

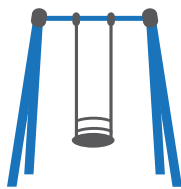


## — City Stats — Parks and Recreation



**3,397**

acres of  
parkland and  
green space



**91**

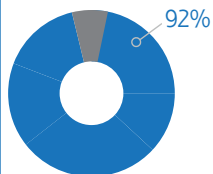
Parks and  
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72 parks

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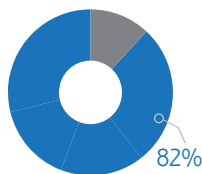
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City's trail  
system



## Parks and Recreation Survey\*



**92 percent**  
of Columbia  
households  
visit  
City-owned  
parks



**82 percent**  
of Columbia  
households use  
the City's trail  
system

\*2015 Parks and Recreation  
Community Interest and Opinion Survey

## Progress as Promised

Columbia Parks and Recreation has completed renovations at American Legion Park, 602 S. Legion Lane. A new playground and two new shelters were constructed, LED lighting improvements were made and walkways were improved. Parking lot improvements were also made at the park.

American Legion Park hosts many visitors, as it is home to two baseball/softball fields and the only archery range in the City's park system. The park improvements are expected to enhance the experience for local visitors as well as out-of-town visitors who are there for tournaments.

The most recent enhancements at American Legion Park complement other improvements in recent years, including renovation of the archery range and new lighting at the ballfields.

The park improvements were funded by the voter-approved Park Sales Tax.



The new playground and shelter at American Legion Park will make the park a more attractive and useful community gathering spot.

## Be a tourist in your own city with a local art scavenger hunt

Did you know our community contains over 30 public art pieces? Some you may know well, like Keys to the City in front of City Hall. Others require you to look a little harder, like Wabash 808, a steel outline of a train at Wabash Station. All the pieces are easy to find, however, using one of three options: paper Public Art Guide brochure picked up from 300 S. Providence Road., online under "Arts Guides" at [CoMoArts.com](http://CoMoArts.com), or through the Otocast App on iTunes or Google Play.

Once you know the locations, you can explore the pieces by accomplishing these five scavenger hunt tasks:

1. Visit at least 10 art pieces.
2. Write one haiku inspired by a piece.
3. Make a rubbing of the textured surface of one sculpture using crayon or colored pencil.
4. Take a selfie with one piece.
5. Sketch one piece in your own style.

Share your photos along the way on social media with [#comoarts](https://twitter.com/comoarts) and invite your friends along on the ride as you get to know Columbia better!



## 41st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show



Reenactors and traditional artisans demonstrate lost arts at the Heritage Festival. The free event will be held Sept. 15 and 16 at Nifong Park.

You will get a first-hand look at history at the 41st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show at historic Nifong Park, 3700 Ponderosa St. Columbia Parks and Recreation will hold the festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 15 and 16. Heritage Festival has no admission charge and offers entertainment and fun for all ages.

Visitors will be able to stroll through replica mountain man and cowboy camps and a lost arts area with traditional artisans. In addition, entertainers on three stages will be performing both days, including the Haskell Indian Nations Dancers along with a variety of traditional and roots music. The Festival will also feature handmade crafts for sale, activities for kids, hayrides, and tours of the Boone County History & Culture Center, village and Maplewood Home.

The Heritage Festival is coordinated by Columbia Parks and Recreation and sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Boone County History & Culture Center, KFRU, KPLA 101.5 and the Missouri Arts Council. Call 573.874.7460 or visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) for more information about the festival.

## School-based flu clinics continue this fall

It's almost that time again for school-based flu clinics. Our public health nurses will continue visiting participating Boone County elementary, middle and high schools this fall to offer flu shots.

Participation in this program is completely voluntary. Parents will need to sign a consent form, distributed within the first few weeks of school, before our nurses can administer the flu vaccine to their child. Questions about a school's participation should be directed to your school's nurse.

Thanks to generous support from MU Children's Hospital and the David B. Lichtenstein Foundation, we continue to provide free flu vaccine to all children age six months through 18 years, as well as conduct these school-based flu clinics.

"Getting a flu shot is your best protection against the flu," Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning said. "Our school-based flu clinics allow parents, if they so choose, the convenience of not needing to make an appointment elsewhere for their child to receive the flu vaccine."

