

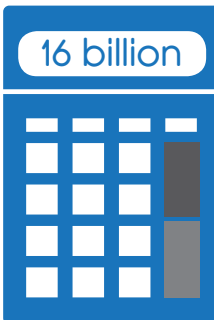
— City Stats —

The City and Boone County are teaming up to achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census.



the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to count every resident in the United States

In fiscal year 2016, Missouri received more than \$16 billion through federal spending programs guided by data from the 2010 Census



The census will be available in



Progress as Promised: Columbia Sports Fieldhouse

Columbia Parks and Recreation opened the new Columbia Sports Fieldhouse located in A. Perry Philips Park at 4251 Philips Farm Road.

The Sports Fieldhouse is a multi-use indoor sports complex with four hardwood courts designed for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. Multi-purpose rooms, a control desk, concession area, spectator seating and restrooms complete the first phase of construction.

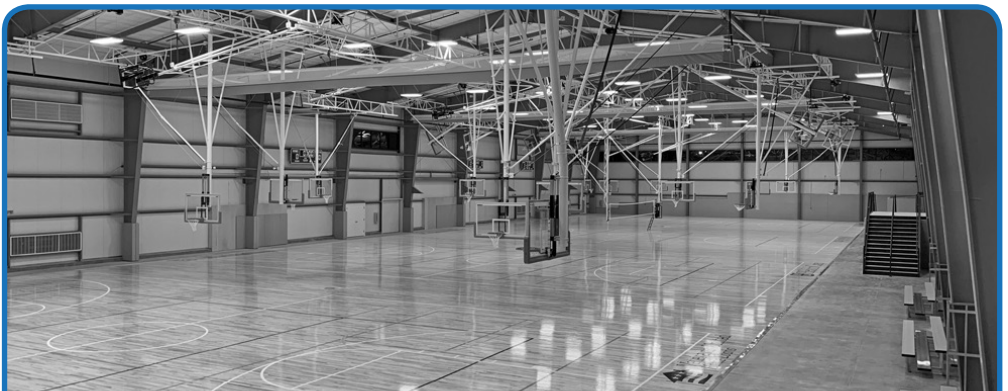
The Sports Fieldhouse was identified in the 2002 and 2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and in the 2014 Sports Feasibility Study as a key tourism development facility needed in Columbia. The facility will host regional and national tournaments.

In addition to recreational and competitive tournaments, the Sports Fieldhouse will host local youth and adult leagues. It will also be available to the public through court rentals. Reservation times and rental rates may be viewed at [CoMo.gov](https://www.comogov.com) (search Sports Fieldhouse).

The current Sports Fieldhouse construction project is budgeted at \$5.5 million. Funding comes from a combination of sources including the voter-approved 2015 Park Sales Tax, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, private donations/sponsorships and the City's Designated Loan Fund to be repaid by recreation services user fees. Local artist David Spear was commissioned for the City's Percent for Art project, budgeted at approximately \$50,000.

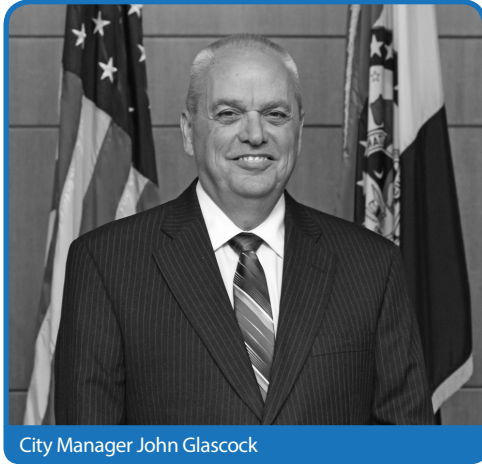
Other partners at the Sports Fieldhouse include court sponsors MU Health Care and Veterans Unfunded future phases of the Sports Fieldhouse would include up to eight additional courts.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460.



The Columbia Sports Fieldhouse will host tournaments as well as local youth and adult leagues.

Letter from City Manager John Glascock



City Manager John Glascock

City of Columbia residents,

It's been a great year with a lot of change and I'm honored to serve as your city manager.

