

— City Stats — Columbia's Rich History

1818 Smithton

The town of Smithton was settled near what is now the general area of Walnut and Garth



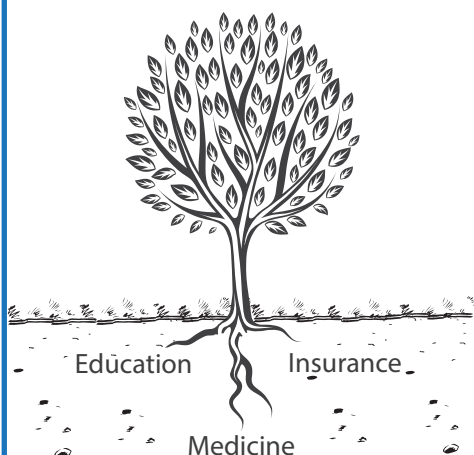
1821 Columbia

The travelers resettled near the southeast corner of Broadway and Fifth Street to be closer to water, they called this area Columbia



Economic Foundations

Columbia thrives on three economic foundations



City of Columbia begins bicentennial celebration planning

The Mayor's Task Force on Bicentennial Celebration Planning, created in Feb. 2018, has started the planning process to celebrate Columbia's bicentennial. The Task Force focuses on planning citywide events that are historical, educational and honor Columbia's rich history. The events from 2018 through 2021 will celebrate and commemorate the 200th anniversaries of the town of Smithton and the town of Columbia.

Smithton was settled in 1818 but the people of Smithton moved near Flat Branch Creek in 1821 for a closer water supply, they called this new settlement Columbia. The community is invited to attend the many events that will be planned over the next few years. The first event will be Nov. 11 to celebrate the founding of Smithton.

A website and Facebook page have been created to share information and post events. Visit CoMo200.com or the Facebook page at Facebook.com/CoMo200.



Safety tips for Halloween

Halloween is quickly approaching and the City encourages residents to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone. Check out these tips:

For adults and children:

- Adults should accompany children while trick-or-treating.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards.
- Provide healthier options for fellow trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats.
- Use crosswalks whenever possible, look both ways before crossing a street, and take a flashlight to help you see and to also help drivers see you.

Adapted from the CDC's Halloween Health and Safety Tips, cdc.gov/family/halloween/index.htm

For pets and their owners:

- Don't feed Halloween candy to your pet.
- Properly identify your pet with a microchip, collar and ID tag, in case your pet tries to escape while you're answering your door for trick-or-treaters.
- Keep glow sticks, jewelry, lit candles and jack-o-lanterns away from your pet.
- If you put a costume on your pet, make sure it doesn't obstruct your pet from breathing, seeing, hearing or moving about.
- Keep your pet indoors.

Adapted from American Veterinary Medical Association, avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/halloween.aspx

Do I have a cold or flu?

"Flu and the common cold have similar symptoms, but they are caused by different viruses. The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services wants you to know some of the signs and symptoms of both a cold and flu. However, because they share many symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference based on your symptoms alone. If you are unsure if you have a cold or flu, please visit your medical provider. Please see the chart from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Signs and symptoms	Flu	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Aches	Usual	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Rare

Source: Cold Versus Flu, <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/coldflu.htm>

Fire Prevention Week: Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.

The Columbia Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week Campaign.

The latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die today than you were a few decades ago. This startling statistic is behind this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.™" The theme works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire. Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 7-13, 2018.

Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

- Look for places fire can start
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm
- Learn two ways out of each room

Holiday food safety tips

As the holiday season fast approaches, please remember to practice safe food preparation for your family gatherings with the following tips:

- Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and infect cutting boards, knives, sponges and counter tops.
- Separate: Don't cross-contaminate. Keep raw meats, poultry and seafood away from other foods that are ready-to-eat.
- Cook: Properly cooking foods at the correct temperature and cooking time kills harmful bacteria. A whole turkey is safely cooked when the internal temperature is 165 degrees Fahrenheit throughout. Also, remember that those most eager to sample raw cookie dough are often the most vulnerable—kids.
- Chill: Any perishable food on the buffet table should be discarded after two hours at room temperature. To keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying, refrigerators should be set at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or less.

