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Community oriented policing a priority for Columbia

The City of Columbia is making community oriented policing a priority for our community and our police officers.

City Manager Mike Matthes selected Sgt. Robert Fox, a 12-year veteran with the Columbia Police Department, to lead the community policing efforts.

"Knowing our officers and the way our department works will hopefully help make this transition more efficient," Fox said.

Fox is currently a squad supervisor in the Patrol Division. As a supervisor, Fox encourages his officers to make non-enforcement contacts with citizens whenever possible.

"I believe community oriented policing is simply good policing," Fox said. "It's getting to know people, issues, and problems in neighborhoods and working in partnership with residents to solve them."

Fox was nominated for supervisor of the year by his fellow officers in 2015 and 2016. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute, and has a bachelor's degree in Community Studies from the University of Bradford in England.

City Council approved the Community Policing Resolution at a February City Council meeting. Fox will hold meetings with many City and community groups to gather their priorities and desires for a community oriented policing model. Fox will present his suggestions to City Council by Aug. 31.



Sgt. Robert Fox (center) meets with Fourth Ward Council Member Ian Thomas and City Manager Mike Matthes to discuss community oriented policing.

Columbia's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Columbia is developing its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) with assistance from a Mayor's Task Force and input from community members. The Task Force is made up of 16 members who represent a variety of industries and interests across Columbia. Once goals are set, the CAAP will map out strategies to reduce our contribution to climate change, while ensuring quality of life, building prosperity and increasing our community's resilience.

The plan will include five focus areas and is intended to mobilize the community toward change and create action steps for the City, businesses, institutions, non-profits and residents.

- Built Environment (housing, buildings, development and transportation)
- Waste and Energy (solid waste, wastewater and energy)
- Health, Safety and Well-Being (community health, emergency response, health systems and hazard mitigation)
- Natural Systems (land management, water supply and quality)
- Cross-Cutting Strategies (communication, education, engagement, policy and administration)

Community members play a vital role in both the development and implementation of the CAAP. Be a part of the first of three workshops where we'll use hands-on activities to gather input and create a vision for a sustainable Columbia. At this workshop, you'll also hear what we've learned so far in terms of where our greenhouse gas emissions are coming from and how climate change could impact our infrastructure, health, environment and economy.

For more information and to receive updates on the CAAP process and progress, subscribe at

CoMo.gov/Sustainability/Climate-Action.



Community Workshop #1

Vision & Discovery

Tuesday, May 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Activity and Recreation Center (ARC)

1701 W. Ash St.
Columbia

#CoMoClimateAction

Columbia Community Land Trust promotes affordable housing



Construction is almost complete on the Lynn Street Cottages affordable housing development. Units feature energy efficient design, universal design features, garages and active solar panels.

The Columbia Community Land Trust (CCLT) is an independent non-profit corporation that creates permanently affordable housing. Its mission is to "Strengthen our community through the creation and stewardship of permanently affordable housing."

The CCLT was started by the City of Columbia responding to the lack of affordable housing opportunities and the need to protect public and private investments in affordable housing. Together, the City, the CCLT and local partners are building high quality affordable housing that will last for generations to come. Homes typically feature energy efficient design, universal design features, garages and active solar panels.

The CCLT is actively engaging additional public and private partnerships to create more affordable housing opportunities that both stabilize neighborhoods and provide our workforce the opportunity to build generational wealth.

The CCLT is finishing up its first affordable housing development, the Lynn Street Cottages. Homes are selling for close to \$100,000 with monthly housing payment costs at less than \$700, which is often less than rental costs in Columbia. Homes are currently still available, please contact Randy Cole at 573-874-6321 for more information.

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Loans and rebates for energy efficiency

Did you know that Columbia Water & Light offers loan and rebate programs to both residential and commercial customers for energy efficiency improvements?

This past year, the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri made energy efficiency improvements to allow them to spend less on electricity and more on helping those in need. Through Water & Light's HVAC rebate program and Commercial Lighting program, the Food Bank was able to receive rebates for replacing their heating and cooling equipment and converting all 336 interior light fixtures to LED, saving approximately 115,000 kilowatt hours annually. It's estimated that for every \$10 saved on energy is equal to \$210 worth of groceries.

The Food Bank is a great example of how Water & Light's commercial partnerships support local efforts and strengthen our community. Learn more about our commercial energy efficiency programs at

ColumbiaPowerPartners.com and let us help you reach your efficiency goals.

