pm Sa, 11 am-5 pm Last Day Aug 9	Closed for the Season



Pools open for summer!

Daily admission fees at Columbia's pools: \$1 for patrons 2 and older at Douglass; \$1.50 for ages 2-15 and \$2.75 for ages 16 and up at Lake of the Woods and Little Mates Cove; and \$2.50 for ages 2-15 and \$3.75 for ages 16 and up at Albert-Oakland.

Appropriate swim attire is required to enter all aquatic facilities (swim trunks or swimsuits). Examples of inappropriate attire include basketball shorts, cut-offs, sports bras, sweatpants and cargo shorts.

For more information and for details on coupon books and season passes, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or go online at GoColumbiaMo.com.

Explore outdoors at Family Fun Fest

Columbia Parks and Recreation's next Family Fun Fest will offer kids the chance to learn all about the great outdoors! The free event will be held 6-8 p.m. on June 17 at Cosmo Park. A variety of organizations and local experts will offer hands-on activities related to Missouri birds, fish, parks, camping and much more. Every Family Fun Fest features music, live performances, art activities, hands-on learning, face painting and balloon art. Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Rockin' Rents.

Summer Youth Volunteering

When school is out for summer, many young people in the community have extra time. Columbia youth 12-15 years-old can make good use of their extra time this summer by participating in Youth In Action. Sponsored by the City's Volunteer Programs, Youth In Action allows kids to participate in a wide variety of supervised, structured projects at events and with agencies throughout the community. Youth In Action projects begin as soon as school is out and run through August. To apply for Youth In Action or access the directory, call 874-7499 or visit the City's Volunteer Programs webpage at GoColumbiaMo.com.



Travel and Tourism Week

National Travel and Tourism Week was established in 1983 to promote the impact of tourism. It is usually celebrated the first week of May. Travel generates more than \$2 trillion for the U.S. economy and supports over 8 million jobs. Each year, communities celebrate with rallies, special events, social media outreach and other activities. This year's theme is **"Travel is _____."** Local communities and organizations across the nation are filling in this blank with what travel means to them. What does travel mean to Boone County? Travel is 11,145 tourism-related jobs and \$368 million+ tourism-related expenditures. Travel is also making memories, family vacations, a getaway and so much more! What is travel to you? Let the Convention & Visitors Bureau know by tweeting @ColumbiaMOCVB. Find more information on National Travel and Tourism Week at USTravel.org.

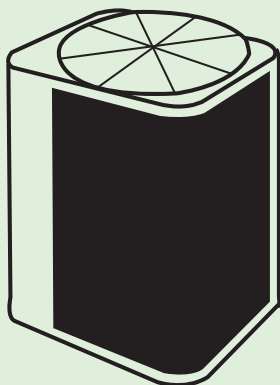
Grant to fund restoration of historic Maplewood House awarded

The City of Columbia, working with the Boone County Historical Society, was awarded a \$14,400 grant by the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office to undertake restoration work on the 138-year-old, National Register-listed Maplewood House. The scope of work includes water damage, structural concerns and electrical issues. Maplewood is a part of the City's Nifong Park, and the home is operated and maintained by the Boone County Historical Society.

The Maplewood House is available for tours and functions by appointment. For more information on the Maplewood House and the Boone County Historical Society, visit boonehistory.org/museum/maplewood/.

The target completion date for this project is fall 2015. For more information on the grant and restoration work, contact the City's Community Development Department at 874-7239 or planning@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Keep Your Cool



Spring is a great time to get a tune-up of your cooling system so it runs efficiently this summer. If your unit is over 10 years old or has frequent problems, consider replacing it. Make sure you pay attention to the SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) of the unit. In Columbia, a SEER rating of 15 or higher is recommended.

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PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

June

4	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Missouri Symphony Society, 7 p.m., FREE
6	Shred Fest Skateboarding Event, Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 4-7 p.m., FREE
6-7	Art in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, FREE
7	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
12	Movies in the Park, "Frozen Sing-Along," Flat Branch Park, 9 p.m., \$2 per person, 8 and under FREE
13-14	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
14	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
17	Family Fun Fest: Explore Outdoors, Flat Branch Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
20	Juneteenth celebration, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE
20-21	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
28	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE

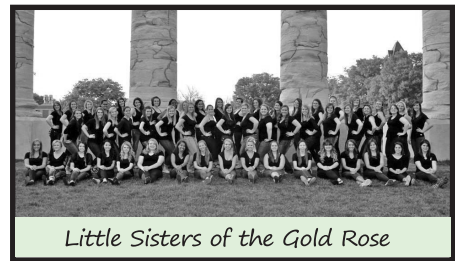
Did you know?

Did you know that parks increase home property value? Homes within 500 feet of a well-maintained park can increase 5-22 percent in property value.

Code Corner

Spring is here, and the grass is growing. Hopefully, everyone is keeping their lawns mowed. If someone is not, the City enforces the weed ordinance. The weed ordinance addresses vegetation that has attained a height of 12 inches. Property owners may receive an abatement notice if they are in violation. When properties are out of compliance, the City may abate the weeds and tax bill the property for mowing. To report a weed violation, call 874-7339 or report via the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com.

Volunteers of the Month — Little Sisters of the Gold Rose



Masuch says. "One of our favorite events is the Earth Day festival, so we do that every year."

Since its reorganization at Mizzou in 1992, the group has also raised funds for Relay for Life. While the group spends much of its time and effort fund-raising and organizing events to benefit Relay for Life, the women have also helped with the Bear Creek Run Half Marathon, the Park Clean Team and the Heritage Festival.

"Volunteering has made us stronger women," Masuch says. "I think we all enjoy helping the community and knowing what we're doing is making an impact. It is fun to help those in need and know you're making someone's day a little better!"

To learn more about volunteering with the City, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or visit the City's website.

Written by volunteer Abby Holman

Utility Account Reminder

Utility Customer Service (UCS) reminds customers to keep utility account information current. Make sure UCS has a correct phone number and mailing address (if different from the service address). Call 874-7380, or email UCS@GoColumbiaMo.com.

As summer approaches, so does busy season for UCS. This may result in longer wait times on hold when customers call the office. By registering accounts online at GoColumbiaMo.com, customers gain 24-hour access to account information and may also pay bills online. UCS no longer processes applications for new residential service over the phone, so customers need to apply for service online or come to the office with a lease and two forms of ID. Terminating service or transferring service from one address to another may still be done with a phone call and may also be done from the website.

When terminating service, please provide UCS with a forwarding address, as the post office returns utility bills to the City rather than forwarding them. If UCS does not have a forwarding address, finalled accounts can fall delinquent, and may be sent to a collection agency after 60 days.

City moves forward with development code update project

The City of Columbia and hired consultants Clarion Associates and Ferrell Madden Associates continue work to prepare a comprehensive update of its land development codes, including but not limited to the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 29) and Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 25). To date, the proposed code update has been presented in three modules and the consultants are addressing comments made by the public.

The Community Development Department invites the public to participate in the code update process. Additional information can be found on the City's website at GoColumbiaMo.com/community_development/planning/dev_code_project/index.php or by contacting Community Development at 874.7239 or planning@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: June 5 at 5 p.m.

- Board of Mechanical Examiners
- Columbia Library District Board
- Commission on Cultural Affairs
- Standing Committee on Public Art
- Disabilities Commission
- Water & Light Advisory Board

Application deadline: July 3 at 5 p.m.

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- Building Construction Codes 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.

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