For more information on keeping your holiday celebrations safe and healthy, visit CoMo.gov/Health.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.
Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org

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The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.™" Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 7-13, 2018.

The graphic features a cartoon firefighter character named Sparky wearing a cap that says "Smoke Alarm Tester" and holding a magnifying glass. The background is a dark, smoky grey.

City of Columbia Commemorative Poster for 2018 unveiled

The 2018 City of Columbia Commemorative Poster has been unveiled! Each year, an artist's work is selected to communicate the vitality and beauty of mid-Missouri and the significance of the arts. This year's poster features a piece entitled *Diner by Night* by Roy F. Fox.

"Columbia has numerous landmarks to represent its many virtues. I've chosen the Broadway Diner for its unpretentious qualities, for enduring as a low-key, people-oriented island in a sea of academic and business structures. To me, this diner represents a 'down-home' refuge from our often impersonal technocratic lives," Fox said. "I've tried to highlight this unsung place by excluding its surroundings. The outside and inside lights, as well as the busy interior, suggest the vibrant, varied clientele found at popular Columbia places. Overall, this diner's simplicity is juxtaposed with a sky full of movement, light and energy."

Posters can be purchased for \$15 at the Office of Cultural Affairs, 300 S. Providence Road.



Diner By Night by Roy F. Fox



Street/Traffic Division staff member Johnathan Hickman creates a new street sign. Public Works crews have installed, repaired or replaced more than 725 street signs this year.

Street Talk: If it's summertime, it's street maintenance time

City of Columbia streets have cool names. Whether it's a favorite beverage, a first love, a home town or a grad school, some residents or passersby just can't resist the temptation to nab themselves a souvenir. This summer, Public Works crews installed, repaired or replaced 725 street signs—not all of which were stolen or vandalized. Signs can also be affected by weather and traffic incidents. Please be kind to our signs and report any issues you see to Public Works.

Street crews were also very busy doing a lot of other street maintenance this summer. Staff used more than 161 tons of repair mix for potholes; 3,300 gallons of paint for striping; and lots of fuel for sweeping streets and mowing 145 miles of right-of-ways.

The biggest focus this year was critical pavement maintenance. The summer saw over 125 lane miles of the full range of pavement maintenance from crack seal to mill and overlay:

- Crack Seal 34 lane miles
- Asphalt Rejuvenators 11.17 lane miles
- Surface Sealing 23.23 lane miles
- Chip Seal 34.08 lane miles
- Mill and/or Asphalt Overlay 24.41 lane miles

Code Corner: rental housing inspections

The City of Columbia has a Rental Unit Conservation Law that was established to keep rental properties safe and in good repair. All rental properties in Columbia are to be registered and inspected to meet basic code. This includes apartments, duplexes, single family homes and those who have tenants as part of their owner-occupied home. Lease purchase or rent-to-own arrangements need to comply with the ordinance as well.

Currently, more than 28,000 housing units and 10,000 structures are registered through the program. The law also allows tenants to file a complaint if their landlord is not addressing maintenance issues.

If you need to register a property you own, or if you are concerned about the rental status of a property in which you are living or that is in your neighborhood, please let us know. To learn more about rental enforcement, contact Neighborhood Services at 573.817.5050 or visit the City's website at CoMo.gov.

Some cartons not recyclable in Columbia

What many consider "paper" cartons are actually made using layers of two or more materials. Refrigerated cartons (e.g. milk, broth and juice boxes) are a mix of paper and plastic. Non-refrigerated cans (e.g. Pringles and nuts) contain a layer of paper, plastic and foil. Our current recycling facility is unable to separate the two materials. Therefore, cartons are not recyclable in Columbia and must go in the trash. Please consider purchasing products sold in returnable, reusable or recyclable packaging!

What is a bike boulevard?

Columbia is fortunate to have an extensive network of bikeways, including shared use roads, on-street bike lanes and trails. Bike boulevards are intended to supplement bikeways by providing a safe, direct route, particularly where trails are not feasible.