Anyone six months and older can also receive a flu shot at our clinic, 1005 W. Worley St. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

## Strategic Plan: Highlights for the fourth year

The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is entering into its fourth and final year. The plan continues to focus on the five strategic priority areas: operational excellence, public safety, infrastructure, economy and social equity. Some of the highlights of the fourth year objectives include the following:

- Integrate the Municipal Court community docket as we work with families in the three Strategic Priority Neighborhoods.
- Integrate recreational and cultural activities in the neighborhoods.
- Complete the transition of facilitating and managing neighborhood meetings to neighborhood leaders.
- Increase citizen interaction with the police.
- Increase public engagement on infrastructure needs and projects in the neighborhoods.
- Create a process by which we evaluate internal processes, practices, and policies for systemic and racial biases that contribute to inequity.

In addition to the above, neighborhood specialists will continue to conduct assessments in the three Strategic Priority Neighborhoods and connect citizens with jobs. For more information regarding the Strategic Plan please visit [CoMo.gov/strategic-plan](http://CoMo.gov/strategic-plan). The planning process for the next Strategic Plan cycle will begin in August.

## Pre-disaster planning speaker available

September is National Preparedness Month. Everyone is able to help out our first responders by knowing how to respond during an emergency and what to do when a disaster strikes. Did you know you or your organization can request a speaker and packet of information on pre-disaster planning? Send your request to [health@CoMo.gov](mailto:health@CoMo.gov). Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services routinely works with other agencies to plan and respond to nearly every type of emergency or disaster. We work with federal, state and local partners to protect the health and safety of our community.



## WaterSense makes sense

In a time of climate change and environmental activism, Water & Light is supporting Columbia's Climate Action Plan by establishing partnerships and programs that will help customers use less.

Earlier this year, the Utility Services Division won national recognition for its Home Performance with Energy Star program for its creative approach to energy efficiency. Now, Water & Light is expanding its efforts to include a commitment to water conservation.

This summer, Water & Light became a WaterSense partner. WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is both a label for water-efficient products and a resource for communities dedicated to saving water. While there isn't currently a water conservation program in place, this partnership signifies the Utilities' investment towards helping Columbia be a community that reaches its environmental goals in a holistic way.

## Strategic Plan: Success Grant students finish neighborhood projects



Battle High School graduate William Hern was a 2018 Success Grant recipient. His service project was a workshop on gender stereotypes with middle school students.

Nidjha Jackmon. William and a team of Battle High students ran a workshop on gender stereotypes with about 80 students at West Middle School. Makayla ran a "Let's Get Moving" event with a dance clinic, games and family fun at Lange Middle School. Nidjha planed an event at Douglass Park this summer. The Success Grant partnership, which grew out of the City's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, creates a lasting benefit for these students, their families and the community.

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

### Application deadline is Sept. 7 at 5 p.m.

- City of Columbia New Century Fund Inc. Board
- Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
- Personnel Advisory Board

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Congratulations to the Success Grant class of 2018! In partnership with the City, the Shelter Insurance Foundation generously provides a \$1,000 award to up to three high school seniors who are headed to college or career training and who do projects serving people in one of the three Strategic Plan Focus Neighborhoods.

This year's class includes Battle High graduates William Hern and Makayla Smith and Hickman High graduate

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## How do I recycle plastic bags?

Recycled properly, many plastic bags can end up a composite lumber or made into new bags, containers or pipes. Soft plastics like bags, wraps and films are best recycled at designated bag bins usually found at grocery stores. Clean and dry carryout bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bread and produce bags and case wrap are accepted at most locations.

If bags are placed in your blue bag or end up at our recycling facility, they can clog the machines and slow down the recycling process for other, more valuable materials. Thanks for helping sustain our recycling program.

## City Channel wins 2018 Telly honors



Columbia City Channel employees Zia Nizami and Jeff Rogers were awarded bronze and silver Telly Awards for two distinctly different videos. The Telly Awards is the premier award honoring video and television across all screens.

Columbia's City Channel was recognized for creative excellence in production by The Telly Awards Judging Council. Zia Nizami and Jeff Rogers were awarded bronze and silver Telly Awards for two distinctly different videos.

