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## Progress as Promised: MKT Trail Bridges



The new Bridge #5 on the MKT Trail was completed ahead of schedule along with Bridges #7 and #8. The three wooden bridges were more than 120 years old.

Columbia Parks and Recreation completed bridge replacement work on the MKT Trail on March 16. The construction project was finished ahead of schedule; Parks and Recreation staff had projected a completion date of March 31. The work began on Nov. 27, 2017.

Bridges #5, #7 and #8 were replaced, which resulted in a closure of a quarter-mile section of the trail from the northeast side of the 3M Wetlands to just southwest of the Stadium Boulevard underpass. During the bridge replacement project, trail users took detours around the construction site.

Parks and Recreation appreciates the support and patience of trail users while work was completed.

The three wooden bridges were more than 120 years old, and were replaced to make them safer for trail users. Each bridge suffered continual damage to its wooden support system due to contact by floating logs and debris during heavy rains and flooding events. The bridge replacement project was funded by the voter-approved Park Sales Tax and a Recreational Trails Program grant.

## Take the Playground Challenge



Visit new parks and keep your kids active this summer with the Visit Your Parks Playgrounds Challenge.

Columbia Parks and Recreation is offering the free Visit Your Parks Playgrounds Challenge again this summer. Children and their families are invited to visit playgrounds at 10 or more different parks, track their visits and turn in completed tracking sheets to receive a prize.

The Playground Challenge kicks off May 19 and runs through Sept. 3. It's a great way for kids to stay active over the summer and explore new parks with the whole family.

Visit [CoMo.gov](http://www.CoMo.gov) (search Playground Challenge) for more information and to download tracking sheets.

## Summer Youth Volunteering



Youth In Action members spend time volunteering at Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center.

Columbia youth 12–15 years old can make good use of their extra time this summer by participating in Youth In Action.

Organized by the City's Volunteer Programs, Youth In Action allows kids to participate in a wide variety of supervised, structured projects at events and with agencies throughout the community.

Projects are usually scheduled for two to four hours and are held at a variety of times to appeal to busy schedules. Youth In Action projects begin as soon as school is out and runs through early August. There is no cost to participate.

To learn more about Youth In Action, call 573-874-7499 or visit the City's Volunteer Programs website at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov).

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## Upcoming Stormwater project on Sinclair Road

This summer, the Stormwater Utility will replace three, 60-inch metal culverts that carry the flow of Mill Creek under Sinclair Road south of Nifong Boulevard with a 24-foot arch structure. This location has received major structural improvements over the past several years to stabilize the pipes and road; however a design is complete and will begin this month.

By replacing the metal culverts with an arch spanning a reconstructed channel, the Stormwater Utility can stabilize the area and allow for runoff from larger rainfall events to pass under the road instead of flooding. The new structure is the most environmentally sound option, will increase the flow capacity for a modern road and reduce the likelihood of clogs from upstream debris.

This project was proposed and funded through the 2015 voter-approved Stormwater rate increase and has been coordinated with a proposed pedway in the area. Improvements will require closure of Sinclair Road for up to five weeks beginning in late May and concluding before Columbia Public Schools begins the fall term.

## Vacation Crime Prevention Tips

As summer approaches, many families may be planning vacations. From ensuring the swimsuits are packed to taking the garbage out before you leave, your mind is whirling with things on the "to-do" list – the last thing you're thinking about is being victimized while on vacation.

To ensure you can enjoy a safe and secure trip, and return to a secure residence, the Columbia Police Department reminds you of the following crime prevention tips:

### Secure Your Residence

- Make sure all the locks on the doors and windows function properly and use them.
- Leave the shades and blinds on doors and windows down; Leave a light on inside to give your residence the appearance that someone is home.
- Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your deliveries including mail and any other packages.
- Complete a request for a Vacation Watch In Passing by an officer while you are away. Request forms can be found online at [CoMo.gov/Police/request-forms](http://CoMo.gov/Police/request-forms).

### On The Road

- Try not to carry large amounts of cash. If you must, do not openly display it.
- Never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest well-populated place and call 911.
- Wallets should be carried in an inside pocket or the front pocket of the person's pants. Purses should be carried under the person's arm with a firm grip.

