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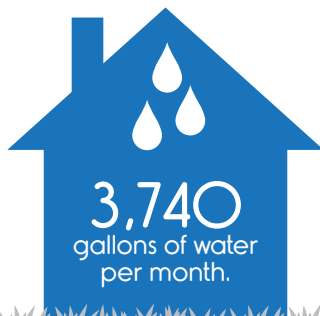
Water usage

As much as
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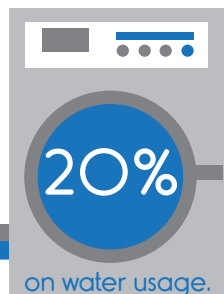
of the water we use outdoors is lost due to wind, evaporation, and runoff.



On average, a residential home in Columbia uses



Water-efficient fixtures and appliances can save customers up to



Columbia Fire Department earns international accreditation

The Columbia Fire Department was awarded certification as an "Accredited Agency" by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). Fire service professionals from around the country traveled to Columbia in November to inspect facilities, review procedures and interview personnel.

Less than 1% of fire departments nationwide are accredited. Columbia Fire Department is now one of only 258 fire departments in the world that have achieved the CFAI honor. Only 10% of the United States population is served by an accredited fire department.

CFAI has 11 members that represent a cross-section of fire and emergency services including fire departments, city and county management, labor, standards development organizations and the U.S. Department of Defense. CFAI holds public hearings at the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference each spring and at the International Association of Fire Chief's Fire-Rescue International each summer to review agencies.



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New Go COMO bus routes to begin June 3

Go COMO, Columbia's public transit service, will begin its new route system Monday, June 3. The new routes were approved by the Columbia City Council with the passing of the fiscal year 2019 budget in September 2018.

The route system will utilize Wabash Bus Station as a hub for all routes, meaning all routes will begin and end at the bus station. This will allow passengers to access the different routes from one designated location. These routes will include the black, red, gold, orange, blue and green routes. There will be 45 minutes between each route.

For more information regarding these route changes, please visit GoCOMOTransit.com, download the Go COMO app and follow Go COMO on Facebook and Twitter.

For assistance with trip planning, please call the City's Contact Center at 573.874.CITY (2489) or email Transit@CoMo.gov.



Street Talk: Online resources identify city, county, state, private, university projects that affect summer travel

The Grindstone Parkway Bridge closure on U.S. Route 63, by the Missouri Department of Transportation, is just one of many state, city, county, university and private roadway projects impacting traffic this spring, summer and fall. While road projects are designed to affect traffic as little as possible, fixing the road usually requires workers being in the road. Please watch out for your safety as well as the safety of public and private road crews by driving slowly and following the directions of flaggers.

Plan ahead for your motorized or nonmotorized trip by checking these online resources:

City of Columbia:
[CoMo.gov/Maps/Dashboard](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/Maps/Dashboard)

City of Columbia Public Works Construction:
[CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/CIP-Status](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/PublicWorks/CIP-Status)

City of Columbia Public Works Paving:
[CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Updates](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/PublicWorks/Updates)

City of Columbia Parks and Recreation:
[CoMo.gov/ParksAndRec/CIP](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/ParksAndRec/CIP)

City of Columbia Utilities:
[CoMo.gov/Utilities](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/Utilities)

Boone County:
[ShowMeBoone.com/Road-Bridge](https://www.showmeboone.com/Road-Bridge)

State of Missouri:
[MoDOT.org/MoDOT-Central-District](https://www.mdot.org/MoDOT-Central-District)

University of Missouri-Columbia:
[MU-cf-map.col.missouri.edu/Projects](https://mu-cf-map.col.missouri.edu/Projects)

Private Development:
[Facebook.com/ColumbiaMissouriPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaMissouriPublicWorks)

Quick links to all of these resources are also available at
[CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Updates](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/PublicWorks/Updates).

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement award winners announced

Each year, the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement awards recognize local businesses and organizations for taking action to reduce environmental impacts, champion sustainable practices and promote a culture of environmental responsibility.