Producer Zia Nizami earned the Bronze Telly for his profile on Columbia Police Department School Resource Officer Keisha Edwards. The piece is an intimate expression of Edwards' humanity, highlighting her thoughts on the "non-traditional" nature of her assignment at Columbia's Rock Bridge High School.

The City Channel won a Silver Telly for its promotional video, "Destination: Columbia, Missouri," produced for the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau in order to serve their mission of promoting tourism.

Produced by Jeff Rogers, the video features footage by former City Channel staff members Mitchell Bequette, Michael Coleman, Rosemary Frank, Mike Hokenson, Leeanne Lowry and Paul Mossine. Additional footage was provided by Boxcar Films and Notley Hawkins.

The City Channel airs on Mediacom 80, Charter Communications 992 and CenturyLink 96. Programming can also be viewed at [CoMo.gov/CityChannel](http://CoMo.gov/CityChannel).

# Street Talk: Online story map showcases 2005 Capital Improvement Sales Tax projects

A new online story map showcases capital improvement projects financed through the voter-approved 2005 Capital Improvement Sales Tax. They are “complete streets” projects, meaning they not only serve the city’s commercial needs but increase emergency response times and seek to accommodate all users including motorists, non-motorized transportation users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

They include new roads, bridges, sidewalks, signalized crosswalks, under-road pedways, stormwater improvements, landscaping, pedestrian islands, a salt storage facility, traffic signals and roundabouts. All projects were completed between 2005 and 2017.

Since its founding in 1821, the City of Columbia has been one of the fastest growing cities in Missouri. With fewer than 6,000 people at the beginning of the 20th Century, we had reached 69,000 by 1990. Between the passage of the first quarter-cent Capital Improvement Transportation Sales Tax in 1991 and the third renewal of this funding source in 2005, our population increased by more than 30,000 people.

Today, we have more than 121,000 residents (not including daily commuters) using our infrastructure. Even after funding approval, all of these improvement projects passed through the City’s public involvement process. The story map is available at [CoMo.gov/CIP-2005](http://CoMo.gov/CIP-2005).

List of projects included in the voter-approved 2005 Capital Improvement Sales Tax:

- Avenue of the Columns
- Brown School Road
- Clark Lane
- Discovery Drive
- Gans Road & Highway 63
- Highway 763 / Range Line
- Lemone / Maguire Boulevard
- LeRoy Anderson Salt Dome Facility
- Louisville Drive
- Mexico Gravel Road
- Providence: Turner to Stadium
- Providence: Vandiver to Blue Ridge
- Rolling Hills / Grace Lane
- Scott Boulevard Phase One
- Scott Boulevard Phase Two
- Scott Boulevard Phase Three
- Stadium & Old 63
- Vandiver Drive



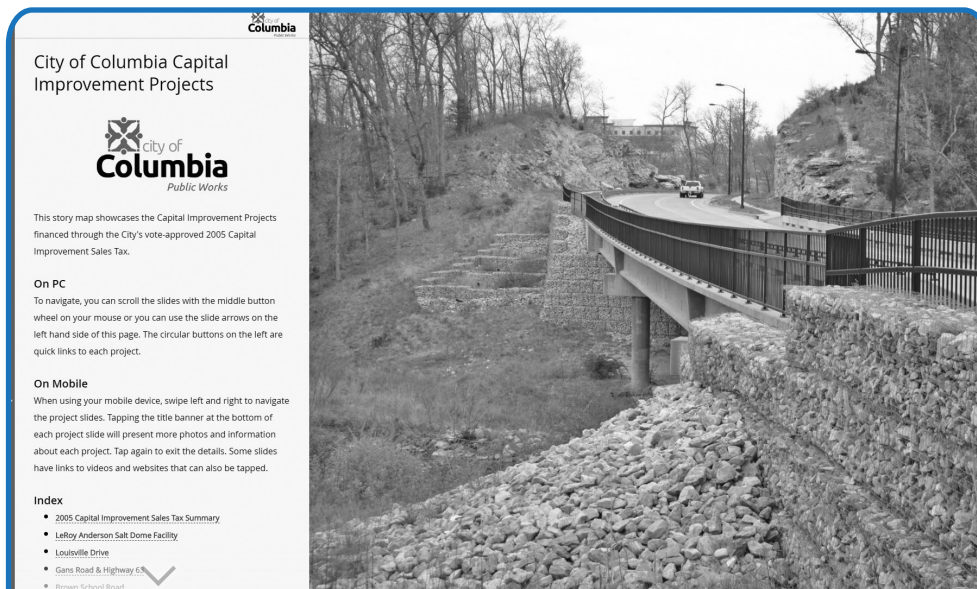
The Vandiver Drive/Mexico Gravel Road roundabout was one of two roundabouts and a bridge at Highway 63 recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers for innovative design.



