



## — City Stats —

While we all enjoy Columbia as our home, others come here to visit and see why Columbia is a great place to live, work, learn and play. Check out these statistics about people visiting our community:

Tourism-related spending in Boone County in fiscal year 2018

**\$412,889,202**

Average amount a group or individual spends when visiting Columbia



Percent of visitors to Columbia who stay overnight



## Airlines add more flights at Columbia Regional Airport

This spring, both United Airlines and American Airlines added more daily flights to Chicago, while also maintaining their flights to Dallas and Denver. That means that there are now seven departures and arrivals to Chicago each day. There is one departure and arrival to Denver each day and three departures and arrivals to Dallas most days (there are two on Saturdays).

This increase in flights helps our customers in continuing to be connected to major airport hubs so they can fly anywhere in the world. It also allows more opportunities for visitors to come and enjoy mid-Missouri.

We thank all of our customers and look forward to seeing you the next time you're flying in or out of COU! Learn more at [FlyCOU.com](http://FlyCOU.com).

## Kaleidospoke Glow Ride set for Aug. 17

Join us in enjoying our trail system by participating in the Kaleidospoke Glow Ride on Saturday, Aug. 17! Kaleidospoke is a non-competitive, family friendly, glow bike ride on the MKT Trail.

Starting at 7 p.m., participants will ride the illuminated MKT from Flat Branch Park to Twin Lakes Recreation Area. At Twin Lakes, riders will enjoy s'mores by the bonfire and entertainment before the return ride to Flat Branch. Twin Lakes will be closed to the public during this event and a wristband will be required to enter the park (this is included with your registration).

Riders are encouraged to decorate their bikes and themselves with glow items. Helmets and front and rear bike lights will be required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

The price is \$15 per rider, which includes a bike accessory, glow item and s'mores. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Kaleidospoke is co-sponsored by Walt's Bike Shop, KBXR, KPLA and Brain Balance.

Please call Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460 to register.



Participants are encouraged to decorate their bicycles in glow items for the Kaleidospoke bike ride on Aug. 17.

## Street Talk: Tips on using roundabouts

The City of Columbia currently has 27 roundabouts, Boone County maintains two and the Missouri Department of Transportation operates an additional 10 roundabouts along U.S. Route 63 and Interstate 70. Roundabouts reduce serious injury and fatality crashes by up to 80% while maintaining or improving traffic flow. Here are six tips on successfully navigating a roundabout:

1. Slow down as you approach the roundabout, and be prepared to stop for pedestrians.
2. As you approach the roundabout, watch for signs and lane markings to help you select which lane you need to be in.
3. Before you can enter the roundabout, you will see a yield sign.

This means you must stop only if there is already traffic in the roundabout. Simply wait for the traffic to pass, and then enter. If the way is clear as you approach the roundabout, then you may enter the roundabout without stopping.

4. Once inside the roundabout, changing lanes is discouraged.
5. Use your blinker as you approach the exit you intend to use.
6. Since vehicles are moving more slowly, roundabouts can provide a better cushion for errors. However, you should always try to avoid a collision and do what you must to avoid one if necessary. Generally, you should not stop when you are inside the roundabout to let other drivers in, but also do not accelerate to try to block incoming traffic.

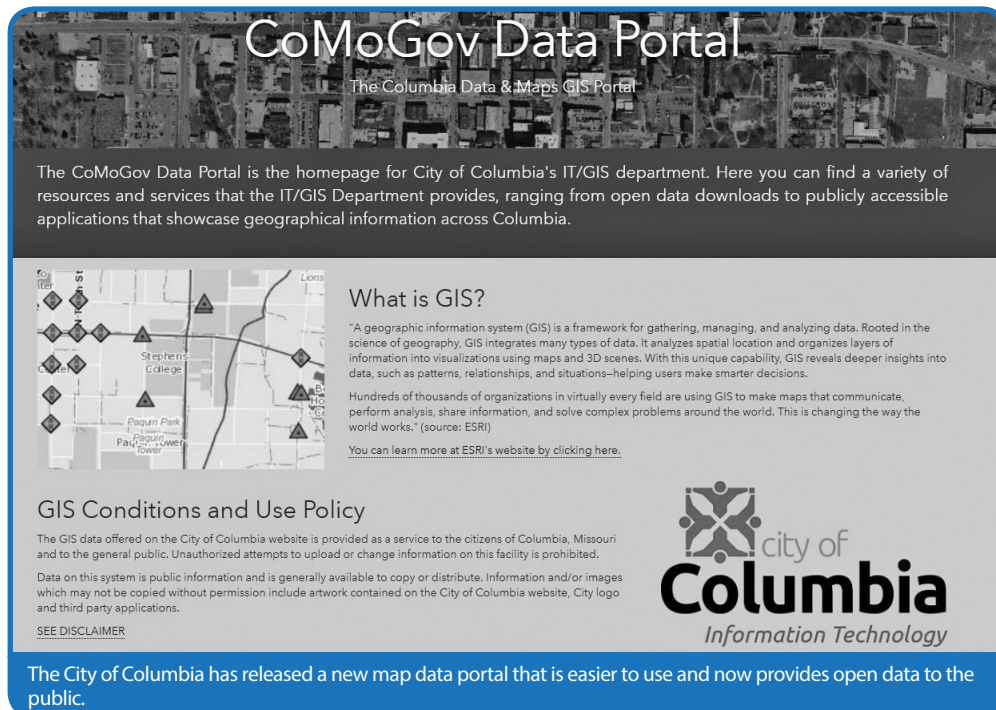
## City launches improved map data portal