### Car Security

- Always lock your vehicle after entering or leaving it.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Always place valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Do not leave wallets, checkbooks, or purses in your vehicle.

### Hotel & Motel Security

- Place all of your luggage in your room; do not leave anything in your vehicle.
- Keep a daily check of all your belongings.
- Place extra cash, jewelry, or valuables in a hotel/motel safe.
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry into your room.

For more crime prevention tips, visit

[CoMo.gov/Police/safety-crime-prevention](http://CoMo.gov/Police/safety-crime-prevention).



## Columbia pools open for the summer



Albert-Oakland Pool

Columbia Parks and Recreation is preparing to open City pools for 2018.

Daily admission fees at Columbia's pools for this summer are \$1.25 for patrons 2 and older at Douglass, \$1.75 for ages 2-15 and \$3 for ages 16 and up at Lake of the Woods and Little Mates Cove, and \$2.75 for ages 2-15 and \$4 for ages 16 and up at Albert-Oakland. Season passes and coupon books are available for purchase at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC), 1701 W. Ash.

For more information about aquatics, check [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) or call Parks and Recreation at 573-874-7460.

### ALBERT-OAKLAND FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

**MAY:** Open May 26, 27, 28 12-5 pm

Open May 29, 31 12-7 pm

**JUNE/JULY:** M-F 12-7 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Su 12-5 p.m.

**AUGUST:** M-F 12-7 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Su 12-5 p.m.

Last Weekday Aug 10

Open Aug 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 12-5 p.m.

Closed Aug 13-17, 20-24, 27-31

**SEPTEMBER:** Open Sept 1, 2, 3 12-5 p.m.

After Labor Day, Closed for season

### LAKE OF THE WOODS POOL

**MAY:** Closed

**JUNE/JULY:** Open for season June 1

M, W, F 1-7 p.m.

T, Th, Su 12-5 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**AUGUST:** M, W, F, 1-7 p.m.

Tu, Th, Su 12-5 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Last Day Aug. 5

**SEPTEMBER:** Closed for the season

### DOUGLASS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

**MAY:** Closed

**JUNE/JULY:** Open for season June 1

M, W, F 1-7 p.m.

T, Th, Su 12-5 p.m.

Sa 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Last Day Aug. 5

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### LITTLE MATES COVE AT TWIN LAKES

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M, W, F 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

T, Th, Su 12-5 p.m.

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## Swimming safety tips

The Columbia Fire Department would like to pass along tips to help you stay safe in the water.

- Taking swimming lessons or signing up your children for lessons is your first step toward water safety.
- Never swim alone and never allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source including bath tubs, toilets, buckets and ponds.
- Don't rely on flotation devices. They are not a substitute for adult supervision.
- If you are swimming in a lake or pond choose areas that have good water quality and safe natural conditions.
- Learn CPR, first aid and rescue techniques.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination. Additionally, it affects swimming and diving skills.
- Empty all tubs, buckets, and kiddie pools immediately after use, and store them upside down so they do not collect water.

## Police Department lobby renovations complete

The Columbia Police Department lobby recently got a makeover, making services more efficient for citizens. The lobby includes a larger window with two workstations to accommodate citizens' needs, and was designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. It features a handicap accessible window and restroom.

With the renovations, the Information Center, formally known as the Records Unit, was relocated off the lobby. Citizens requesting police reports or any other police records are now able to make those requests at the window in the lobby.

The renovations on the lobby began on Jan. 19 causing a temporary closure until March 1.

Services have since resumed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This project was part of a larger renovation the department is undergoing.



The lobby of the Columbia Police Department has been renovated to accommodate citizens' needs.

## 2018 Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement award winners

The Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement (MCPA) awards recognize businesses and organizations for excelling in sustainable practices and promoting a culture of environmental responsibility. A reception, held April 25 at The Roof of The Broadway Hotel, celebrated eight local champions for their sustainable efforts. These recipients were selected for taking initiative and making strides to increase efficiency, conserve resources and reduce their impact on our environment.

### Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 MCPA awards:



#### Environmental Stewardship Winners

*Columbia Audubon Society  
Columbia Public Schools Science Department*



#### Pollution Prevention Winners

*Cosmo Clubs & Central Bank of Boone County  
MU Facilities*



#### Resource Conservation Winners

*Sustain Mizzou  
True Media*



#### Innovative Best Practices Winner

*Harry S. Truman VA Hospital*



#### Mayor's Award Winner

*True/False Film Fest*

First-time winners are separated into categories while the Mayor's Award is given to past winners that have continued to demonstrate a commitment to the environment and have implemented efforts in education and outreach on sustainability.

## 2018 Public Works Capital Improvement Projects

This year's Capital Improvement Projects will improve numerous intersections, reduce speeds on neighborhood streets, fill in some sidewalk gaps, build a new trail section, and add bike-lane striping and a signalized crosswalk among other improvements. Projects are designed to the highest safety and performance standards possible while paying close attention to citizen input and environmental concerns.

"We approach improvement projects through a Vision Zero lens. It's really a 'Complete Streets' approach as we continue to seek engineering solutions to provide access and safety for all forms of transportation—vehicles, pedestrians, cycles, wheelchairs, etc.—in our neighborhoods," Public Works Director David Nichols said.



Crews work on a Capital Improvement Project last summer at the intersection of Stadium Boulevard and Old Highway 63. The 2018 projects improve numerous intersections, reduce speeds on neighborhood streets, fill in some sidewalk gaps, build a new trail section, and add bike-lane striping and a signalized crosswalk among other improvements.

### Sidewalk and Trail Projects

- Chapel Hill Sidewalk—Fills the sidewalk gap on the north side of Chapel Hill Road between Scott Boulevard and Glenbrook Court.
- Sinclair Sidewalk—Fills the sidewalk gap on the east side of Sinclair Road south of Muirfield Drive.
- Oakland Gravel Sidewalk—Fills the sidewalk gap on the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Road.
- Clark Lane West/Hinkson Creek Connector— Includes a sidewalk along the north side of Clark Lane starting at Route B continuing to just east of the Highway 63 connector. Also includes a pedestrian signal and crosswalk at the intersection of Clark Lane with the Highway 63 Connector.
- Bike Boulevard (MKT to Parkade)—Includes intersection improvements at five locations and pavement striping along a bicyclist corridor connecting the MKT Trail to the Parkade Plaza and Hickman High School.
- Shepard to Rollins Trail—Creates a trail and pedestrian bridge connecting the east end of Rollins Road to the cul-de-sac at Bluffdale Drive.

### Traffic Calming Projects

- Sexton Road—Adds traffic calming devices, such as speed humps and crosswalks, to lower speeds on Sexton Road between Business Loop and Providence Road.
- Rollins Road—Adds traffic calming devices, such as speed humps and crosswalks, to lower speeds on Rollins Road between Stadium Boulevard and Sunset Drive.

More details about 2018 projects, as well as a preview of 2019 street improvement projects, are available at [CoMo.gov/PublicWorks](https://www.co.mo.gov/PublicWorks).

## Community partnerships promote free, healthy lunches for children during summer months



Children enjoy a nutritious lunch as part of a summer food program provided by the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department at Douglass Park in Columbia. The USDA-funded program is an extension of the school free and reduced lunch program.

Community partnerships allow children to find free, nutritious lunches on weekdays this summer at various locations throughout Columbia.

Through the Lunch in the Park Program at Douglass Park, the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department is providing its 18th year of free, nutritional lunches to children 18 years of age or younger. Lunches will be served on weekdays at the park's main shelter, 4000 N. Providence Road, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., June 4 to Aug. 6, except July 4.

The USDA-funded program, an extension of the school free and reduced lunch program, provides complete, wholesome meals prepared by Columbia Public Schools. The meals are served by volunteers coordinated by Voluntary Action Center (VAC). Persons interested in volunteering should contact VAC at 573-874-2273.

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri is also providing free, nutritional lunches to children 18 years of age or younger through its Summer Feeding Program. Lunches will be served weekdays from July 2–Aug. 10, except July 4, between 12 and 1 p.m. at various locations throughout Columbia. Please visit [sharefoodbringhope.org](http://sharefoodbringhope.org) for a list of the locations.

