

— City Stats —

Thank you, volunteers!
You made Cleanup Columbia
the highest participation
in 23 years!

Cleanup Columbia 2020
will be April 11. See you there!



Cleanup Columbia 2019 was the largest yet

Beautiful weather helped make the 23rd annual Cleanup Columbia on Saturday, April 13 the largest ever!

The City's Volunteer Programs estimates that 1,820 volunteers picked up litter at more than 200 sites including streets, parks, trails and streams. Volunteers filled 2,447 bags of trash and shared 3,643 hours of service! Start making plans for Cleanup Columbia 2020 next year on April 11.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov.



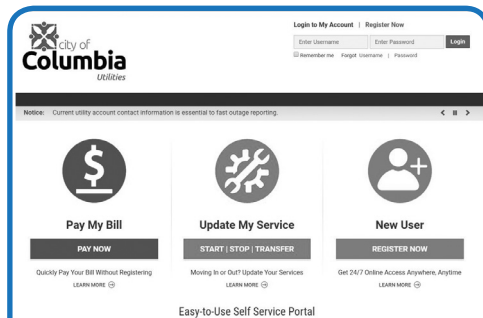
Staff members from Shelter Insurance participate in Cleanup Columbia by picking up near their facilities. Photo by Willie Jones.

New utility bill portal now available

We are pleased to introduce the new online utility customer portal—My Utility Bill. Through this new feature, customers can access their utility accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No longer want a paper bill each month? With My Utility Bill you can sign up for paperless billing and access many other features designed to help you manage your utility usage.

We appreciate the patience of our valued customers during the design and implementation of this portal. Utility experts reviewed and tested each feature to ensure utility customers would find the information needed such as account balance, usage history, the option for paperless billing, paying your utility account(s) and other useful tools. You can register your account by visiting CoMo.gov and clicking the Utilities icon, then the Utility Customer Service icon and finally the My Utility Bill icon.

Utility Customer Service follows the City's values of providing an excellent customer experience. This feature allows you to have several options to communicate with us and explore your utility accounts. For questions, please contact us at 573.874.CITY (2489).



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

Celebrate the Fourth of July with friends and community at the City of Columbia's 67th Annual Fire in the Sky celebration. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. that evening at Flat Branch Park, 101 S. Fourth St., and Lucky's Market, 111 S. Providence.

Two stages of entertainment will feature the Banastre Tarleton Band, Burnin' Down the House, Kansas City Street Band and Boone Howlers. Kids will enjoy themed crafts and inflatables. The professional fireworks show 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 Street 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, First State Community Bank and Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club



Kids will enjoy a variety of activities and games at Flat Branch Park.

2018 Water Quality Report now available



Columbia's McBaine Water Treatment Plant.

The City of Columbia recently released the 2018 Water Quality Report. The report shows that Columbia's drinking water meets or exceeds all quality standards set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Columbia Water & Light runs more than 4,000 tests each year on samples from over 30 locations.

For a copy of the report, visit CoMo.gov/Utilities/Water-and-Light/Water/Water-Quality, call 573.874.CITY (2489) to have one mailed to you or stop by the Utility Customer Service office at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.

Reminder: fireworks are illegal within city limits

From June 1, 2018 until July 31, 2018, the Columbia Police Department responded to 258 calls for service regarding fireworks. Of those calls, 58 occurred on the Fourth of July. As we are at that time of the year again, the Columbia Police Department and the Columbia Fire Department remind community members that discharging and/or possessing fireworks within city of Columbia limits is prohibited.

Under Section 16-234 (a) in the City of Columbia Ordinances states, "every person who shall...possess, use, burn, explode or set off any firecracker, torpedo, bomb, rocket, pinwheel, fire balloon, Roman candles or any other firecracker or fireworks other than a sparkler with the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, except as provided in paragraph (b) of [the] section."

The Columbia Police Department will have extra patrol officers on duty the last part of June and beginning of July for fireworks enforcement. Residents with a fireworks complaint can contact Boone County Joint Communications non-emergency line at 3-1-1 or 573.442.6131. Emergencies only should call 9-1-1.

Fireworks can be dangerous to person using them; they can also be harmful for people, homes and structures around fireworks use. We encourage residents to leave the fireworks to the professionals this Fourth of July and attend the free Fire in the Sky event in downtown Columbia.

Boards & Commissions

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

Application deadline is July 5 at 5 p.m.

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes Commission

Boards and commissions are a way for citizens 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 or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Street Talk: Pavement management seeks to extend the life of City streets

Pavement management, or road maintenance, is an essential function of Columbia Public Works. Columbia's streets require continuous maintenance in order to preserve them for a longer life.

A combination of private contractors and City crews are used to meet the City's road maintenance needs. Road maintenance includes pothole and crack repair, surface sealants, chip seal paving, asphalt overlay and roadway base repair.

You can find a description of maintenance types, street condition rating maps and a copy of the 2019 Pavement Management Report at [CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Streets-and-Sidewalks/Pavement](https://www.columbiagov.com/CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Streets-and-Sidewalks/Pavement).

