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## 2011 Energy Efficiency EXPO

DAY-  
Saturday, Oct. 29

TIME-  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOCATION-  
Boone County Fairgrounds

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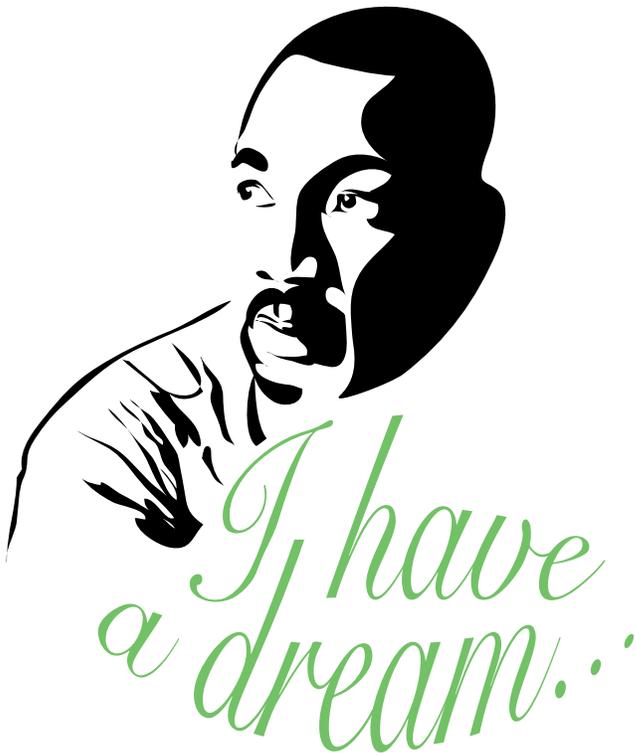
### *Columbia Imagined - a comprehensive plan for a sustainable community*

A comprehensive plan is a resource for citizens and policy makers that guides how our community lives, moves, grows and prospers. Currently, the planning process is in Phase II, "Who Are We?" This phase looks at existing conditions, the characteristics that define and shape Columbia. Existing condition reports and citizen surveys are available on the website at [http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Comprehensive\\_Plan/index.php](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Planning/Comprehensive_Plan/index.php).

Please participate by following us on Facebook, Twitter, the website, Listservs or request a meeting using the Community Involvement Resource Kit. Contact the Planning Department at 874-7239.

### *Online Utility Services, No Waiting!*

GoColumbiaMo.com is the fastest, most convenient way to start new service, terminate your service or transfer your service to a new location. Already a customer? You can check your account, pay your bill or even email a question. No access to a computer, no problem. You can still access your account, check your balance and due date and even pay your bill. Just call 874-7694. First-time users will need to have their social security number on file at Utility Customer Service, know their account number and set up a PIN. Questions? Call customer service at 874-7380.



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards

Please help celebrate diversity in our community by nominating an individual, family, organization or group for the 15th annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards. This is a great way to show your appreciation for those who have had a significant impact in our community by promoting diversity and cultural understanding.

The awards will be presented at the 19th annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Thursday, Jan. 12. The Diversity Awards are meant to recognize people whose work exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through non-violence. Two awards will be presented: one individual/family award and one organization/group award.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Nov. 29. Nomination forms are available by calling the Division of Human Services at 874-7488 (v) or 874-7356 (tty) or on the web at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) (Go Word: GoDiversityCelebration).

### DID YOU KNOW...

The City of Columbia's Public Communications Department is now on Facebook! The Public Communications Department helps citizens, City Council, City administration, staff and community stakeholders stay connected, informed and engaged with their City government. We hope you will "like" us on Facebook at "City of Columbia, Missouri." For more information, call 874-7316 or email [PCO@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:PCO@GoColumbiaMo.com).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Columbia Police Department's Domestic Violence Enforcement Unit (DOVE) began on Feb. 2, 1998. DOVE is a specialized unit of three investigators, a victim advocate and two assistant prosecuting attorneys. DOVE's mission is to decrease the level of domestic violence by investigating, promoting deterrence of violence, assisting victims and interrupting the cycle of violence.

To accomplish its mission, the DOVE Unit investigates domestic violence incidents in Columbia and Boone County, assists the prosecuting attorney's office in prosecuting the offenders, aids victims in obtaining restraining orders and assists with the arrest of offenders based on active warrants. The intended result of these activities is to deter and hold offenders accountable, empower victims and enhance domestic violence reporting and enforcement.

The DOVE Unit was formed and funded through the STOP Violence Against Women Grant to strengthen law enforcement and the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence. The DOVE Unit benefits from the community policing philosophy and changes in police work, which have embraced a commitment to reduce the level of domestic violence across the country. Current statistics estimate that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

**If you are a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is in danger, please report it to your local law enforcement agency.**

## Parks and Recreation winter registration starts November 9

Take a class, learn a new skill and find out more about holiday activities in the new Leisure Times activity guide! The guide, which comes out Nov. 9, will contain information on fitness classes at the ARC, after-school activities and much more.

