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## SHARE THE LIGHT

Columbia residents are known for their generosity, often coming together to improve the quality of life for their neighbors. **SHARE THE LIGHT** is an opportunity for City utility customers to contribute to City programs and projects that are above and beyond what is usually thought of as essential services. Your giving can help!

**SHARE THE LIGHT** donations are designated to one of six giving areas:

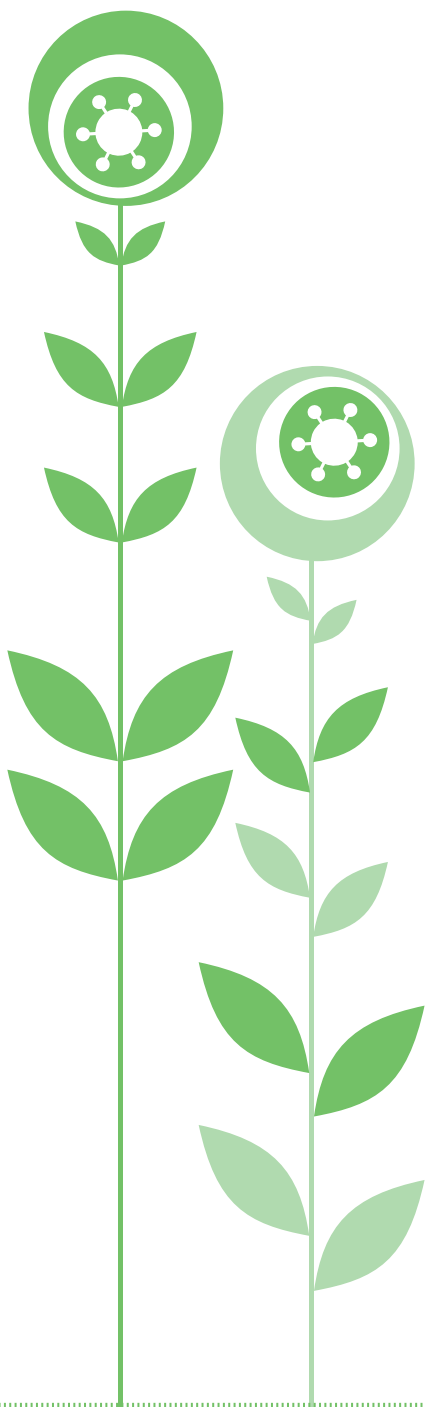
- 1.) public art
- 2.) community beautification
- 3.) youth recreation scholarships
- 4.) health and dental care
- 5.) fire prevention and education
- 6.) crime prevention and education

Every penny you give goes directly to improve quality of life in the area you choose.

To give to **SHARE THE LIGHT** simply mark your choices on the perforated flap of the **SHARE THE LIGHT** envelope that comes with your September utility bill. Specify if you would like to make a one-time gift or on a monthly basis and the amount you wish to give. Your future utility bills will reflect the amount added for this purpose.

If you have misplaced or discarded the envelope but still wish to donate, email your giving intention to [ucs@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:ucs@GoColumbiaMo.com) (include your name, address and account number), call Columbia Water & Light at 874-7380 or visit Columbia Water & Light at 701 E. Broadway.

Help make Columbia an even more wonderful place to live! If you have questions about **SHARE THE LIGHT**, call John Baker, City of Columbia trust specialist, at 817-5027.



**HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE IS ONE OF THE SIX GIVING AREAS YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## 2013 Commemorative Poster



The 2013 City of Columbia commemorative poster has been unveiled! Each year, an artist's work is selected to communicate the vitality and beauty of mid-Missouri and the significance of the arts. This year's poster features a pastel titled "Winter Sunset" by Jerry Brown.

"Outsiders often accuse the Midwest of being boring; this image begs you to believe otherwise," says a member of the poster selection committee. "The rugged, snow-covered landscape and the inflamed sky invoke thoughts of both serenity and survival, terror and beauty."

Posters can be purchased for \$15 at Deck the Walls in Columbia Mall or at the Office of Cultural Affairs, 300 S. Providence. All proceeds support City-sponsored arts programs and services.

## City buses receive technology enhancements

Columbia Transit has entered into an agreement with DoubleMap® to provide technology enhancements on all City transit vehicles. The enhancements will occur in phases. The first phase, completed the week of July 15, consisted of the installation of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) devices and associated software. In mid-August, customers will be able to track Columbia Transit vehicles in real time via the City's website or the DoubleMap® app available from both the Apple Store or Google Play.

The next phase, scheduled for early fall, will include installation of passenger counters and annunciators that will advise riders of the next stop, estimated time, etc.

To learn more about these enhancements and the future of Columbia Transit, visit [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) and enter *GoTransit* in the search box.