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Solid Waste Utility offers a collection site for residents to drop off household hazardous waste at 1313 Lakeview Ave. from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays through November. Exceptions: Facility will be closed June 1, July 6 and Sept. 7. We accept chemicals, cleaners, paints, cooking oils, fire extinguishers, propane cylinders, small electronics, and most light bulbs and batteries.

More information at [CoMo.gov/Utilities/SolidWaste/Hazardous-Waste](https://www.columbiagov.com/CoMo.gov/Utilities/SolidWaste/Hazardous-Waste).

Water & Light sets the green standard for energy efficiency

City of Columbia Water & Light has been recognized as one of the Department of Energy's 2019 ENERGY STAR Partners of the Year. The City also achieved this award last year.

This prestigious accomplishment recognizes Water & Light's innovative and inclusive approach to energy efficiency and its efforts to iterate and expand offerings to reach new clients and improve more homes. Applicants are evaluated based on collaboration with other utility providers, the accessibility of their programming and the extent of the "whole-house approach" being accomplished.



Clark Ballou-Crawford and Chris Easley, both Utility Services energy technicians, ensure quality performance of energy efficiency improvements to better Columbia homes.

Columbia's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program uses a whole-house approach to energy efficiency and offers rebates and low-interest loans to help residents achieve their energy efficiency goals. This program was initiated in 2008 and the Utility has since introduced additional programs such as the Employee Outreach Program, Enhanced Home Performance, Enhance Your Attic and Attic Plus.

Water & Light staff members also provide a Building Performance Institute certified contractor training program, and partners with local co-op Boone Electric Cooperative, to create consistency to ensure that all Columbia's residents have the opportunity to benefit from energy efficiency improvements.

For more information about our programming, visit our website [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com](https://www.columbiapowerpartners.com).

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460
for more information

JULY

- 4 Fire in the Sky, Flat Branch Park/
Lucky's Market, 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.
- 11 Stephens Lake Park
Amphitheater Concert Series,
Community Band, 7 p.m., Free
- 12 Movies in the Park, Mary
Poppins Returns, Cosmo Park,
8:45 p.m., Free
- 12 Family Splash Bash, Lake of the
Woods Pool, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$5
per person
- 13 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park,
4-6 p.m., Free
- 14 Lawn Chair Concert Series,
Douglass Park, 3-5 p.m., Free
- 17 Family Fun Fest: Fitness is Fun,
Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., Free
- 19-21 Show Me State Games
- 26 Family Splash Bash, Lake of the
Woods Pool, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$5
per person
- 26-28 Show Me State Games

Code Corner: House numbers

House numbers may help visitors and delivery people find your home, but they are also essential in the event of an emergency. City code requires premises identification of contrasting numbers or letters a minimum of four inches in height and a minimum stroke width of a half inch.

Volunteer of the Month: Annabelle Simmons



Annabelle Simmons

Helping others has always been a way of life for Annabelle Simmons. Even as a young child she helped her classmates to learn math by explaining it to them using "plain English." When she decided to have her children, she instilled in them the importance of being generous to others. Friends and family members reminisce on how Simmons rewarded them by taking them out to do free activities on Friday evenings.

Simmons was introduced to the Live Well by Faith health initiative after becoming the Stewardship Chairperson

at her church, St. Luke United Methodist Church. Live Well by Faith is an "evidence-based health program addressing hypertension and promoting a healthy lifestyle a monthly diabetes support group, an eight-week weight loss competition, and a six-week cooking course."

Live Well by Faith volunteer supervisor, Verna Laboy, explained how Simmons had to "walk the talk" by first adopting a healthy lifestyle after she retired from Shelter Insurance.

When looking towards the future, Simmons wants to make Columbia a more inclusive city by encouraging the local government to install public restrooms in the downtown area. She is also passionate about improving the local bus transit system.

Simmons credits the support of Robert, her husband of 43 years, for encouraging her to take on opportunities to help others. By following her daily mantra of "Do it now," Simmons continues to help improve the Columbia community.

The City of Columbia says thank you to Annabelle Simmons for her dedicated volunteer service. To get involved as a volunteer, visit CoMo.gov or call us at 573.874.7499.

Written by Volunteer Patrika Brown

Avoid overwatering your lawn

Did you know that about 70% of all water use in the summer is outdoors? The common problem with outdoor water use is overwatering landscaping. Water & Light has some helpful tips for conserving water when it comes to your summer lawn irrigation needs:

- Water according to moisture in the soil, not on a fixed schedule.
- Lawns need only one inch of water per week, approximately three times a week for 20 minutes. This will help develop a deep root system so plants can use moisture and nutrients deep in the ground.
- Use a tuna can or a rain gauge to accurately measure the amount of water your irrigation system delivers.
- Set a timer as a reminder to turn off the sprinkler.
- Water in the early morning from 6 to 8 a.m., avoiding windy conditions.
- Don't irrigate the pavement, choose and adjust sprinklers to fit the lawn area.
- Mulch to retain moisture and prevent water-robbing weeds.
- Plant native vegetation.
- If using an irrigation system, have a professional inspect your system.



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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