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City of Columbia's Fourth of July Fire in the Sky

Celebrate the Fourth of July at the City of Columbia's 65th annual Fire in the Sky event. Free activities and entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Flat Branch Park, 101 S. Fourth St., and Peace Park, 401 S. Ninth St.

Two stages of entertainment feature the Fried Crowdad-dies, Norm Ruebling Band, Alec Davis Band and Murphy's Ford. Kids will enjoy themed crafts and inflatables. Fireworks will begin at 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 102.3.

Food trucks will be available at both locations and parking will be free downtown and on the University of Missouri campus. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs; alcohol and fireworks are not allowed.

Fire in the Sky is presented by Columbia Insurance Group and KOMU 8. The event is sponsored by KBXR 102.3, KFRU 1400, City of Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau and Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. The event is coordinated by Columbia Parks and Recreation.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 573-874-7460 or visit CoMo.gov.



Summer fire safety

The Columbia Fire Department hopes you enjoy this summer, but also remember that this time of the year presents opportunities for fires and injuries. Following are tips to help make your summer safe:

- Don't wear loose clothing while cooking at a BBQ.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid: Do not add fluid to an already lit fire. The flame can flashback into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- Inspect the area around a barbecue or campfire. Grills or campfires should not be lit near other flammable materials including dry grass or over-hanging branches.
- Dispose of hot coals properly—douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Allow tractors or lawn mowers to cool down outside before being stored in a shed or garage.
- Keep mowers clean of lawn debris. Dried grass near a heated area may cause a fire.
- Install and test smoke alarms in garages and storage areas.
- Keep gas and fuel containers stored in well-ventilated outdoor storage areas.

For more safety tips and information on how to contact the Columbia Fire Department, please visit

CoMo.gov/fire.

Fireworks prohibited inside city limits

From June 1, 2016 until July 31, 2016, the Columbia Police Department (CPD) responded to approximately 232 calls for service regarding fireworks. About 110 of those calls occurred on the Fourth of July. As that time of the year is quickly approaching, CPD and the Columbia Fire Department remind citizens that discharging and/or possessing fireworks within City of Columbia limits is prohibited.

Under Section 16-234 (a) in the City of Columbia Ordinances, "every person who shall...possess, use, burn, explode or set off any firecracker, torpedo, bomb, rocket, pinwheel, fire balloon, Roman candles or any other firecracker or fireworks other than a sparkler with the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, except as provided in paragraph (b) of [the] section."

CPD will have extra patrol officers on duty at the end of June and beginning of July for fireworks enforcement. Citizens with a fireworks complaint can contact Boone County Joint Communications non-emergency line at 573-442-6131. Do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency.

According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2013, there were eight deaths and an estimated 11,400 consumers who sustained injuries nationwide related to fireworks. This was an increase from 8,700 injuries in 2012. In 2013, sparklers and rockets accounted for more than 40 percent of all estimated injuries.

Public safety officials encourage citizens to leave the fireworks to the professionals this Fourth of July and attend the **FREE** Fire in the Sky event in downtown Columbia.

Fair Housing and Lending Seminar recap



Videos of the presentations can be viewed at CoMo.gov/citychannel.

The annual Fair Housing and Lending Seminar was held on April 7 with about 100 community members and professionals in attendance.

Speakers at the free event discussed fair housing laws, HUD action, service animals, the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the history of structural racism in housing, affordable housing in Columbia and the City's establishment of the Community Land Trust.

The Fair Housing and Lending Seminar was sponsored by City of Columbia, its Human Rights and Disabilities Commissions, the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, the Columbia Housing Authority, Central Bank of Boone County, and the Columbia Apartment Association.

This **FREE** annual seminar supports the City's strategic priority of social equity by providing fair housing and lending education to promote access to fair housing for everyone, which will strengthen neighborhoods and give all families the opportunity to thrive.

Cleanup Columbia results



Bal Sabha of Columbia

The City's 21st annual Cleanup Columbia, a city-wide litter pickup event, was held Saturday, April 8. In one morning, 1,680 volunteers shared 3,314 hours of services by picking up 1,665 bags of trash along our streets and trails, and in our parks and streams. A beautiful day helped create the largest cleanup since 2009.

Cleanup Columbia is supported by hundreds of community members and our sponsors: Sonshine Graphics, Veterans United, Socket, KOMU 8, the Mid-Missouri CW, 102.3 BXR, KFRU AM 1400 and the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Mark your calendar for next year's Cleanup Columbia scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Photos by Willie Jones



Minority Men's Network



Knights of Columbus



Women's Law Associates

Columbia receives Tree Line USA designation for 20th year

For the 20th year, Columbia Water & Light has received recognition as a Tree Line USA award recipient from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Tree Line USA is a national program recognizing public and private utilities for practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests. The program has five core standards: quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting, public education, and tree-based energy conservation. Recipients are also responsible for promoting an Arbor Day celebration.

The City's commitment to proper tree-care practices benefits the community by providing cleaner air and water, increasing property values and improving quality of life.



Time for home improvements?



Participate in the Home Performance with Energy Star program and receive up to \$1,200 in rebates and low-interest loans to finance approved energy efficiency upgrades.

The Home Performance program will cover:

- replacing old heating and cooling systems
- attic, wall and crawlspace insulation
- sealing air leaks
- sealing duct work

ColumbiaPowerPartners.com

Street Talk: Take the experimental bike pavement markings survey



Columbia Public Works, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is conducting an online survey about experimental bike markings located at four Columbia intersections.

