



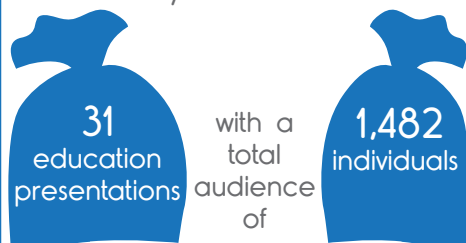
## — City Stats —

### Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Events



45 volunteer Recycling Ambassadors shared their time last year educating the public about waste reduction and proper recycling.

They assisted with:



Tabling and education booths resulted in:



## Cleanup Columbia will be held Saturday, April 13

Columbia's 23rd annual citywide litter pickup event, Cleanup Columbia, will be held Saturday morning, April 13. Cleanup Columbia is a great service activity for individuals of all ages and abilities and groups of all sizes.

City staff will match volunteers to a cleanup location and will provide bags, gloves and safety equipment. T-shirts will be provided while supplies last!

Thanks to the sponsors of Cleanup Columbia: 102.3 BXR, KFRU AM 1400, KOMU TV 8, the Mid-Missouri CW, the Columbia Missourian, Veterans United and Socket. Golden K Kiwanis, City of Columbia Utilities – Solid Waste, and Columbia Parks and Recreation also provide in-kind support.

To register, visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) or call Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499.



Volunteers from Shelter Insurance participate in Cleanup Columbia each April. Photo by Willie Jones.

## Join the City at Earth Day on April 28

Columbia's Earth Day Celebration will be Sunday, April 28, from noon until 7 p.m. at Peace Park. Earth Day brings awareness to and support for a thriving environment and a sustainable culture.

Join the City's Parks and Recreation, Water & Light Utility, Office of Sustainability, and Volunteer Programs in a day of fun and education. The City offers something for everyone including children's activities, compost workshops, and opportunities to learn about energy use and conservation. You will also be able to speak with City staff and members of the Mayor's Task Force about the developing Climate Action and Adaptation Plan!

Travel to Earth Day in sustainable style and GetAbout Columbia will provide a safe, secure place for your bicycle, stroller and personal belongings. GetAbout's bike corral is scheduled to be available during the festival at the intersection of Locust Street and Eighth Street.

Learn more at [ColumbiaEarthDay.org](http://ColumbiaEarthDay.org).

## Updating contact information can help during power outage

April showers bring May flowers...and also thunderstorms. Unfortunately, power outages caused by storms cannot be predicted, but making sure that customer contact information is up to date on utility accounts can ensure that the electric utility can resolve the issue in as little time as possible. If you have a phone number in our system, your number is associated with your address and makes the outage reporting process very quick and easy when you call from that phone number. To report a power outage, you can call 573.875.2555. Please visit the Utility Customer Service page on [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) to update phone numbers and email addresses.

The City also has a map of electrical outages so you can see where current power outages are happening during a storm and if a crew has been assigned to restore power. To view the map, visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) and search "Outage Viewer." If you are without power but aren't sure if the City knows yet, we encourage you to report the outage by calling the number listed above.

## Free compost workshops



Volunteer Compost Workshop Instructor Debbie Lacy Anderson leads a workshop at the Compost Demonstration Site at Capen Park. Free compost workshops will be offered this spring.

As the weather warms, consider adding composting to your daily routine. Compost your organic waste like banana peels, coffee grounds or stale bread, instead of sending it to the landfill. Residential composting can reduce our carbon footprint with a bonus of producing a valuable soil amendment!

The City of Columbia offers free compost workshops throughout the year to teach residents the why, what and how of home composting. Two workshops, led by experienced volunteers, will be offered at the Earth Day Celebration in Peace Park on Sunday, April 28. For a complete workshop schedule and registration form for 2019, search "workshops" at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov).