Congratulations to the 2019 recipients:

Environmental Stewardship:

- A.L. Gustin Golf Course
- Roots N Blues N BBQ

Pollution Prevention:

- Columbia Independent Schools
- Columbia Housing Authority

Resource Conservation:

- The Food Bank
- Hair Therapy Salon

Best Innovative Practices:

- Wilson's Fitness
- ASI Flex

Mayor's Award:

- 3M Columbia



Businesses and organizations were named as winners of the 2019 Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement awards for taking action to reduce environmental impacts, champion sustainable practices and promote a culture of environmental responsibility.

Boone County Pollinator Tour scheduled for June 20

All are welcome to attend the Boone County Pollinator Tour scheduled for June 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Attendees will learn about pollinators and how the City of Columbia and the University of Missouri have been working to restore their habitat. Attendees are asked to arrive between 5:30 and 6 p.m. with the tour beginning at 6 p.m. at MU Jefferson Farm and Garden, 4800 E. New Haven Road. The tour will include the Columbia Audubon Prairie Project, A.L. Gustin Golf Course and South Farm research areas.

Tours will be guided by project managers and the butterfly house will be open to visit until 8:30 p.m. Register online at <https://forms.gle/b4ahFBrD3SzmUjrk9>.

Learn about the new water rate structure

A new water rate structure was approved by City Council on Jan. 22, 2019, and went into effect at that time. The structure introduces a third tier during the summer months of June, July, August and September to help encourage water conservation.

Timeline

Rafetelis Financial Consultants, Inc. was hired to conduct a comprehensive water cost of service study. A critical focus of the study was to establish a new rate structure that encourages water conservation. Work sessions were conducted with the Water and Light Advisory Board and City Council to discuss setting water rate objectives and priorities. An interested parties meeting was held Nov. 7, 2018 to gather public input on the proposed water rate structure. An online survey was also available for additional public comments and questions. As a result of this work, the consultant proposed the addition of a third water rate tier. This third tier is structured to recover cost from the customers who place increased demands on the system during times of peak water production while sending a strong pricing signal that Columbia values water conservation.

How the water rate structure works

The three tiers during the four summer months will be individualized and based on the customer's winter average consumption. The winter average consumption is the customer's average water use during the immediate preceding billing periods of January, February, and March, and is updated annually. The winter average consumption determines each individual customer's tier cutoffs during the summer months of June, July, August and September.

Summer Tier 1:

usage of 0% to 70% of customer's winter average consumption

Summer Tier 2:

usage of 71% to 170% of customer's winter average consumption

Summer Tier 3:

usage exceeding 170% of customer's winter average consumption

All non-summer usage is billed at one flat rate per one hundred cubic feet (CCF). Residential customers with a winter average consumption of less than 4 CCF will be assigned a winter average consumption of 4 CCF.

One CCF equals 748 gallons of water. This is an individualized rate structure; your water bill will be based on your usage.

The previous water rate structure

The City's previous water rate structure was a fixed block rate structure. Customers were billed at a flat rate per CCF during the non-summer period and there were two tiers in effect during the summer months. The new structure is designed to recover more costs from customers who place the highest demands on the system.

How the water rate structure impacts you

Please visit [CoMo.gov/Utilities/Uncategorized/Water-Rate-Structure](https://www.como.gov/utilities/uncategorized/water-rate-structure) for billing examples highlighting water usage patterns among different types of customers. These examples show how summer water bills will be configured with the new water rate structure. You will also find additional resources, water conservation tips and programs on the website. For assistance and questions, please call the City's Contact Center at 573.874.CITY (2489).



Artwork from students at Battle High School was installed as a vinyl wrap on the traffic signal box at Seventh and Walnut streets.

Newest Traffic Box Art features work from Battle High School students

The newest Traffic Box Art was installed in April on the traffic signal box at the corner of Seventh and Walnut streets. The art features depictions of the Boone County Courthouse from art students at Battle High School.