Strategic Plan – Cars 4 Columbia program



The National Hope Association, in partnership with the City of Columbia and the COMO Supplier Diversity Program, is piloting a donated car program targeted at the City's three Strategic Plan Neighborhoods.

The focus of the program, called *Cars 4 Columbia*, is to provide reliable transportation to low-income individuals and families who cannot afford transportation but are in need of support to seek and retain employment, improve their ability to maintain self-sufficiency and to perform daily tasks where transportation is needed such as getting children to daycare, attending school events, doctor appointments and getting involved in community activities.

The targeted populations for the donated Cars 4 Columbia are:

- Low-income individuals and families
- Single-parent families
- Veterans
- Non-violent ex-offenders
- Survivors of domestic violence
- People transitioning from welfare to work
- People transitioning from homelessness
- Transportation-challenged students

Three individuals or families were selected from the three Strategic Plan Focus Neighborhoods to receive a vehicle. Recipients had to meet eligibility requirements and will be given training on basic auto maintenance, safe driving, correct use of seat belts and child safety restraints and future support on vehicle repairs.

Family Fun Fests set for 2018



Face painting is a crowd favorite at Family Fun Fests.



Dancers perform for a young crowd at Cosmo Park.

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning the 2018 series of Family Fun Fests. The Fests are held at Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month from May through September.

Family Fun Fests are free; each one features music, live performances, art activities, hands-on learning, face painting and balloon art. The Family Fun Fest series is sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8 and Tigers Community Credit Union.

2018 dates and themes are:

May 16: *Kindness is Contagious*
June 20: *Explore Outdoors*
July 18: *Fitness is Fun*
Aug. 15: *Around the World*
Sept. 19: *Creative Kids*

National Volunteer Week is April 15–21

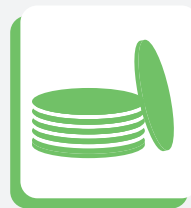
Volunteers make a huge difference for the City of Columbia. National Volunteer Week is April 15–21 making this a great time to spotlight the time shared by thousands of residents each year to make our community a great place to live, work, learn and play.

Last year, volunteers shared 42,251 hours of service valued at more than \$1 million. Volunteers served 12 City departments in a variety of roles. There are many opportunities to help at special events to create memories for kids and families or to care for our environment through litter pick up or parks projects. To learn more, contact Volunteer Programs at 573-874-7499 or volunteer@CoMo.gov.

City of Columbia volunteer data



42,251 hours of service logged in FY2017



Hours of service valued at **\$1.02 million**



Volunteers benefit from **social connections, public service opportunities and personal satisfaction** of making a difference.

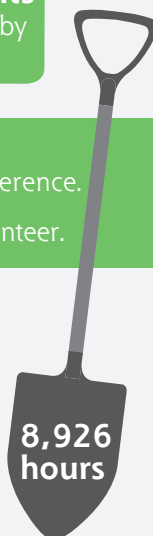
1 person—YOU can make a difference by sharing your time as a volunteer.



5,819 bags of trash picked up



100% of active City volunteers say they would recommend volunteering with the City to a friend or family member



8,926 hours shared to remove invasive species

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Columbia's Vision Zero Team wants you to be in the know on current local ordinances relating to distracted driving.

- In 2017, the Columbia City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend the laws on "careful and prudent driving." This action added language on distracted driving behavior.
- Distracted driving includes any behavior that will take your focus away from the main activity of driving the vehicle.
- If an officer encounters a driver exhibiting careless and imprudent driving behaviors (swerving lines, erratic speeds, etc.) they could pull them over and potentially ticket them for that offense. Careless and imprudent driving is a primary offense for any age driver.
- If the officer notices that the driver was also demonstrating distracted driving behaviors; that is noted on the citation as a factor that contributed to the careless and imprudent driving.
- While the driver may be fined for "careless and imprudent driving," the distracted driving notation is taken into consideration by the judge and may result in an increased fine.

Distracted Driving Facts

- Distracted driving was involved in 404 crashes, including 1 fatality and 574 injuries within the city of Columbia between 2012 and 2016.
- Texting increases the risk of a car crash by 50 percent.
- A report from State Farm revealed nearly 30 percent of drivers surveyed admitted to accessing the internet while driving.
- Missouri is one of only four state that have yet to adopt a texting law – the first step toward eliminating deadly distractions.