The new year is always a good time to set new goals so I encourage you to consider being more involved in our community. That can mean applying to be on a City board or commission, volunteering at a local organization or attending a city, county or school board meeting. While City staff work to improve our community, it's really the community that drives the city forward.

Personally, I'm always trying to do better and evaluate the way we do our work to see if improvements could be made. We have new suggestion boxes in many of our City facilities and on [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov) and I want to hear from you. If you have constructive feedback about ways we can improve, I want to hear about it.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2020 and I hope to hear from you soon at an event or through a submitted comment.

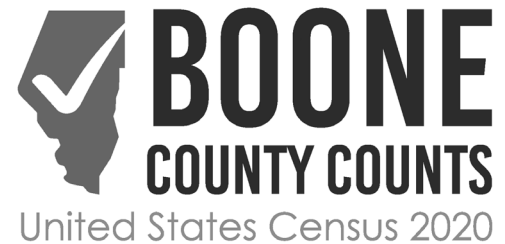
John Glascock
Columbia City Manager

Census 2020: City, Boone County team up for complete count

The City of Columbia and Boone County are combining efforts to work towards a complete count in the 2020 Census this spring. The partnership, called Boone County Counts, will work with community partners to educate residents about the importance of the census and the impacts it has on the county and the state.

The financial health of our schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and more depend on making sure everyone is counted accurately. Low participation in the 2020 Census could have substantial negative consequences for the state and county. For every adult and child that is not counted, Missouri loses an estimated \$1,300 in federal funding per person, per year.

Completing the 2020 Census this spring will only take a few minutes, will help our community and will be a safe process. You can find information about Boone County Counts on Facebook and Instagram at [@BooneCountyCounts](https://www.facebook.com/BooneCountyCounts).



Board and commission vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the following boards, commissions or task forces:

Application deadline is Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

- Commission on Human Rights
- Public Transit Advisory Commission

Boards and commissions are a way for residents to be involved in local government and to represent the voices of their fellow community members. Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Nominations being accepted for the Lang Volunteer Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The award program, organized by the City of Columbia and the New Century Fund, recognizes an outstanding volunteer for their contribution to city government.

The award was made possible by Leo Hill, city manager from 1952 to 1958, who worked with Howard Lang when he served as mayor of Columbia. Hill wished to honor Lang, Columbia's mayor from 1953 to 1957, for his service to the City through this award.

Nominees may have filled any volunteer role that benefits the city through its departments, programs or services: a board, commission or task force member, elected official or volunteer with any of Columbia's city departments. The recipient will be chosen based on impact, initiative and length of service. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2020.

The selected honoree will be presented a plaque along with a \$1,000 check made to the individual or an organization of the donor's choice. Application forms and other details are posted on the City's website at [CoMo.gov/lang-award](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/lang-award).

Street Talk: Tracking Capital Improvement Program (CIP) progress

Every year, the City of Columbia Public Works Department uses funds provided from the City's voter-approved Capital Improvement Sales tax to help build new streets and sidewalks, and to make infrastructure improvements to existing sidewalks, streets and intersections.

In 2019, work began on a new trail that will help complete a 30-mile trail loop around Columbia, a roundabout was completed at a complex intersection, safety was improved on a busy street with narrow shoulders and drop-offs, and a number of sidewalks were constructed and improved. Traffic calming devices, such as speed humps and speed tables, were also installed on six neighborhood streets to encourage drivers to slow down.

Each improvement project has an online page where residents can track the progress. Project pages feature drone videos, recent photos, design plans, investment sources, progress updates and details about the City's public involvement process. Links to 2019 and 2020 construction projects are available at CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Updates.



Construction crews compacting the subgrade on the east side of the Forum and Green Meadows roundabout, a 2019 Columbia Public Works Capital Improvement Program project.

Homes for Computers program now accepting applications

The City of Columbia, Voluntary Action Center (VAC) and the Downtown Optimist Club are once again partnering to provide surplus refurbished computers to eligible low-income Columbia families as part of the Homes for Computers program.