## 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. With the Home Performance program, you can receive rebates and a low-interest loan to help finance larger efficiency projects. Call 874-7325 or go to [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com](http://ColumbiaPowerPartners.com) for more information.



*According to the Department of Energy, gaps around the window frame help contribute to approximately 10 percent of heat lost through windows.*

## Sidewalk project provides safe access to Parkade Park



*A ceremony was held May 16 to dedicate the new sidewalk that now connects Delmar Cobble School with Parkade Park.*

In November 2011, administrators at Delmar Cobble School, located on the corner of Garth Avenue and Craig Street, sent a request to the City of Columbia and Columbia Public Schools for a sidewalk between Delmar Cobble School and Parkade Park, which is located just west of the school at Bear Creek Drive and Craig Street.

The students at Delmar Cobble have profound disabilities, including mobility issues, and many rely on the use of specialized devices. A safe, smooth, hard surface was required to allow students access to an outdoor area.

Throughout 2012, Columbia Public Works, Columbia Parks & Recreation, Columbia Public Schools and the City Council explored funding opportunities for this request. In November, City Council approved \$35,000 for the project, jointly funded by Public Works and Parks & Recreation. Easements were provided by Columbia Public Schools at no cost. The project was bid and awarded to Tom Adair Construction.

"This was truly a community project where multiple governmental agencies worked together for the common good of the students at Delmar Cobble School, as well as the community," said Assistant Public Works Director David Nichols.

## Home sprinklers

Nationwide, more than 4,000 people die in fires each year. Fire sprinklers save lives, reduce property loss and can even help cut homeowner insurance premiums.

Installing both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system reduces the risk of death in a home fire by 82 percent, relative to having neither. Ninety percent of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler, which uses a fraction of the water used by fire department hoses.

Nationally, on average, home fire sprinkler systems cost \$1.61 per square foot of "sprinklered" space in new construction. Home fire sprinklers are as reliable as home plumbing systems, are inconspicuous and can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings.

For more information, visit [www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org).

## PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

### October

**6** Old Wheels Car Show, Nifong Park, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., FREE

**13** One Sky, One World Day, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., FREE

## Tree Power

*Fall is a great time to plant a tree and save energy.*

Sign up for the Tree Power program and Columbia Water & Light will show you the best spot for your free shade tree! Then all you have to do is sit back and watch your energy savings grow. Well-placed shade trees around your home can reduce your summer cooling costs by 30 percent.



**Electric customers  
call 874-7325 or sign  
up at**

**ColumbiaPowerPartners.com.**

## Code Corner: Keeping Sidewalks Clear

There are several City ordinances related to sidewalks. Generally, the person who owns or controls the property is responsible for keeping sidewalks free from hazards, which include keeping grass, trees and bushes trimmed. As summer comes to a close, please review the sidewalks at your house and cut back vegetation as needed. If you have questions about residential code enforcement or want to report an issue, contact Neighborhood Services at 817-5050.





Carly Love

## Volunteers of the Month

When Matt Mazick, a senior journalism student, and Carly Love, a graduate student in occupational therapy, were approached by the City to lead the monthly Columbia Crawdad Missouri Stream Team Cleanup, they were pleasantly surprised because they already knew each other from working together

as Mizzou residential aides.

For the past year, Mazick and Love have led volunteers picking up trash along streams that dump into Hinkson Creek. They also lead a short educational period about the importance of stream clean. It usually takes less than three hours for the 10-15 volunteers to clean the area where they collect 20-40 bags of trash.

“It brings me joy to clean up nature and see parts of Columbia I don’t usually see,” Love said.

To motivate people in keeping the streams clean, Mazick would like to show them the aftermath of a football game — all the trash found after cleaning or before and after photos. Last year, the group filled 60 trash bags cleaning the Flat Branch area after a game.

Mazick and Love took their volunteer spirit overseas this summer. Love volunteered with college students in Nagoya, Japan, for eight weeks, and Mazick volunteered four weeks in South Korea, where he taught English.

The Columbia Crawdads pick up litter the second Saturday morning of each month. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact the City’s Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or [volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com) for details on the cleanup time and location.

*Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson*



Public Power utilities are an American tradition that works. 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 through the City Council and operated by your friends and neighbors. Rates are established by the cost to serve each customer, not to return a profit to shareholders.

During Public Power week, we celebrate this community asset. Thank you, Columbia!

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

**Application deadline: Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.**

- Citizens Police Review Board
- Columbia Community Development Commission
- Commission on Cultural Affairs
- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission

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

- Columbia Vision 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?

Parks and Recreation’s Leisure Times activity guide is available in a digital, easy-to-view, flip version! Check it out online at [GoColumbiaMo.com](http://GoColumbiaMo.com) (search: *Leisure Times*).



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**MAYOR**

**Bob McDavid**

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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