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CoMo Connect project moves Columbia transportation forward

CoMo Connect, a project of Columbia Transit, is making big strides to improve public transportation in Columbia. The project, launched May 22, aims to make the bus system more convenient for riders and use taxpayers' money more wisely.



The first leg of this journey is rolling out the free, high-tech DoubleMAP app for mobile devices and computers that offers real-time GPS tracking of each bus and lets customers know when and where they can catch the next bus. This cutting-edge technology gives more customers easy access to public transportation and decreases the need for long waits at the bus stop wondering when the next bus will arrive.

The department is also working on redesigning the routes to reach more locations throughout Columbia, offering better hours to meet customer demand and creating a more convenient network of transportation for customers traveling all over Columbia.

Public meetings will be held at City Hall this fall to discuss the CoMo Connect project and the possible changes. The public is encouraged to come and join in the discussion. Find more information at CoMoConnect.org or by calling 874-7250.

Street Talk

Welcome to the first installment of "Street Talk." Citizen surveys show that you rank concerns about Columbia's streets as a high priority. As each of us must use streets to connect to work, school, shopping and entertainment, it is understandable we all want safe and well-maintained roadways.

The goal of "Street Talk" is to provide you with timely information about streets in Columbia — their condition and the "big picture" as it relates to how the City maintains and expands Columbia's roadway infrastructure.

It surprises many people that the City maintains more than 1,200 lane miles of roads. **This is equivalent to a one-way trip from Columbia to New Jersey.** A lane mile equals one-half mile of a two-lane road. The resources to maintain our roads comes primarily from a transportation sales tax that is divided between roads, the airport and transit. Funding to build new roads comes primarily from capital improvement funds such as the ¼ cent capital improvement sales tax extension approved for specific projects by voters in 2005.

Next month's "Street Talk" will focus on a project in southwest Columbia that will have a significant impact on traffic for several months.



Your Community Foundation encourages giving by estates

Following the Great Depression and World War II, the United States entered a golden age of business growth and personal prosperity. Americans have created, invested and multiplied unprecedented private wealth. Over the next 50 years, this capital—a conservative estimate of \$75 trillion—will change hands. Most will certainly go to heirs (and taxes), but a portion may be preserved as your legacy for the future of Columbia and Boone County, Missouri.

The Community Foundation of Central Missouri unveiled research findings this summer that estimates the portion of wealth transfer likely to happen in Missouri and Boone County. Retaining a slice of that wealth for philanthropy as it transfers generations is a historic opportunity for strengthening our community. That's why the Community Foundation of Central Missouri is working to secure planned gifts and bequests for endowment funds that will help ensure a stronger future for our area, forever.

MISSOURI TRANSFER OF WEALTH

From 2010-2060, Missouri can expect to see \$1.5 trillion transfer from one generation to the next through probate estates. In 2010 through 2020 alone, \$135 billion is expected to pass to heirs.

BOONE COUNTY TRANSFER OF WEALTH

During 2010-2020, \$3.14 billion is expected to transfer from one generation to the next through probate estates. Over the next 50 years, the estimated transfer of wealth for Boone County alone is \$52.5 billion.

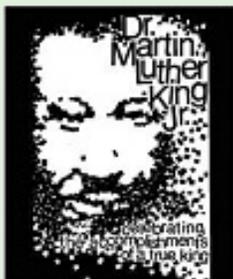
If just 5 percent of the projected Boone County transfer through 2020 could be invested at the Community Foundation in its Community Fund or another endowed fund as led by the donor, nearly \$157 million would be gained. Figuring a 5 percent grant payout, an estimated \$8 million could be available annually—forever—for charitable work to improve the quality of life in the county area (which includes Columbia) and secure our future.

For more information, please contact the Community Foundation of Central Missouri, 817-5027, cfcfoundation.org, Executive Director John Baker.

Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Student Writings Program

The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Planning Committee is seeking student writings that reflect the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as his legacy is honored during the annual celebration of his life and teachings. This year's theme is "The Rich Tapestry of Diversity." Students in grades 4-12 are invited to submit an original essay, poem, song or rap that includes the reasons they believe the community is rich in diversity.