The experimental bike markings are currently located on the northbound and southbound approaches of Garth and Broadway, Garth and Worley, West Boulevard and Worley, and West Boulevard and Broadway.

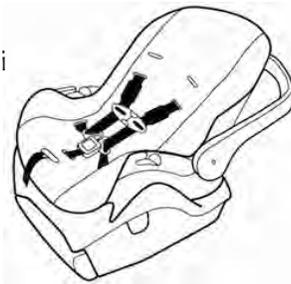
"Feedback from the survey will be provided to FHWA and, if successful, could be implemented nationwide," Traffic Engineer Lee White said. "The purpose of the markings is to make biking in Columbia simpler and more convenient."

The pavement markings were previously tested in a bicycle simulator at the University of Missouri-Columbia's ZouSim testing lab in 2015. The survey will close on July 5. The survey is available on the Public Works website at CoMo.gov/publicworks/biking.

Car seat recycling now available

Have your children out-grown their car seats? Is your car seat expired? Mid-Missouri residents are now able to recycle car seats and booster seats by dropping them off Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the locations listed below.

Seats will be dismantled so recoverable materials can be disposed of properly. For more information about what is recyclable in Columbia, download the mobile app, (*COMO Recycle and Trash*) or follow the Columbia Recycles Facebook page [@ColumbiaRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaRecycles).



Car seat recycling locations:

Boone County Fire Protection District Headquarters

2201 I-70 Drive NW
Columbia, MO
573-447-5000

Columbia Fire Station #1 Downtown

201 Orr Street
Columbia, MO
573-874-7556

Parks & Recreation Calendar

Call 573-874-7460 for more information.

July

4	Fire in the Sky, 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.
6	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Community Band, 7 p.m., FREE
6	Safety Day, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, 9:30 a.m., FREE
7	Family Splash Bash, Lake of the Woods Pool, 7:30 p.m., \$5 per person
8	SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, Times vary according to wave, \$25, must pre-register
14	Movies in the Park, Moana, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., FREE
19	Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE
21	Family Splash Bash, Lake of the Woods Pool, 7:30 p.m., \$5 per person
21-23	Show Me State Games
28-30	Show Me State Games

Progress As Promised: Nifong Park improvements



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Columbia Parks and Recreation recently completed improvements to Nifong Park located at 3700 Ponderosa St.

Park improvements include a new farm-themed playground, replacement of the shelter near the playground, construction of a fishing dock and a new small shelter, two new parking lots, walkways, signage and lighting.

Funding for Nifong Park improvements came from the voter-approved Park Sales Tax and a \$125,000 donation from the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club.

Volunteer of the Month—Jane Phillips



Residents of the East Campus Neighborhood—
Volunteer of the Month Jane Phillips
(second from left)

In late winter 2016 Jane Phillips, an East Campus resident and member of the East Campus Neighborhood Association (ECNA), initiated an invasive plant removal project.

She began a series of emails to East Campus residents about invasive plant species, especially bush honeysuckle. She pointed out the drawbacks of many non-native plants and extolled the virtues of native Missouri plants for yards and parks.

There are several volunteer groups that work to control invasive plants on public land only to have those parks and trails re-infested by the adjoining neighborhood. Invasive plant control on private land was an unmet need. She communicated with staff from Columbia Parks and Recreation and from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

Phillips collaborated with MDC on a grant proposal for a professional contractor to remove invasive plants in the less accessible steep and rocky forests on private land in the neighborhood. ECNA is partnering with MDC by using volunteer teams on easier areas and by soliciting matching funds. ECNA has donated \$1,000 for the first year and \$400 per year for three years to be used for materials and equipment.

MDC is looking at ECNA's invasive plant removal project as a pilot project that could be used as a model for other urban neighborhoods in Columbia and across the state.

The City of Columbia applauds Jane's continuous efforts to restore our beautiful city.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, visit our website at CoMo.gov/volunteer or contact Volunteer Programs at 573-874-7499 or email volunteer@CoMo.gov.

Updating utility information

It's not often that Utility Customer Services (UCS) would need to contact customers directly, but when the need arises (power outages, boil-water orders or courtesy-call reminders of past due bills), it is important to have a valid phone number on record. UCS would also like to remind customers who may be leaving for the summer to provide a temporary mailing address.

Customers may also register online at CoMo.gov. Online access means customers will always know the status of their account, and can pay bills online as well. Customers may update contact information by filling out the back of the bill they enclose with payment, calling the UCS office at 573-874-7380, or going online to the utility customer service page [CoMo.gov/Utilities/ucs] and selecting the "Update your Contact Information" link under Other Utility Information.

Code Corner – Vacant properties

A vacant house that is maintained is not a violation of City code, however, if the property is not secured, is not maintained and the yard is not being mowed, the house can become a problem. The Office of Neighborhood Services may be able to assist if a vacant property has code violations.

If a house is in severe disrepair it may qualify as a nuisance property. Nuisance properties are those that pose a safety issue for the community and when necessary the City will demolish them.

If you are aware of a vacant house you would like the City to investigate, please contact Neighborhood Services at 573-817-5050 or neighborhood@CoMo.gov.

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

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at CoMo.gov or at the City Clerk's office. Call 573-874-7208 for more information.

Web did you know?



The City has a new portal for citizens and media outlets to request records. Visit CoMo.gov and click on "Record Requests" on the right.

There are several options in the Public Records Center for users to submit records requests, track the status of requests, see frequently asked questions and more.

The City does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, familial status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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