To stay tuned on the progress of the Vision Zero Action Plan check out our website:

comovisionzero.org.

Moving? Don't forget utility accounts

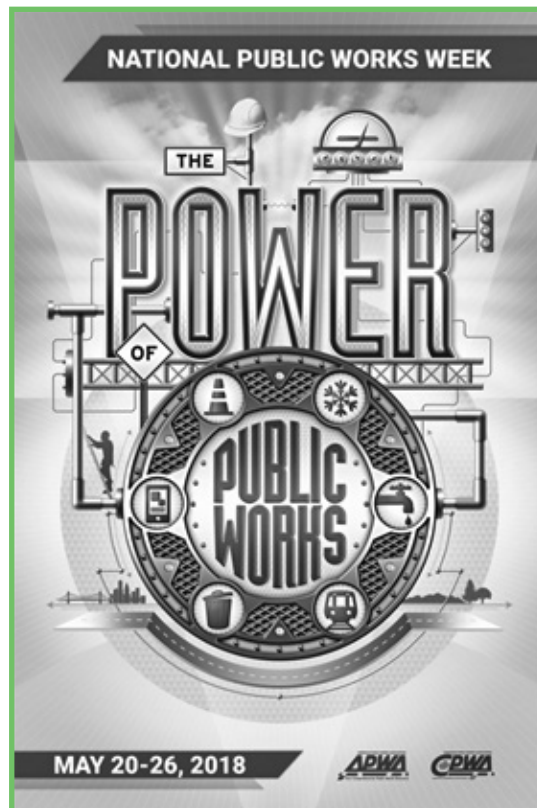
Utility Customer Services (UCS) knows that if you're moving, you have a very long "to do" list. Don't forget your utility account. Students leaving for the summer, please remember to terminate your services. You can do this online at CoMo.gov, or by calling UCS at 573-874-7380.

Customers who are leaving temporarily for the summer, or who are required to keep the utilities active until their lease expires, please provide UCS with a summer mailing address so bills arrive in a timely manner. This may also be done online. Select the link for "Update Your Contact Information," or simply register for online access so you can check your account at your convenience.



If you have any questions as your move approaches, contact UCS at 573-874-7380.

National Public Works Week celebrates community May 20 – 26



Details about the Columbia Public Works poster contest were sent to local schools in March. Information is also available at CoMo.gov/PublicWorks.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week since 1960. This year, the week will be celebrated from May 20-26 and the theme is "The Power of Public Works." Activities include a local poster contest in May and a "Paint the Plow" activity in the fall.

APWA departments in Columbia:

- Public Works staff perform mowing, sweeping, striping, storm cleanup, snow operations, transit and parking services, surveying, pavement maintenance, facility maintenance, fleet maintenance, sign/signal installation and repair, engineering, and capital improvement projects for streets, trails and sidewalks.
- Utilities staff provide electric, water, sewer, solid waste, recycling, energy efficiency, tree trimming, short line rail, engineering and stormwater services.

Adopt-a-Spot to care for our community



Adopt-A-Spot by MU ROTC

Adopting an area of the public right of way can be a rewarding experience. Volunteers play a huge role in helping us care for our public spaces and are rewarded with the pride knowing their efforts are viewed by residents and visitors every day.

The City has three ways you can adopt an area of right of way:

- The Adopt-A-Spot Beatification Program allows volunteers to care for a landscaped bed often in a median or round about.
- The Adopt-A-Spot Litter Control program connects volunteers to City streets where they are asked to pick up trash at least four times per year.
- The Adopt-A-Rain Garden program is conducted in cooperation with the City's Stormwater utility to care for rain gardens.

There are current opportunities to participate in all three programs in locations throughout the City. There is no cost to participate. Adopters are recognized with a sign and the City will help with supplies and the support to be successful. To learn more, contact Volunteer Programs at 573-874-7499 or volunteer@CoMo.gov.

Code Corner: Debris

Keeping your property tidy improves the appearance of our neighborhoods and also reduces harborage for pests and insects. The City's Office of Neighborhood Services responds to issues in residential areas related to accumulations of trash or debris that are considered a nuisance.