The deadline for submitting an entry is Friday, Nov. 15. Selected entries will be chosen by an independent selection committee for publication in the 2014 Columbia Values Diversity Celebration student writings booklet. This booklet will be distributed to more than 1,100 people at the annual community celebration Jan. 16 and published on the celebration website.



Submission information and guidelines are available through:

Columbia Public Schools teachers and principals grades 4-12

Or

City of Columbia's Office of Cultural Affairs:

Phone-874-6386

Email-OCA@GoColumbiaMo.com

On the Web-GoColumbiaMo.com (Search: Diversity Celebration)



Maplewood Barn available for rental!

The new Maplewood Barn at Nifong Park is available for rental by the public during the theater off-season. It's available from Oct. 1 through Feb. 28 any day of the week and during March on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

The barn provides a simple indoor venue for parties of 80 or less. The rental fee of \$22 per hour includes 1,725 square feet of space, two restrooms, tables, chairs and outdoor stage.

A \$100 refundable deposit is required. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460 or visit GoColumbiaMo.com (search: **Maplewood Barn**).

Traffic Box Art

You may notice some new artwork on the corner of 8th and Broadway in front of City Hall. On Sept. 3, artist Ben Chlapek installed the latest piece of traffic box art, making it the sixth traffic signal box to become a work of art in downtown Columbia. The goal of the Traffic Box Art program is to decrease instances of graffiti while contributing to the uniqueness of the downtown streetscape.

Chlapek's design depicts different types of overlapping buildings, something he says "reflects the dynamic of the downtown community." The artwork was printed on a vinyl wrap that was placed on the box with adhesive rather than using paint. Look closely at the design to see a few Columbia-inspired buildings.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, 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.

Streetlight out?

Help Columbia Water & Light keep Columbia's streetlights shining when they should. If you notice a light on during the day or one out at night, please report it.

Online streetlight problem reporting form: GoColumbiaMo.com/WaterandLight/Forms/stlightout.php

Columbia Water & Light: 874-7325

Free online energy audit

Check out Columbia Water & Light's simple online energy audit. This service provides specific energy efficiency tips for your home plus there's a great reference library for researching projects.

GoColumbiaMo.com, search for "online energy audit"

Energy Expo

Saturday, Nov. 9

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Central Missouri Events Center
(formerly the Boone County Fairgrounds)*

save energy, save money and be more comfortable

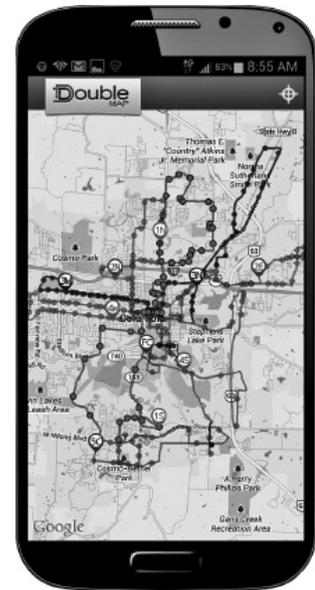
Visit with energy experts and learn from interactive presentations. Free event with free snacks and door prizes!

Sponsored by:

- Columbia Water & Light
- Boone Electric Cooperative
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- The Networks of Mid-Missouri

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874-7325

Transit gets technical



Columbia Transit buses are rolling into the 21st century with the new high-tech smart phone app, DoubleMAP. This app offers real-time GPS tracking of Columbia buses and is available for free at your fingertips.

No more long waits at the bus stop wondering when a bus will be coming. This is only the first step in an ongoing project to improve public transportation in Columbia and make riding the bus easier and more convenient than ever. It can be downloaded for free at The App Store, Google Play or viewed online at Columbia/DoubleMap.com/map.

Flu vaccine

If you're age 6 months or older, stop by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for your annual flu vaccine. 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.