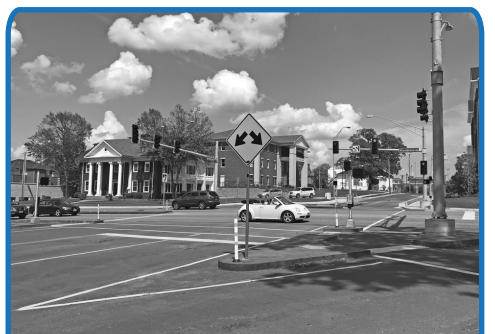
Construction of the Bear Creek bridge on North Providence Road included bike lanes, sidewalks and a paved pedway connecting to the Bear Creek Trail under the bridge.



The Ballenger Lane/Mexico Gravel Road roundabout was a significant safety improvement from the previous T-type intersection in the middle of a curve.



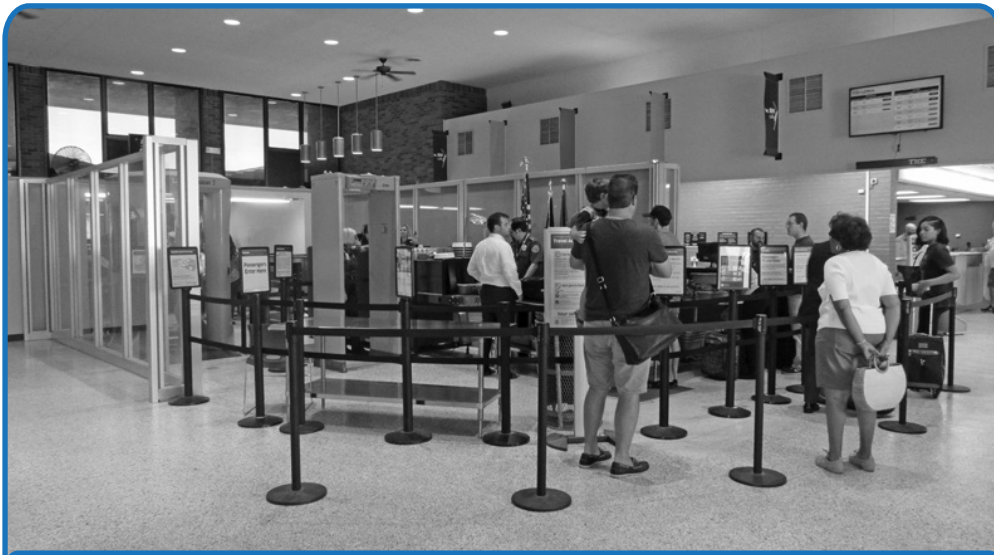
A new online story map at [CoMo.gov/CIP-2005](http://CoMo.gov/CIP-2005) allows you to see specific details and photos about projects included in the voter-approved 2005 Capital Improvement Sales Tax.



Improvements were made at the intersections of eight streets along Providence Road to address pedestrian safety and traffic-flow concerns.



## Columbia Regional Airport to add second TSA screening line



Passengers prepare to go through the TSA screening line at Columbia Regional Airport. A second screening line will be added to decrease wait times for passengers. Be sure to still arrive at least one hour before your flight's boarding time.

Columbia Regional Airport (COU) is adding a second Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening line in August as part of ongoing upgrades and improvements to the Airport. The second line will decrease the wait times for passengers and make the screening process even more efficient. With so many passengers using COU to fly directly to Chicago, Dallas and Denver, a second screening line was necessary to make sure everyone made it to their flight on time.