The City of Columbia GIS Division of Information Technology has launched a new map data portal that is easier to use and now provides open data to the public.

The improved portal still houses all of the maps and web applications as before but is now easier to search and navigate. Viewers can also filter information so they can view specific data they are seeking. Open data for city limits, park trails, neighborhood associations, and wards are currently available for the public to download and use. GIS plans to continue adding data for the public to use.

The new portal is an addition to the City's other recent efforts, like the records request portal and the Open Checkbook, to be more transparent.

The new portal can be found by visiting [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) and clicking on Maps.



**CoMoGov Data Portal**  
The Columbia Data & Maps GIS Portal

The CoMoGov Data Portal is the homepage for City of Columbia's IT/GIS department. Here you can find a variety of resources and services that the IT/GIS Department provides, ranging from open data downloads to publicly accessible applications that showcase geographical information across Columbia.

**What is GIS?**

"A geographic information system (GIS) is a framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data. Rooted in the science of geography, GIS integrates many types of data. It analyzes spatial location and organizes layers of information into visualizations using maps and 3D scenes. With this unique capability, GIS reveals deeper insights into data, such as patterns, relationships, and situations—helping users make smarter decisions.

Hundreds of thousands of organizations in virtually every field are using GIS to make maps that communicate, perform analysis, share information, and solve complex problems around the world. This is changing the way the world works." (source: ESRI)

You can learn more at ESRI's website by clicking here.

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## Water conservation facts and tips

Water is a finite resource. Even though approximately 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by water, less than 1% is available for human use. To help encourage water conservation, a third water rate tier is in effect during the summer months of June, July, August and September.

**Consider these facts and tips to think of ways you can conserve water in your daily activities:**

- On average, a residential home in Columbia uses 3,740 gallons of water per month.
- Toilets account for approximately 25% of indoor water use.
- You can save up to 30% of indoor water use by making the switch to high-efficiency plumbing fixtures.
- A slow leak in a faucet can waste 15 to 20 gallons of water per day.
- Typical shower heads use around five gallons of water per minute. Install a low-flow shower head and use only two or three gallons.
- Approximately 5% to 10% of U.S. homes have easy-to-fix leaks that drip away 90 gallons a day or more.
- Up to 60% of all water use in the summer is outdoors on landscaping. However, one of the most common problems with landscaping is over watering.
- Lawns need only one inch of water per week, approximately three times a week for 20 minutes.
- Don't irrigate the pavement, choose and adjust sprinklers to fit the lawn area.
- Consider rain barrels to capture water from a roof and hold it for later use on watering gardens or indoor plants.

For more information about the water rate structure or water conservation, please call the Contact Center at 573.874.CITY (2489) or visit [CoMo.gov/Utilities/Uncategorized/Water-Rate-Structure](http://CoMo.gov/Utilities/Uncategorized/Water-Rate-Structure).



## Progress as Promised: Five traffic calming projects completed this spring



To improve the safety of students crossing Walnut Street on the Stephens College campus, a speed table was installed just west of Melbourne Street in combination with a flashing beacon that was installed last year by Columbia Public Works.

Despite a rainy spring, the City of Columbia Public Works Street Division completed five City Council-approved traffic calming projects.

The projects included a pedestrian safety project on Walnut Street on the Stephens College campus, two Neighborhood Traffic Management Program projects on Rainforest Parkway and Primrose Drive, and two Capital Improvement Program calming projects on Canterbury Drive and Scottson Way.