## Register for the 2019 Fair Housing and Lending Seminar

The City of Columbia will host a free Fair Housing and Lending Seminar on Friday, April 5. The program features expert presentations on fair housing and lending laws, affordable housing, and the community land trust.

In addition to the presentations, there will be a building inclusive community workshop and an opportunity for participants to meet City staff. Participants can explore programs the City offers for improving housing and home ownership, increasing energy efficiency and sustainability, and strengthening neighborhoods and our community.

For more information and to register, please visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) and search "fair housing."

## Spring break safety tips

As the warmer temperatures approach us, many families are looking forward to welcoming spring for a little get-away for spring break. Wherever you decide to go, the Columbia Police Department has a few safety tips that will allow you to ease your mind and relax on your trip.

### At the house

- Make certain all doors and windows are locked.
- Have a lamp plugged into a timer that will go off and on throughout the evening.
- Have a trusted friend "house sit" for you, by picking up mail and packages.
- If you have a home alarm system, ensure you turn it on and choose a contact person that will be in town and give the alarm service their contact information.
- Request CPD to do a vacation property watch by filling out the form on [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov), visit the site and search "vacation watch."

### On the road

- Ensure you vehicle fluids are topped off.
- Check the tires for the tread depth and tire pressure.
- Have a road service kit put together (jumper cables, tire pressure gauge, etc.) and in your vehicle.
- Have a pre-planned route and use GPS or a map.

### In the plane

- Keep all important items on you at all times (driver's license, passport, money, etc.).

### Social media

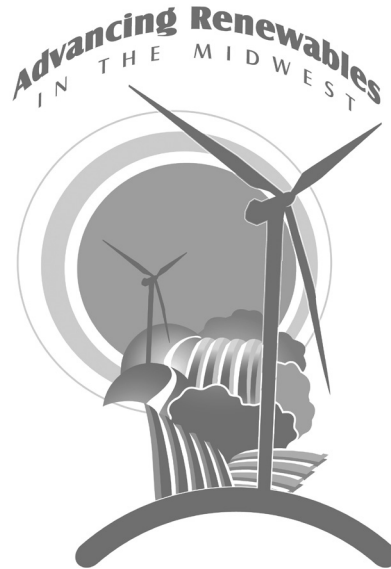
- Do not post pictures and tourist spots visited until you return home.



## Advancing Renewables in the Midwest conference

The 2019 Advancing Renewables in the Midwest Conference is coming soon!

Join us April 2-3 at the University of Missouri Campus in Columbia for the annual Advancing Renewables in the Midwest Conference. National and regional speakers will be discussing developments in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy. This conference provides a great opportunity to network, share ideas and find solutions to enhance the use of renewable energy resources in the Midwest for the economic benefit of the region. Learn more and register today at [AdvancingRenewables.org](http://AdvancingRenewables.org).

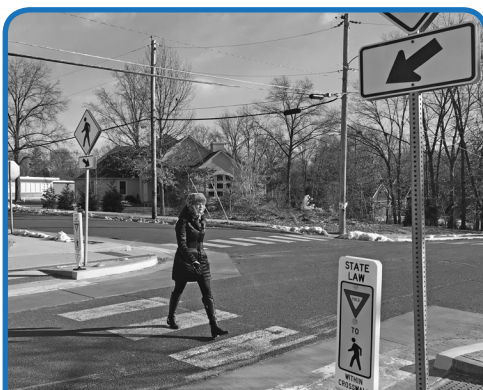


## Municipal election on April 2

A municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 2 for three Columbia City Council positions. On the ballot will be City Council representatives for Ward 3, Ward 4 and the Mayor (Council Member At-Large). Voters can see a map of each ward by visiting [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) and searching "ward map."

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Boone County Clerk will mail all registered voters their voter identification card which lists the voter's precinct and polling place. Sample ballots will also be mailed or emailed. For information about the election please visit the Boone County Clerk's website at [ShowMeBoone.com/Clerk/Elections](http://ShowMeBoone.com/Clerk/Elections).