To accommodate a second line, the Enterprise and Hertz Rental Car companies will relocate to where the 889 snack bar is currently located. There will be vending machines for travelers in the alcove of the main terminal. The second screening line will make it that much easier to fly in and out of Columbia. Be sure to still arrive at least one hour before your flight's boarding time.

## Public Transit Advisory Commission to hold open house

The Public Transit Advisory Commission (PTAC) will hold a public open house on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Those interested in public transit are encouraged to attend and ask the transit and parking manager questions about Go COMO, Columbia's public transit service.

The information gathered from the open house could be used as future agenda items to help the PTAC address the community's specific questions and concerns with the help of the transit and parking manager and City Council members.

The open house will take place in Conference Room 1A in City Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

## Fire safety tips from the Columbia Fire Department

If a fire starts in your home you can have as little as two minutes to get out. Early warning from a smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced can save lives.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and out side sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms each month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- Create a fire escape plan with your family and practice it twice a year.
- If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.**

## Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460  
for more information

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Pooch Plunge, Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$4 per dog, must pre-register
- 6 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Pigweed-Vintage Country Band, 7 p.m., **FREE**
- 12 Neighborhood Park Fun Day, Longview Park 5:30-7:30 p.m., **FREE**
- 14 Movies in the Park: *Sing*, Cosmo Park, 7:45 p.m., **FREE**
- 15-16 41st Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, Nifong Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., **FREE**
- 19 Family Fun Fest: *Creative Kids*, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., **FREE**
- 26 Neighborhood Park Block Party, Whitegate property, 5:30-7:30 p.m., **FREE**

## Code Corner: Vegetation near sidewalks and streets

Anyone who uses a sidewalk knows how frustrating it is when it is blocked by vegetation. Grass, bushes and trees can encroach on the sidewalk, which can cause a problem for those who use it. Property owners or occupants are responsible for keeping vegetation away from the path of travel. Branches and limbs must be no closer than 14 feet from the path of travel on a street or alley. Thanks for doing your part to check your property and cut back vegetation that may be causing an issue for others!

If there is an issue where you live, contact Neighborhood Services at 573.817.5050. We may be able to help!

## Volunteer of the Month: Tamara Tennenbaum



Tamara Tennenbaum

Tamara Tennenbaum was driving past Forum Boulevard between landscaping jobs with her husband when she noticed a few Adopt-A-Spots that were available for adoption. Tennenbaum owns Millersburg Landscaping and does many jobs in south Columbia. She finally suggested that they should adopt one of those beds and beautify the community.

The couple's first Adopt-A-Spot is the triangle flowerbed on Forum Chapel Plaza, just south of Chapel Hill. They had an architect draw up a plan and then filled it with perennials and shrubs. Passersby loved it.

"The rewarding part of it was when people would stop and tell us how nice it looked while we were out there working on it," Tennenbaum said.

Since adopting a spot on Forum, Tennenbaum has adopted one more spot in Columbia on South Rolling Hills Road and others in Fulton. She has planted shrubs, native plants, perennials and even has a bed dedicated to succulents. Each plant bed has a different theme, and thanks to Tennenbaum and her husband, they bring color and diversity to our city.

"People from the subdivisions nearby stop and ask what I put in them," she said. "Everyone is really happy when something goes in the beds."

*Written by Laura Davis*

## Contact Center Connection

Experiencing long hold times for City services during our busy season? Visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) to submit requests, inquiries and feedback. You can also email [City@CoMo.gov](mailto:City@CoMo.gov). Thank you for contacting 573.874.CITY (2489) – Your City of Columbia Contact Center – Connecting people with answers.

## Look Around Boone campaign sees successful first year; focuses on future

Did you know that one in five people experience mental health issues? Led by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services - Division of Human Services, local organizations, including all six public school districts in Boone County, joined together over the last year to raise awareness about the importance of mental health, through a campaign called Look Around Boone.

The campaign sought to raise awareness about mental health and asked our community to be actively aware and support neighbors, friends and loved ones who are experiencing mental health issues.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response from the community, there are plans to continue the campaign beyond its first year. For more information, please visit [lookaroundboone.org](http://lookaroundboone.org).



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Cover photo: The historic Wabash Station at 10th and Ash is now the headquarters for Go COMO, Columbia's transit system; however, it originally opened in 1910 as the Wabash Railroad Station and Freight House.