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



New this year, fireworks will be shot over the District from the lot next to Lucky's Market, 111 S. Providence.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at a new location this year. The City of Columbia's 66th Annual Fire in the Sky will be held at Flat Branch Park, 101 S. Fourth St., and new for 2018, Lucky's Market, 111 S. Providence. Events will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Two stages of entertainment feature the J Monet Trio, Aina Cook Band, Artie's Univibe, and Violet and the Undercurrents. Kids will enjoy themed crafts and inflatables. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. and will be launched from the lot next to Lucky's Market. They will be choreographed to music simulcast on KBXR 102.3.

Providence Road is scheduled to be closed between Elm and Broadway from 8:30 p.m. until after the fireworks show has completed. Please check the City's website for more information about road closures.

Food trucks will be available at both event 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.

In addition to presenting sponsors Columbia Insurance Group and KOMU 8, Fire in the Sky is sponsored by KBXR 102.3, KFRU 1400, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau and Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club.

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

Annual Fair Housing and Lending Seminar included special proclamation

The City of Columbia hosted its Fair Housing and Lending Seminar on April 5 and 6. The event featured speakers on fair housing and lending laws, discrimination and the investigation of complaints, the Missouri Human Rights Act, the Community Land Trust and more. The event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Mayor Brian Treece, with the assistance of Ward 2 Council Member Michael Trapp, surprised Kathy and James Bayless with a proclamation declaring April 6, 2018 Kathy and James Bayless Day to honor the couple for their efforts in rehabilitating houses to provide the stability of affordable housing to individuals in recovery from substance use disorders.

This free annual seminar supports the City's Strategic Plan priority of social equity by providing fair housing and lending education to allow all people access to fair housing, which will strengthen our neighborhoods and allow all families to thrive.



Columbia Ward 2 Council Member Michael Trapp and Mayor Brian Treece presented a proclamation at the Fair Housing and Lending Seminar declaring April 6, 2018 Kathy and James Bayless Day. The couple rehabilitates houses to provide the stability of affordable housing to individuals in recovery from substance use disorders.

Reminder: Keep utility account information current

Utility Customer Service (UCS) would like to remind customers of the importance of keeping account information current. Please take a moment to make sure UCS has a correct phone number and mailing address.

Many customers are not aware that the Post Office does not forward utility bills—they return them to the UCS office. This can cause delays in payment and result in accounts becoming subject for shut-off. It's also important that the City have valid phone numbers on file for customers, as it assists in reporting power outages.

The payment stub of each utility bill has a contact information update form, or customers may submit updated contact information by emailing ucs@CoMo.gov or calling 573-874-7380.

The Utility Customer Service office gets busier as students move in, move out or transfer services. This often leads to longer call hold times. Avoid that frustration by visiting CoMo.gov to submit requests to start, stop or transfer utility services. Customers may also make payments from the website.

Code Corner—Weeds

The City of Columbia weed ordinance addresses vegetation that has attained a height of 12 inches. This ordinance is in place to deter rodent harborage and also protects property values for neighborhoods in the cases where lawns are not maintained. When properties are out of compliance, the City may cut the weeds and tax bill the property for mowing. In 2017, Neighborhood Services handled 1,520 weed cases.

City staff will use this growing season to analyze changes to the weed ordinance to go into effect in 2019 to better address property owners who have a native or ornamental landscape. During this season, landscapes must still be maintained and turf grasses kept 12 inches or below.

To report a weed violation, call 573-874-7339 or report via the City's website at CoMo.gov.

22nd Cleanup Columbia another success



Members of Minority Men's Network spent their Saturday morning participating in Cleanup Columbia.



Columbia Public Schools teacher Mike Szydlowski led a group of students to do a litter pickup and honeysuckle removal project along the MKT Trail during Cleanup Columbia.

It was a chilly and damp spring morning on April 14 but the weather didn't stop more than 1,500 volunteers from lending a hand to Cleanup Columbia. During this annual litter pickup event along our streets and trails and in our parks and streams, volunteers shared nearly 3,000 hours of service picking up almost 1,800 bags of trash.

In addition to making our city look great and improving our environment, volunteers loved the opportunity to make a hands-on difference in their community and the collective effort of working in concert with hundreds of others.

Cleanup Columbia is made possible with the help of our sponsors: Socket, Veterans United, The Mid-Missouri CW, 102.3 BXR, KFRU AM 1400 and the Columbia Missourian. Cleanup Columbia is organized by the City's Volunteer Programs and the Columbia Utilities-Solid Waste, additionally, Columbia Parks and Recreation provided support for the event.



Street Talk: June is road buckle season



Pavement buckles are a common occurrence around the country during times of hot and humid weather. Columbia typically experiences at least

two to three pavement buckles on city streets or sidewalks each year. A buckle occurs when the surface of the road expands at a joint or crack in the pavement after moisture has seeped underneath.

Rising heat causes the moisture to expand and create a warp or buckle in the pavement. These buckles occur quickly and are difficult to predict. Columbia Public Works has crews on call 24/7 to respond to emergency road hazards. While Street Division crews stay on the lookout for buckles during the summer, it also depends on motorists, nonmotorized transportation users and pedestrians to report them.

During normal business hours, call the City of Columbia Contact Center at 573-874-CITY (2489). On weekends, holidays and after hours, call 3-1-1.

Reporting Pavement Buckles

311–Boone County Joint Communications

888-275-6636–Missouri Department of Transportation

573-874-2489–City of Columbia

pubw@CoMo.gov–Columbia Public Works email

Apply for a job with the City of Columbia

Are you interested in working for the City? We hire individuals at all education and skill levels including operators, technicians, clerical staff, specialists, professionals, supervisors, managers, directors and public safety officials. We have needs for employees who can work full-time and part-time, as well as seasonal.