## Progress as Promised: Traffic calming project on Rollins Road completed



The City of Columbia completed a traffic calming project on Rollins Road between Stadium Boulevard and Sunset Drive to improve safety by encouraging drivers to slow down.

The City of Columbia completed a traffic calming project on Rollins Road between Stadium Boulevard and Sunset Drive to improve safety by encouraging drivers to slow down. The Public Works Street Division installed three speed tables at the intersections of Rockcreek Drive, Manor Drive and Ridge Road. Cook Concrete, a contractor for Public Works, constructed curb extensions and a crosswalk across from the school at Russell Boulevard. All the improvements not only help with traffic calming but also make the crosswalks more protected.

Rollins Road was identified through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) and approved through the City's public involvement process. Two interested parties meetings were held on Aug. 23, 2017 and Jan. 18, 2018 with City Council approval on June 4, 2018. The estimated investment was \$65,000 funded through annual traffic calming funds. Check out the NTMP information page at [CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Traffic](http://CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Traffic).

## Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460  
for more information

### APRIL

- 13 Kite Flying Day, Douglass Park, 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Free
- 20 Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza, Douglass Park from 12-1:15 p.m., Indian Hills Park from 3-4:15 p.m., Free
- 20 MLB Pitch, Hit and Run, Location TBA, 9:30 a.m. check in, Free
- 20 MLB Jr. Home Run Derby, Location TBA, 12:30 p.m. check in, Free
- 27 Kite Flying Day, Indian Hills Park, 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Free
- 27 Yappy Hour, Twin Lakes Recreation Area, 3-6 p.m., \$10 per dog and person, \$5 for person not bringing a dog
- 27 Columbia Youth Intro to Track and Field, Hickman High School Track, 1:30 p.m. check in, \$7
- 28 Earth Day, Peace Park, 12-7 p.m., Free

## Boards & Commissions

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

**Application deadline is April 5 at 5 p.m.**

- Board of Adjustment
- Downtown Columbia Leadership Council
- Liquor License Review Board
- Planning and Zoning 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](http://CoMo.gov) or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

# Volunteer of the Month: Katherine Wortmann



Katherine Wortmann

Recycling Ambassador Katherine Wortmann is honored as our March Volunteer of the Month. Katherine is a gifted educator and is magical when engaging with children. She is particularly effective when staffing education booths and overseeing recycling education activities. Those who visit with Katherine leave with a broader knowledge of proper recycling and waste reduction, energized to take action and empowered by the fact that they can make a difference.

Katherine's passion for volunteering and protecting the environment started at an early age by following the example of her parents.

"I love the feeling that fills my heart after I've completed a volunteer project. There's something warm and fuzzy about making a positive impact on the world that keeps me coming back for more," Wortmann said.

"Somebody can't do everything, but everyone can do something," a favorite quote shared by Katherine which calls on more people to get involved in volunteer activities.

"We all have busy schedules and lives, but to set that aside for the benefit of others is something truly remarkable," she said.

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

*Written by volunteer Shishi Chen*

## Capital improvement means public involvement

The City of Columbia is committed to involving you in the process when planning capital improvement projects. The public involvement process allows for several opportunities for residents to provide input on projects to improve infrastructure.

City staff reaches out to local residents to invite them to attend interested parties meetings concerning projects in their area with significant investments (different departments have varying budget thresholds). The general public and local media are also invited to these meetings. At the interested parties meetings, anyone can review preliminary plans, ask questions and provide feedback. Next, public hearings, which are held during City Council meetings, allow public comments to be heard before a final discussion and/or vote is conducted by the City Council.

If easements are needed for the project, right-of-way plans are presented to Council for consideration and approval. Finally, a transparent bid call is taken to Council allowing the Finance Department to put the project out for competitive bid.

More information about the City's public involvement process is available online at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov).



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