The students' design statement described creating "drawings in a variety of styles and media to symbolize various perspectives on the justice system" and "showed the diverse style and perspective of Battle students." In addition to the courthouses, stylized words about the youth view of the purpose of the justice system create a backdrop in the piece: people, change, reinforce, equality, justice, safety, freedom, liberty and history.

The art from students in teacher Jody Sprigg's AP Studio Art II class was selected after an open call to Columbia's public high schools. It is the third box completed by classes from Columbia Public Schools through a Partnership in Education with the City's Office of Cultural Affairs. It joins the 2015 project by Paxton Keeley Elementary students at Ninth and Locust streets and the 2016 project by West Middle School students at Ninth and Walnut streets.

In all, 14 traffic signal boxes have been painted or wrapped in art since the creation of the program in 2007.

Take the Playground Challenge



The playground at Douglass Park is one of the destinations for Parks and Recreation's Playground Challenge.

Take the Playground Challenge with Columbia Parks and Recreation 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 on May 18 at Kids to Parks Day and runs through Sept. 2. Tracking sheets need to be turned in by Sept. 20.

Check CoMo.gov (search Playground Challenge) for more information and to download tracking sheets.

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan update

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), which has been in development since early 2018, will be finalized and taken to City Council on June 17. The plan has been available for public comment since late April and will serve as a roadmap for how Columbia can not only reduce its greenhouse gas emissions but also prepare its residents, buildings and land for anticipated changes caused by climate change.

The CAAP was developed using input from the public, the Mayor's Task Force for Climate Action and Adaptation Planning and City staff. Collectively, emissions reduction goals were established and the plan includes sector-specific strategies and actions to help Columbia achieve them. Successful implementation will require continued cooperation and commitment across the community.

To learn more about the CAAP and how you can contribute, visit CoMoClimateAction.com.

Recycle drop-off at Wabash closing temporarily

As the City prepares Wabash Station to serve as the central transfer point for all fixed-route buses, the recycling drop-off center at this location will be temporarily closed beginning in June.

Two downtown drop-offs will remain open at Park Avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets and south of the 10th and Cherry parking garage. For a full list of Recycling Drop-off Centers, visit CoMo.gov/Utilities/SolidWaste.

Tire, electronic, household hazardous waste collection event scheduled for June 1

The University, City and County Collection Event allowing residents to drop-off tires, paints, chemicals, electronics and appliances will take place Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind MU's Hearnes Center.

Items will be accepted free of charge with the following exceptions:

- CRT monitors and rear projection TVs for a fee of \$10 each.
- Tires for a fee of \$2 each (24" or smaller) and \$10 each (over 24"), max of 50.

Pools opening soon for the summer!

Columbia Parks and Recreation is preparing to open City pools for the summer, including Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, Douglass Family Aquatic Center, Lake of the Woods Pool and Little Mates Cove at Twin Lakes Recreation Area.

Albert-Oakland will open for Memorial weekend on May 25, 26 and 27, and then will open for the season on May 30. The other pools will open for the season on June 1.

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 ARC, 1701 W. Ash.

To check schedules, visit CoMo.gov or call Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460.

Here are a few safety tips from the Columbia Fire Department to keep you safe in the pool and other bodies of water:

- Learn to swim. It's the best way to stay safe in the water.
- Never leave children unattended while swimming, not even for a second.
- Young children can drown in as little as 1 inch of water. This puts them at risk of drowning in wading pools, bathtubs, toilets, fountains, water buckets, spas and hot tubs.
- Obey all rules and posted signs.
- Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgement, balance, and coordination and negatively affects your swimming and diving skills.
- Pay attention to open water. Be aware of undercurrents, changing waves and undertows when at the ocean or lake.
- If swimming in an area other than a swimming pool, select an area that has good water quality and safe, natural conditions.
- Learn CPR.

Summer 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:

Securing your home

- Ensure all the locks on the doors and windows function properly and use them.
- Close the shades and blinds on doors and windows.
- Leave a light on inside to give your residence the appearance that someone is home.
- Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail and any deliveries.
- 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](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/Police/Request-Forms).