Chapter 11 of City Code defines debris to include weed cuttings; cut and fallen trees and shrubs; overgrown vegetation, rubbish and trash; lumber and firewood not piled neatly; parts of derelict cars or trucks; broken furniture; flammable material which may endanger public safety; or material which is unhealthy or unsafe and declared to be a public nuisance.

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573-874-7460 for more information.

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| 3 | Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Kids Concert, 6 p.m., FREE |
| 11 | Movies in the Park: Trolls, Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m., FREE |
| 12 | Heritage Day Block Party, Douglass Park, 3-8 p.m., FREE |
| 13-20 | 17th Annual Bike, Walk and Wheel Week |
| 16 | Family Fun Fest: Kindness is Contagious, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., FREE |
| 26 | Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center opens for season |

Travel and Tourism Week 2018

National Travel and Tourism Week was established in 1983 to promote the impact of tourism and is celebrated in the first full week of May (this year it is May 6-12). This year is the 35th anniversary of Travel and Tourism Week being established. In fiscal year 2017, Boone County's tourism-related expenditures totaled over \$420 million, and tourism-related employment was over 12,000—that's why we celebrate Travel and Tourism Week here in Columbia.

This year's theme is "travel then and now," which encourages tourism industry leaders and destinations to take a look back at how travel and tourism have changed in our communities over the years while exploring the impact of tourism on our local economies. Many destinations will be sharing photos of landmarks and attractions 'then' and 'now,' which is a fun way to see how things have changed over the years (follow [#NTTW18](#) and [#TravelNow](#) on social media).

During Travel and Tourism Week, communities celebrate with rallies, special events, social media outreach and other activities. For updates on Travel and Tourism Week events here in Columbia, follow the Convention and Visitors Bureau on Facebook ([Visit Columbia MO](#)) or Twitter ([@VisitColumbiaMO](#)), and find more information at VisitColumbiaMO.com.

**NATIONAL
TRAVEL &
TOURISM
WEEK** MAY 6-12, 2018

Volunteer of the Month – Abbegail Robinson



Abbegail Robinson

Coaching the Blue Thunder Track Club was the perfect opportunity for Abbegail Robinson. Robinson, a student at Columbia College, was looking forward to getting more involved in Columbia, and as a runner herself, she was excited at the idea of helping kids achieve their cross country goals.

Running courses started with long runs, but turned more into hill work and speed work as the season went on. Robinson primarily ran with children, ages 8 to 10, never missing a run.

"The most impactful thing was seeing the kids achieve their goals and seeing them improve each week," Robinson said.

Not only could Robinson be found at the practices, but she also attended the meets both in and out of Columbia, driving to Fayette, Jefferson City and Fulton.

"This is something that we have not required of volunteers in the past, but she had a strong interest in being available for everything," Community Recreation Supervisor Camren Cross said.

Robinson said when she does something, she wants to commit to it.

"I wanted everyone to know that I was there to encourage them," she said.

She looks forward to the upcoming track season that starts this month, as she plans to volunteer again.

Written by volunteer Laura Davis

2017 citizen survey results now available

The results from the 2017 citizen survey are now available on CoMo.gov. This yearly survey helps the City determine priorities, measure strategic performance and gauges citizen satisfaction.

Paper surveys were sent to a random sample of households and 850 residents completed the survey. An online survey was also made available to all residents.

The results show that the top priorities for residents are public safety services, City utility services (water, electric and sewer), condition of City streets and solid waste services. City services with the highest satisfaction ratings were the quality of City Parks and Recreation programs/facilities, solid waste services, City utility services and customer service received from City employees. Residents were least satisfied with the condition of City streets and the public transit services.

Visit CoMo.gov/survey-results to see the survey results from 2017 and previous years.

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week: April 8-14

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week will be observed April 8-14 to thank them for the work they do.

In 2017, Animal Control officers answered 3,218 calls for service in Boone County, assisting residents by investigating animal bite cases, providing education on rabies, enforcing City and county animal ordinances, handling animal cruelty investigations and distributing free spay/neuter vouchers. We thank them for all their hard work protecting our community and its animals.



Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline is May 4 at 5 p.m.

- Columbia Housing Authority Board
- Disabilities Commission
- Environment and Energy Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Youth Advisory Council

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.

Contact Center Connection

Have old paint or empty cleaner containers to dispose of? Those items and more can be dropped off every first and third Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon beginning this month during the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Call 573-874-CITY (2489) today for more information.



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