This year, thanks to generous support from University of Missouri Children's Hospital and the David B. Lichtenstein Foundation, the department has free flu vaccine (injectable and FluMist®) for all children ages 6 months - 18 years. For adults ages 19 years and older, the cost is \$25. The following insurance plans are accepted: Medicaid, Medicare Part B, AARP Secure Horiz, Aetna, Anthem/BCBS, BCBS Federal, BCBS Kansas City, CIGNA, Coventry, Golden Rule, Great West-CIGNA, First Health, HealthLink, Humana, Mail Handlers, Medicare Railroad, Multiplan, Three Rivers, UMR, UMW and United Healthcare. The clinic accepts cash, check and debit/credit cards. Receipts can be given upon request.

Learn more at www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/fluclinicschedule.php. For flu vaccine updates and overall healthy living information, find the health department on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CoMoHealthDept> or Twitter @CoMo_HealthDept.

Be on the lookout for CoMoGives!

CoMoGives—an end-of-year, local giving campaign powered by the Community Foundation of Central Missouri—will need **you** for it to be a success by giving online in a few weeks to one or more of 30 local nonprofits.

Paper CoMoGives “giving guides” will start popping up throughout Columbia in early November to tell you everything you need to know about the campaign. If you're a *Columbia Daily Tribune* newspaper subscriber, a copy of the CoMoGives guide will be delivered to your home with your delivery Nov. 14.

On Dec. 1, you'll have your first chance to donate through CoMoGives to one or more of 30 charitable organizations that serve the Columbia and Boone County areas. You'll be asked to give through a new, dedicated website until Dec. 31. The organizations participating in CoMoGives provide a focus on arts and culture, human services, the environment, health, the community, animals, youth and education.

When you give you'll also help your chosen charities compete for thousands of dollars in matching grants that the Community Foundation will provide.

You'll hear much more about CoMoGives in November as the campaign builds momentum. The paper guide and website will have full campaign information, how it works and how you can help. Social media will also support the end-of-year campaign.

Shelter Insurance Companies (signature sponsor), Commerce Bank (key sponsor) and *Columbia Daily Tribune* (print and media sponsor), help make CoMoGives a reality.

Web Did You Know?

The City Channel is the City of Columbia's award winning government access station. View the City Channel on Me-diacom channel 80, Charter Communications channel 992, CenturyLink channel 96 and GoColumbiaMo.com/TCC.

Reminder! Deadline nears for server certificate compliance

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, all persons who sell or serve alcohol in the city of Columbia are required to have a server certificate issued by Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services. Servers beginning employment after Jan. 1, 2014, have 30 days from their start date to obtain a certificate.

To receive a server certificate, servers must first complete a responsible beverage training program approved by the City. Employers may require a specific type of training. Servers should ask if it is approved by the City prior to enrollment.

After the approved course is completed, servers should bring proof of course completion in person to Public Health and Human Services, 1005 West Worley, to fill out an application. There is a \$5 fee for each new, renewed or duplicate certificate.

The goal of the server certificate program is to get servers the information and tools they need to serve alcohol responsibly. This should result in:

- reduced liability for servers and businesses;
- a decrease in underage drinking and binge drinking;
- fewer alcohol-related accidents, including nighttime DWI crashes; and
- less crime (property damage, assault, sexual assault).

For more information on the server ordinance, visit www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Health/ServerTraining.php or contact the Department of Public Health and Human Services at 874-7346.

Free after-school homework help offered for all ages Mondays through Thursdays, 3-5 p.m. Armory Sports Center, 701 East Ash Street, 2nd Floor

Many of the volunteer tutors are provided by MU's Office of Service Learning. The program is sponsored by Parks and Recreation's C.A.R.E. program.

For more information about C.A.R.E.'s Homework Help Program, contact Ron Schmidt at rschmidt@gocolumbiamo.com or 874-6377.



Renting your first home?

Follow these tips to keep your utility bills from climbing too high.