While you’re away

- Never advertise your travel plans on social media.
- 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.
- Always lock your vehicle after entering or leaving it and place valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Do not leave wallets, checkbooks or purses in your vehicle.
- Place extra cash, jewelry or valuables in a hotel/motel safe.

For a complete list of crime prevention tips, visit [CoMo.gov/Police/Safety-Crime-Prevention](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/Police/Safety-Crime-Prevention).

Free credit education, credit counseling event scheduled for June 8

The City of Columbia Housing Programs Division, Veterans United Lighthouse Program and Providence Bank are offering a free credit education event with 1-on-1 credit consultations for potential home buyers.

This event will provide income-eligible participants the opportunity to learn first-hand how to improve their credit score. The event will be held June 8 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 407 E. Broadway. Breakfast will be provided at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on how to sign up, please contact Darcie Clark at Darcie.Clark@CoMo.gov or 573.874.7244.

Boards & Commissions

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

Application deadline is June 7 at 5 p.m.

- Columbia and Boone County Library District Board
- Commission on Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art
- Water and Light Advisory Board

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](https://www.columbia-mo.gov) or at the City Clerk’s Office. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460
for more information

JUNE

1	National Trails Day, Find the Golden Hiking Boot
1-2	Art in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, Free
6	Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Missouri Symphony Society, 7 p.m., Free
6-9	Show Me State Senior Games
8	DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 4-6 p.m., Free
9	Lawn Chair Concert Series, Douglass Park, 3-5 p.m., Free
14	Movies in the Park, Ferdinand, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., Free
15	Shred Fest Skateboarding Event, Columbia Skate Park at Cosmo Park, 4-7 p.m., Free
15	Whitegate Block Party, Whitegate and Towne Drive 2-4 p.m., Free
19	Family Fun Fest: Explore Outdoors, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., Free
22	SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, Times vary according to wave, \$25

Code Corner: Cars parked on the grass, gravel parking areas

Cars parked on the grass are unsightly. It is also a violation of the City’s zoning code. Chapter 29 of City ordinance requires that all new and expanded vehicle parking must be paved with concrete, asphalt or an alternate paving material as determined by the director of Community Development. If there is a parking issue in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services at 573.817.5050 or neighborhood@CoMo.gov.

Volunteer of the Month: Fix-it Fair volunteers



From left to right: David Basset, Adam Froeschner, Donald Warren, Andy Schuette

David Basset, Adam Froeschner, Donald Warren, and Andy Schuette are recognized as our May Volunteers of the Month for their commendable work at the Fix-It Fair hosted by the City of Columbia's Office of Sustainability and the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District.

Since its inception in November 2017, there have been six Fix-It Fairs. David, Adam, Donald, and Andy have been

there, generously sharing their time, tools and expertise by helping citizens with the repair of everyday household items.

Fixing these items is important because it helps to conserve resources, reduce waste and save money. Warren, who has repaired consumer electronics for 24 years, felt motivated to help the community because he enjoys helping others and is concerned about the overabundance of waste.

"As time has passed, I have seen more and more consumer electronics going into landfills that may be an easy and cheap fix!" Warren said.

Basset said he's involved to help the environment and teach others.

"I like helping people and I like helping our environment. This allows for both. I like the idea of people learning to salvage no longer functioning items by repairing or repurposing," Basset said.

Volunteers like David, Adam, Donald and Andy play such a vital role in making Columbia a more sustainable place to live. We thank them for their generous giving of their time, tools and talents.

To learn how you can get involved as a volunteer, contact us at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov.

Written by volunteer Ben Kang

Summer youth volunteering opportunities

Columbia youth ages 12 to 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 fit busy schedules. Youth in Action projects begin as soon as school is out and runs through early August. There is no cost to participate.

Contact Center Connection

Summertime is around the corner. Call the City's Contact Center at 573.874.CITY (2489) to hear about upcoming street fairs and outdoor events. Transit schedules, trip itineraries and parking accommodations may also be obtained by calling 573.874.CITY (2489).



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