Applications are available at the VAC office, 403A Vandiver Dr., and are due Feb. 14. To be eligible families must have at least one child in grades K-12. Priority is given to families who live in the City of Columbia, do not have a computer in their home and have not previously received a computer through the program. Computers will be distributed by the Downtown Optimist Club on Feb. 29.

The City's Information Technology department has worked to prepare the computers for distribution with the assistance of a CARE (Career Awareness Related Experience) student.

The Homes for Computers program was approved by City Council in December 2003. To date, nearly 700 computers have been given to families through this program.

To learn more about participating in the program, contact VAC at 573.874.2273.

Keep current to avoid shut-off

Utility Customer Services (UCS) would like to remind customers that keeping current with utility payments will prevent delinquent shut-offs. Per City Ordinance 27-21 (h), services may be disconnected for nonpayment when temperatures are above 32 degrees or below 90 degrees. Disconnections are based on actual, not forecasted, temperatures.

Before utilities are shut off for non-payment, please call 573.874.7380 or visit the Utility Customer Service office in City Hall. Payment agreements are easily done for eligible accounts.

Register for the My Utility Bill customer portal at MyUtilityBill.CoMo.gov/register to help stay on top of your utility bill. Once you are registered you can see your bills, check due dates, track your usage and find links to other utility services.

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460
for more information

FEBRUARY

- 1 Bring Your Own Big Wheel, ARC, 9-10:30 a.m., ages 2-6, \$5 per rider
- 5 Black History Month: African-American film fest, "42," Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., Free
- 12 Black History Month: African-American film fest, "The Help," Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., Free
- 19 Black History Month: African-American film fest, "Barry," Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., Free
- 23 Black History Month: Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Dinner, St. Luke UMC, 4-7 p.m., Free
- 23 Boy/Girl Scout Day, Hickman Pool, 1-3 p.m., pre-register, \$4 per child
- 25 Black History Presentation, Armory Sports Center, 6-7 p.m., Free
- 26 Black History Month: African-American film fest, "Lean on Me," Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., Free
- 29 Stonegrinder 7K Trail Run, Capen Park/Grindstone Nature Area, 9 a.m., \$35, must pre-register

Volunteer of the Month: Jasmina McNutt



Jasmina teaches crochet and knitting classes at the Armory and volunteers with the Islamic Center of Central Missouri's youth program.

When Recreation Leader, Mary Dewey, noticed Jasmina McNutt knitting while waiting for her children as they participated in various activities at the Armory, she approached her about starting a program to teach crochet and knitting, and Jasmina says, "the rest is history."

Jasmina has always found crocheting and knitting to be both soothing and comforting. Jasmina says it takes about an hour to learn the basics, but "you can spend the rest of your life mastering it." The only challenge Jasmina faces is getting word out about the program. Currently, there are several participants, but she would like to see the program grow to include more students. When Jasmina isn't teaching you can find her helping out in other ways, either watching children before class or helping set up for special events.

Not only does Jasmina volunteer at the Armory, but she also volunteers with the Islamic Center of Central Missouri's youth program. When asked why service to her community is important to her, Jasmina offers a quote by Herman Melville to explain her motivation, "We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men; and among those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects."

We appreciate Jasmina's sharing of her time and talents! If you have an idea for a new program or to learn how you can get involved as a volunteer contact us at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov.

Written by volunteer Bob Murphy

Volunteer to help Columbia's parks in 2020

Volunteers play an important role in helping Columbia maintain our parks and trails and you can be a part of this effort! Training sessions are held at Parks Management Center near Cosmo Park, 1507 Business Loop 70 W.

Training courses available include:

- **CARP - Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project:** Thursday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Feb. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Volunteers will learn about aquatic ecology and maintaining rain gardens, ponds and streams. Projects are held throughout the year on weekend mornings.
- **Adopt-A-Trail Training:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6 to 8 p.m. Volunteers are asked to care for a ¼-mile section of trail to remove invasive species and litter and work to establish new plants.
- **TreeKeepers Academy:** Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will learn about tree identification, pruning and planting. TreeKeeper volunteers assist on tree projects in our parks on Saturday mornings. Lunch will be provided.

To learn more or to register, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov.



OUR VISION

Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

OUR MISSION

To serve the public through democratic, transparent and efficient government.

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