Leisure Times will be mailed and will also be available at the Parks and Recreation office, 1 South 7th Street; at the ARC; the Columbia Public Library; and online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com). It is available for viewing as an interactive flip book. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

## Thanksgiving holiday

City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. Residential refuse and curbside recycling collection will not be made that day and will be delayed one day the remainder of the week. Contact the Solid Waste Division at 874-6291 if you have questions. Also, City buses will not operate, the landfill will be closed and parking meters will not be enforced.

## Trick-or-Treating Tips

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Wear identification that's easy to read.
- Always trick or treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Stay on sidewalks and out of streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Do not run.
- Don't trample flower beds or gardens.
- Watch for open flames in jack-o-lanterns.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.
- Only visit well-lit houses.
- Don't enter houses unless you know the people.
- Carry a spare Halloween bag in case yours breaks or you fill your original.
- Don't approach unfamiliar animals.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards.
- Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Review the "stop, drop and roll" procedure in case your costume catches on fire.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you."
- Don't eat candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes or is homemade.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.



During Public Power Week, we celebrate this wonderful community asset that benefits all of us. The citizens of Columbia started their own utility in 1904, so they would have a safe, reliable, low-cost source for water and electricity. The utility has operated as a business within City government since that time. The benefit of a municipally owned utility is that it is run by the citizens of Columbia and operated by your friends and neighbors. Rates are established by the cost to serve each customer, not to return a profit to shareholders. Thank you, Columbia!

## Fall efficiency projects

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS AND BE MORE COMFORTABLE!

### CAULK TO STOP LEAKS-

- around window and door frames
- in foundation cracks
- where siding meets the foundation, roof and chimney
- outside where wires or plumbing lines meet your structure

### WEATHERSTRIP-

- along the bottom of exterior doors or doors that lead to unheated areas
- on the inside of door jams

### INSULATE-

- Attic Insulation: R-38 (or approximately 12 inches)
- Floor: R-19 above unheated areas
- Crawl Space Wall Insulation: R-10 with a vapor barrier
- Duct Insulation: R-13 in unheated areas
- Rim Joist Insulation: R-13

Columbia Water & Light can help you with these projects. Consider the Home Performance with Energy Star program or sign up for a free energy audit. Our rebates and low-interest loan program can help finance larger efficiency projects. Call 874-7325 or go to [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com](http://ColumbiaPowerPartners.com) for more information.

## Volunteer of the Month - Nancy Rezabek



Nancy Rezabek

October's Volunteer of the Month, Nancy Rezabek, has a real heart for helping others whether it's at work or during her free time. As a registered nurse, Rezabek helps patients at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and spends her time off volunteering for the City of Columbia.

Nancy has been volunteering for the City since 2003 and is active in Park Patrol and TreeKeepers. She also helps with events such as Polar Bear Plunge for the Special Olympics, Bike Walk and Wheel Week and the Hinkson Clean Sweep.

Volunteer Programs Assistant Lisa Rohmiller says, "As a champion of outdoor activities, Nancy sets a positive example for others, whether working at a Bike, Walk and Wheel Week breakfast station, cutting invasive Honeysuckle and Callery Pear trees or wrapping bare-root tree seedlings for the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. When the public sees her service, perhaps they stop to think they can provide a similar service to the community."

Dave Dittmer, the City's forester, has similar things to say about Nancy, "She has a great go-getter attitude and, obviously, cares quite a bit about the quality of life in Columbia."

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

~ Written by volunteer Brittany Perrin

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility open through November

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will close for the winter soon, so clean out your garage and basement and bring in your old paint, chemicals and other hazardous waste items. The facility is for residential use only—no trailers and no more than three 5-gallon containers of paint can be accepted. The facility is open the first and third Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at 1313 Lakeview Avenue. The last collection date this year is Nov. 19. The facility reopens in April 2012. For more information, call Solid Waste at 874-6291. Keep up to date on other recycling events at [www.Facebook.com/ColumbiaRecycles](http://www.Facebook.com/ColumbiaRecycles).

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 4 AT NOON—

- Mayor's Committee on Physical Fitness
- Columbia Vision Commission

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: DEC. 9 AT NOON—

- Community Services Advisory Commission
- Finance Advisory & Audit Committee
- Firefighters' Retirement Board
- Police Retirement Board
- Sustainable Farms & Communities, Inc. Board
- Columbia Special Business District Board

Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

## Youth Recreation Scholarships



Columbia Parks and Recreation offers youth financial assistance scholarships for Columbia residents through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program. The program is open to those between ages 3 and 17 who meet the income/household criteria established by the USDA's free and reduced lunch program.

Financial assistance is available for 50 or 75 percent depending on the household. Scholarships can be used for recreational classes and programs, outdoor pool passes and ARC memberships.

For more information, call 874-7460. Application forms can be obtained at [www.GoColumbiaMo.com](http://www.GoColumbiaMo.com).

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**Bob McDavid**

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