The safety of pedestrians and drivers is a priority and a main consideration when designing and completing traffic calming projects. Each of these projects consisted of installing speed humps and speed tables to improve safety by slowing traffic.

All projects passed through the City's public involvement process to allow residents the opportunity to talk to staff members and provide their feedback on the projects. The total estimated investment for all five projects was \$80,000. More information about these and additionally planned projects is available at

[CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Construction](http://CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Construction).



Two speed tables and two speed humps were installed on Primrose Drive to slow traffic as part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Primrose Drive was No. 4 on the 2017 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program scoresheet.

## How to maintain your sewer lateral

Imagine the sewer system is like our roads, only underground. The sewer system, like the street, is used by everyone, runs through our neighborhoods and eventually leads to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Each property connects into the sewer main with a pipe running from the house called a lateral, similar to a driveway. These private laterals are the responsibility of the homeowner and should receive regular maintenance to ensure it is clear of obstruction and functioning properly.

### What you can do to maintain your sewer lateral:

- **Have your lateral video inspected**—Video inspection can help identify structural defects, cracks and breaks in the lateral that need to be fixed to keep ground water out of the system.
- **Keep private sewer laterals root-free**—Homes with large trees or older pipes can experience blockages caused by tree roots growing into the joints of the pipe.
- **Don't put grease down the drain**—Grease takes many forms and while it may be liquid at first, it will harden and stick to the pipes and anything in them, clogging the pipes and causing backups.
- **Only flush toilet paper**—Even "flushable" products can cause obstructions in both your private lateral or in the public sewer main because they do not degrade quickly.

If your lateral is severely broken and causing significant groundwater to enter the system, you may be eligible for reimbursement from the City. Check out our reimbursement programs at: [CoMo.gov/Utilities/Sewer/I-and-I/Cost-Reimbursement-Programs/](http://CoMo.gov/Utilities/Sewer/I-and-I/Cost-Reimbursement-Programs/).

To learn more, contact the Sewer Utility at 573.441.5530 or [Sewer@CoMo.gov](mailto:Sewer@CoMo.gov)

## Back-to-school vaccinations

While it seems like summer just began, it's not too early to think about your child's back-to-school checklist so they can start the year off right! When making that checklist, don't forget to add immunizations and booster shots.

Students entering kindergarten need to be up to date on DTaP (Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), IPV (Polio), Hepatitis B, MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella) and Varicella (Chickenpox).

Students entering eighth grade need the Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and the meningitis vaccine.

Students entering 12th grade need a meningitis booster.

In addition to vaccines required for school, there are other recommended vaccines available to help protect your child. Check with your healthcare provider to discuss the schedule for recommended vaccines.

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services offers these vaccines on a walk-in basis at our clinic, 1005 W. Worley St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Budgeting for fiscal year 2020

The City of Columbia is continually tracking financials and working on the budget for the following fiscal year. Currently, City staff is working with the City Council to create the fiscal year 2020 budget, which will begin Oct. 1.

A Council budget work session was held June 10 that was open to the public. Additionally, there are several opportunities for the public to give feedback about the budget. Check out our social media pages (@CoMoGov) for specific dates of upcoming public hearings.

## There's an app for that

Did you know that the City of Columbia has a number of apps to help you better navigate the information you're looking for?

Receive trash and recycling schedule reminders with the COMO Recycle and Trash app. Track Go COMO transit buses in real time with the DoubleMap Bus Tracker. See information about Parks and Recreation offerings by using the apps for trails, sports and golf courses. Learn about local art with the Public Art Guide on Otocast. Find something fun to do with the VisitColumbiaMO app. You can also see other general information about Columbia services with the GoMoGOV, ColumbiaPD and CoMoResources apps.

City apps can be found by visiting [CoMo.gov](https://www.comogov.com) and clicking on CoMobile Apps. All apps are available for free download on Apple and Android devices.

## Family Fun Fest goes Around the World

Columbia Parks and Recreation's Family Fun Fest will have an international theme in August. Participants will be able to go "Around the World" Aug. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West.

Dancing, crafts, games and other activities from all over the world will be on display. Family Fun Fests are free, they are held monthly and offer families live performances, hands-on learning, face painting and balloon art. Food trucks will also be available.

The Family Fun Fest series is sponsored by the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5 Radio, KOMU 8, ParentLink and Tigers Community Credit Union.



Talented artists will share their culture and perform at Family Fun Fest at Cosmo Park Aug. 21.



## Grant Elementary class motivates change with waste and recycling audit



Ms. Franz Quinn's class capped off their seven month education efforts with a rally on Broadway bringing the importance of waste reduction to the public.