To view positions, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.comogov.com) and click on “jobs” or download the CoMoGOV app on your smartphone.

Help us keep sewer lines clear

Did you know the Sewer Utility operates three cleaning crews, working on a five-year cycle, to clean lines in Columbia? A high-pressure hose is used to clear underground pipes of grease, roots and debris. Regular cleaning prevents backups and overflows, which protects citizens and the environment.

Crews must have access to all manhole and clean out locations, sometimes positioned on residential property. Difficulty accessing these points slows down the crew and reduces the efficiency of the cleaning cycles.

What you can do to help

- Don't put grease down the drain.
- Keep private sewer laterals root-free.
- Keep trees and sheds out of sewer easements.
- Only flush toilet paper.

To learn more about the process or to discuss future access needs, contact the Sewer Utility at 573-441-5530 or sewer@CoMo.gov.

Stay healthy this summer

Spending time outdoors this summer?

Follow these tips to stay healthy

- Beat the heat
 - * Use SPF 15 or higher sunscreen with UVA/UVB protection
 - * Consider doing outdoor activities in morning and evening hours
 - * Drink plenty of water
 - * Limit alcoholic beverages and caffeine
 - * Wear loose, light-colored clothing
- Don't be bugged by mosquitoes and ticks
 - * Use an EPA-registered insect repellent containing at least 20 percent DEET
 - * Empty any outdoor items around your home holding standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding
 - * Avoid wooded and brushy areas
 - * Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks following outdoor activities

For more information, visit [CoMo.gov/health](https://www.comogov.com/health) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573-874-7460
for more information.

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

4 Fire in the Sky, Flat Branch Park/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.

12 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series: Community Band, 7 p.m., **FREE**

13 Movies in the Park, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., **FREE**

13 Family Splash Bash, Lake of the Woods Pool, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$5 per person

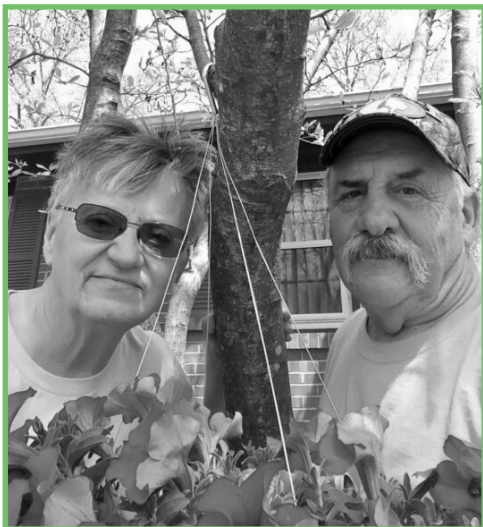
18 Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., **FREE**

20-22 Show-Me State Games

27 Family Splash Bash, Lake of the Woods Pool, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$5 per person

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Volunteer of the Month: Marsha and Johnny Nelson



Thank you Marsha and Johnny for your service to the City of Columbia.

Marsha and Johnny Nelson started volunteering with the City of Columbia in 2006 when they joined the Adopt-a-Spot Beautification Program. This program provides volunteers an opportunity to maintain landscaped beds located in the public right-of-way.

"Why we volunteer for the Adopt-a-Spot program is fairly simple, we are Columbia natives and wanted to give back to our city in the way of the beautification program," Marsha said.

Marsha said that there are many challenges to maintaining their bed, such as the Missouri weather. They enjoy researching Missouri's native flowers that are appropriate for their spot. Most importantly, Marsha said they continue to volunteer because the positive responses they receive from citizens as they drive by mean a lot to them.

Marsha and Johnny have dedicated hundreds of hours toward beautifying Blue Ridge Road over the past 12 years. We want to thank Marsha and Johnny for their continued service to ensure that Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

To learn more about the Adopt-a-Spot Beautification Program and other ways to volunteer, contact the City's Volunteer Programs at 573-874-7499 or volunteer@CoMo.gov.

New form to request police officers at community events

With the warmer months upon us, several businesses are planning events to bring the community together. We, at the City of Columbia, are honored to participate in these events and similar public gatherings to meet the citizens we serve. In efforts to streamline these requests one department is using a new online tool to make the process more efficient for citizens.

The Columbia Police Department recently released the Request for Police Officer at Community Event form on their website. This tool is open to all residents, businesses, and organizations planning a community event with the hopes of having a police officer and/or vehicle present.

Requests should be made at least four weeks in advance to help balance community requests with emergency responses, trainings and other police responsibilities. The form can be found at CoMo.gov/Police/request-forms. Any questions regarding the form can be directed to PolicePIO@CoMo.gov. We hope to see you at the next event.

Irrigation: please water responsibly

Welcome back, summer. The sun is out, flowers are blooming and the grass is green... well... with the right care at least. Irrigation is an absolute necessity for the plant lovers out there and the Water & Light Department is happy to provide that water. However, when too many people irrigate their lawns at the same time, it can drop the pressure in our water system, which can cause huge portions of our community to go on boil advisories. To help us ensure that all citizens have access to clean water this summer, we are requesting that residents adhere to an "even-odd" irrigation schedule. To explain what that means, if your address is an even number you water your lawn only on even calendar days and if it's an odd number you water on odd days.

For more information about irrigation scheduling please call 573-875-2555.

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline is July 6 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.

Contact Center Connection

Looking for some great events around Columbia for the summer? Call 573-874-CITY(2489) to find the hotspots for summer activities for all ages. Also, check out CoMo.gov for more details.



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