Like the first program, the USDA-funded program, an extension of the school free and reduced lunch program, provides complete, wholesome meals prepared by Columbia Public Schools. Persons interested in volunteering should contact The Food Bank at 573-474-1020.

## Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573-874-7460 for more information.

### JUNE

2	CoMo Rummage Sale, Cosmo Park, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., \$30 for booth space
2	National Trails Day, Find the Golden Hiking Boot
2-3	Art in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, <b>FREE</b>
7	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Missouri Symphony Society, 7 p.m., <b>FREE</b>
7	Bike Safety Rodeo, Lange Middle School, 5:30-7:30 p.m., <b>FREE</b>
7-10	Show Me State Games
8	Movies in the Park, Beauty and the Beast, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., <b>FREE</b>
9-10	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
16-17	Francis Hagan Match Play Championship, Lake of the Woods Golf Course
16	Shred Fest Skateboarding Event, Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 4-7 p.m., <b>FREE</b>
20	Family Fun Fest: Explore Outdoors, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., <b>FREE</b>
30	SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, Times vary according to wave, \$25

## Utilize CoMo.gov for Utility Customer Service needs during “summer rush”

Summer is approaching, which means longer days, higher temperatures, and a lot of activity as students move in, move out or change apartments. In addition, Utility Customer Services (UCS) often experiences higher-than-normal call volume. This “summer rush” often means longer hold times for customers. Avoid the frustration of a long wait on hold by going to the City’s web site [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov).

Customers may request new services, transfer current services to a new address or terminate existing services by filling out an online form up to 30 days in advance of the requested date. Other online services include paying bills, updating contact information and submitting a request to start automatic bill payment. The website is always available, so remember: the shortest line is online! Thanks in advance for helping to reduce UCS call volume by taking advantage of the website.



## Volunteer of the Month – Alpha Kappa Psi



Members of Alpha Kappa Psi

Alpha Kappa Psi has been a consistent volunteer group for the City of Columbia in the past four years or more. The co-ed business fraternity is made up of about 180 students. The group enjoys helping outside of Mizzou’s campus because it allows them to get involved in the greater Columbia community during their college experience.

“It’s important to know that Columbia is more than just Mizzou,” Vice President of Service Olivia Thompson said.

The group has helped with many activities, ranging from the Bear Creek Run to litter pickups. This past October a large group from Alpha Kappa Psi gathered at the Bear Creek Trail to cheer runners on and help out along the way.

“It’s fun to cheer on others and get excited about the races, even if it’s early on a Saturday morning,” Thompson said.

Thompson said the litter pickups are particularly fun for the organization because much of the group are active in outdoor activities and care about the environment.

“We can give back to the community while we help make the earth more beautiful,” she said.

Alpha Kappa Psi as an organization has made a tremendous impact on Columbia; they always bring a large group of volunteers and show enthusiasm for whatever task is ahead of them.

*Written by volunteer Laura Davis*

## Street Talk - Storm Response



High winds can cause downed branches and trees to block roads, and heavy rains may lead to street flooding.

Columbia Public Works has crews on call 24/7 to respond to these issues when storms strike. To report issues on Columbia’s roads during normal business hours call the City of Columbia Contact Center at 573-874-CITY (2489). On weekends, holidays and after hours, please call 3-1-1.

## Code Corner: Property Maintenance

Houses with problems like peeling paint, broken windows or fallen gutters are in violation of City Code as adopted in the International Property Maintenance Code. The property maintenance code helps protect our neighborhoods and property values for everyone. If you have a concern about a home, you are welcome to report it to Neighborhood Services, 573-817-5050 or neighborhood@CoMo.gov. The City’s Housing & CDBG program may have funds to assist homeowners who qualify.

## Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

**Application deadline: June 8 at 5 p.m.**

- Commission on Cultural Affairs  
Standing Committee on Public Art
- Railroad Advisory Board
- Water & Light Advisory Board

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.

## Contact Center Connection

Spring is in the air, and so are extra items that have accumulated over time. Ready for spring cleaning? Call 573-874-CITY (2489) to schedule extra or large trash pick-ups.



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