Ms. Franz-Quinn's fifth grade students at Grant Elementary were shocked by what they learned about the toll waste is having on the Earth from volunteer Recycling Ambassador Susie Miller. The class turned that shock into action to bring about change by implementing a plan.

In October 2018, the students conducted a waste audit of the school, determining how much waste could potentially be diverted from the landfill. The students spent the next seven months educating fellow students about the importance of waste reduction and proper recycling. They created posters, videos, PA announcements, and set up and monitored cafeteria waste stations collecting compost, recyclable containers and trash. When factoring in the data from the waste stations, the pounds of trash produced per student in a day was reduced by nearly 60% going from 0.62 pounds in October 2018 to 0.26 pounds in May 2019.

City staff would love to bring information about recycling and waste reduction and conduct waste audits in other schools, businesses and organizations.

To learn more, contact Jody Cook at [Volunteer@CoMo.gov](mailto:Volunteer@CoMo.gov) or 573.874.6271.

## Boards & Commissions

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

**Application deadline is Aug. 2 at 5 p.m.**

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing 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](http://CoMo.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.



Waste Monitors Dominic Amsbury and Raamiz Kiani help a fellow student properly dispose of lunch items.

## Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460  
for more information

### AUGUST

- 1 Stephens Lake Park  
Amphitheater Concert Series,  
Band to be announced, 7 p.m.,  
Free
- 3 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park,  
4-6 p.m., Free
- 4 Coolin' Down with the Blues,  
Douglass Park, 3-7 p.m., Free
- 9 Movies in the Park, Ralph  
Breaks the Internet, Cosmo  
Park, 8:30 p.m., Free
- 17 Kaleidospoke, Meet at Flat  
Branch Park, 7 p.m., \$15 per  
person
- 21 Family Fun Fest: Around the  
World, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m.,  
Free
- 22 Back 2 School Bash, Albert-  
Oakland Family Aquatic Center,  
5:30-8:30 p.m., \$2.50 per person

## Code Corner: Fencing

One common question that comes to the Office of Neighborhood Services is regarding fencing. There is no requirement for a building permit to construct a fence, unless it is higher than 12 feet.

The International Property Maintenance Code includes fences as an accessory structures that "shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair." Fences should not be constructed in the right of way and not cause a sight obstruction for traffic.

If you have a question or concern about fencing or a code issue in your neighborhood, contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 573.817.5050, [Neighborhood@CoMo.gov](mailto:Neighborhood@CoMo.gov) or find information online at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov).

## Volunteer of the Month: Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity



Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity is recognized as July's Volunteer of the Month for their tireless dedication to volunteerism in our community.

Parks and Recreation Specialist Stacey Kulik said Service Chair Mason Kelchner has been incredibly supportive of running events, including Bear Creek Run Half Marathon and Stonegrinder 7K.

"The Stonegrinder 7K Trail Run in February 2019 was run in 5+ inches of fresh snow. Phi Gamma Delta showed up promptly and with a smile to support the racers. Many groups would have canceled under those conditions, but not these guys!" Kulik said.

Phi Gamma Delta has also provided volunteer support for several other Parks and Recreation events, including Holiday Lights, Earth Day, Heritage Weekend and the Youth Track Meet. Parks and Recreation Specialist Jay Bradley said his events were "far and away more successful due to the help from Phi Gamma Delta."

Phi Gamma Delta has always been willing to step up to the plate when and where help is needed. The enthusiasm in which they serve is exemplary and demonstrative of their Chapter's values of friendship, knowledge, service, morality and excellence. We thank them for their unwavering support and for always volunteering with a smile!

To learn how you can get involved as a volunteer, contact us at 573.874.7499 or [Volunteer@CoMo.gov](mailto:Volunteer@CoMo.gov).

## Online is the shortest line for Utility Customer Service during summer months

Summertime means higher temperatures, longer days, fun in the sun and outdoor activities. At Utility Customer Service, it also means higher call volume and longer wait times for customers due to student rush.

Avoid long wait times on hold by going to the City's new customer portal at [myutilitybill.como.gov/register](http://myutilitybill.como.gov/register). Customers may request new service, transfer current services to a new address or terminate existing services by filling out an online form up to 30 days in advance. Customers may also review and pay bills, request paperless billing, update contact information, compare usage history from month to month, access billing history and sign up for automatic bill payment.

The website is always available, so remember: the shortest line is online! Thanks in advance for helping to reduce long wait times by taking advantage of the website.



### OUR VISION

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

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

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