- Keep the thermostat setting at 78 degrees or higher in the summer and 68 degrees or lower during winter. If you have a heat pump, avoid changing the thermostat temperature more than two degrees at a time during heating season unless you are going to be away for several days.
- Replace the air conditioner/furnace filter four times a year or when it becomes dirty. Dirty filters keep the air from efficiently moving through the system.
- Make sure all windows and storm windows are tightly closed during the heating and cooling season.
- Don't block vents and radiators with furniture, curtains or rugs.
- For windows that receive direct sunlight, keep the shades closed during summer days. In the winter, make sure the shades are open during the day and closed at night.
- Close fireplace damper when not in use.

Check with your landlord about these projects:

- Caulk window and door frames on the exterior. Consider using plastic window kits for single-pane windows.
- Replace weather stripping on exterior doors.
- Check door bottoms and thresholds to make sure air is not escaping. Replace when necessary.
- Install foam gaskets behind light switches or outlets located on exterior walls.
- Fix water leaks, drippy faucets, running toilets and water heater leaks immediately since they can greatly increase your water use.
- Looking for an energy efficiency rental next year? See our tips at GoColumbiaMo.com/WaterandLight/Conservation/r-searching.php.

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

November

3 Home Based Business Bazaar,
Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens
Lake Park, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

13 New *Leisure Times* published

Code Corner

Columbia's Rental Regulations: Is your home or rental property in compliance?

For more than 30 years, the City of Columbia has had in place a Rental Unit Conservation Law requiring that all residential rental properties meet code to ensure the health and safety of occupants. The City's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), a division of the Community Development Department, carries out this law; more than 25,000 rental units are registered.

- *Property owners must apply for a rental certificate of compliance. The process includes paying a fee, having gas appliances inspected and agreeing to have the unit inspected by the City to ensure the property meets code.*
- *Tenants have the right to rent a unit that complies with City code and has a current certificate of compliance. To verify this, the tenant may ask the landlord or inquire with ONS. If there are maintenance issues with the property the landlord is not addressing, the tenant may file a complaint with ONS and allow a City building inspector to view the problem. If a violation is found, the inspector can require the property owner to make necessary repairs.*

To learn more about the City's rental regulations, contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 817-5050 or visit GoColumbiaMo.com.

Volunteer of the Month-Bob Young



In 2003, Bob Young signed up for Columbia's first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class. He now leads the BRAVO team of CERT volunteers. Trained in disaster survival and rescue skills, CERT works closely with the Columbia Fire Department to assist in local emergencies. In February, Young and his team were called out twice to set up and staff the shelter during the large snow storms in Columbia.

Young, an archeologist by training but owner and founder of Young's Garage, has been volunteering for years. He was a past ELKS Lodge president and now serves on the board of directors of Columbia Benevolent Organization and the ELKS Lodge and volunteers with the Columbia Police Department.

Young joined CERT to give back to his community. He says the training is wonderful. "It gave me a whole different insight on personal safety, disaster preparedness and community safety, he said."

Besides being prepared to serve the community in local emergencies, CERT volunteers assist at Columbia events such as football games, the Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival, the Veteran's Air Show and Art in the Park.

Young's enthusiasm for CERT is apparent. "I enjoy the people. We have great relationships with the fire department and police. Some of my best friends I met through CERT," he said.

To learn more about volunteering with the City, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Home Fires



- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2011, 12 home fires killed five or more people, resulting in 67 deaths.
- On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires per day.
- Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen.
- Unattended cooking was a factor in 34 percent of reported home cooking fires.
- Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Ranges accounted for the 58 percent of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16 percent.

(<http://www.firepreventionweek.org> or <http://www.FPW.org>).

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

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

- Columbia Vision Commission
Application deadline: Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.
- Boone County Community Services Advisory Commission
- Finance Advisory and Audit Committee
- Firefighters' Retirement Board
- Police Retirement Board
- Sustainable Farms and Communities, Inc. Board

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

SPOOKtacular!

6-8 p.m., Oct. 31

Central Missouri Events Center
5212 N Oakland Gravel Rd.

New place, new name, same great Halloween event! Come out for an evening filled with activities, games and treats for kids 12 and under. A safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating! For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.

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