A bike boulevard reduces the volume and speed of vehicle traffic on a residential road through a combination of calming features, traffic diversions, signalized pedestrian crossings, signs, lane striping and increased motorist awareness.

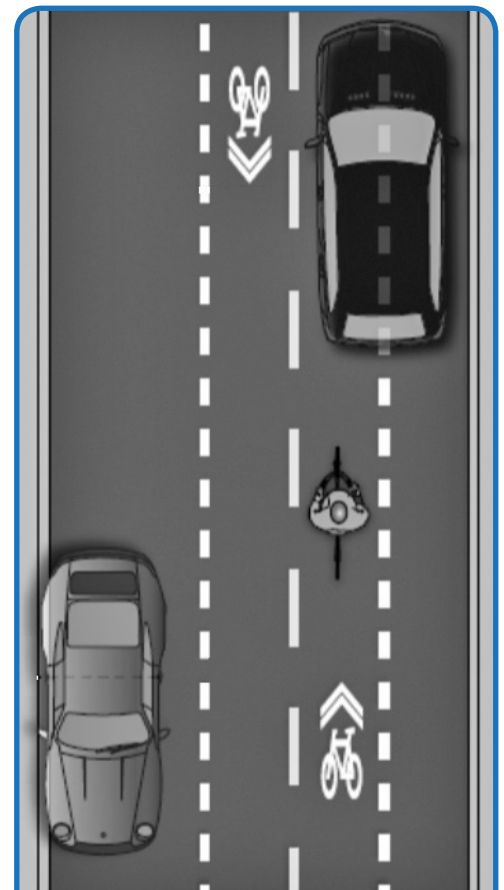
In addition to giving bicyclists priority, the striping on Columbia's bike boulevards encourages them to ride in the safest way possible. Often inexperienced bicyclists ride toward the extreme right side of the road, veering quickly left around parked cars. This can surprise a driver when a bicyclist all of a sudden "pops out" in front of them. It is much safer when a bicyclist is always visible and predictable. On the bike boulevards, bicyclists are directed to ride just to the right of the yellow center line where this is the case.

Motorists should straddle the white dotted line when there is space and bicyclists are not present. Bicyclists, on the other hand, should ride between the yellow dashed centerline and the white dotted line.

Passing bicyclists on a bike boulevard should be done with caution: the driver must give the bicyclist a wide berth. Therefore, the driver should move all the way into the adjacent travel lane (if it is clear) and should never pass within the same lane as the bicyclist.

Also, motorists should never pass a bicyclist on a bike boulevard when there is oncoming traffic. The motorist traveling in the same direction as the cyclist should yield to the oncoming traffic before attempting to pass a bicyclist. Motorists should also avoid passing a bicycle while passing a parked car. Instead wait until there is a safe amount of room to pass.

Please help us spread the word about how to use bike boulevards. You can find educational materials, location maps and more at CoMo.gov/PublicWorks/Biking.



Are you familiar with bike boulevards? Bike boulevards are intended to supplement bikeways by providing a safe, direct route, particularly where trails are not feasible. Diagram from City of Columbia Public Works.

Progress as Promised: Sinclair Road stormwater infrastructure improvements



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This project replaced three severely failing metal pipes with a precast concrete arch culvert just south of Mill Creek Elementary. This upgrade will significantly reduce the chance of street flooding and improve safety in the area. Not to mention, it looks great!

City staff, including Engineer Tom Wellman, Inspector David Bugg, and Supervisor Kori Thompson, did an outstanding job completing this project ahead of schedule and before the start of fall term.

This high-priority improvement was funded through the 2015 voter-approved stormwater rate increase; the total investment for this project was approximately \$500,000.

The project coincided with a Public Works project which extended the sidewalk along Sinclair Road south of Muirfield Drive. Collaborative projects like these reduce the impact on traffic and, ultimately, our residents.

CARE Program offers free employment classes in November



Columbia's CARE Program is offering free employment classes for students in sixth through 12th grades to help prepare them for the workforce. An entire schedule of classes is on the CARE website at CoMo.gov (search CARE).

The City of Columbia's CARE (Career Awareness Related Experience) program is offering free employment classes for students in sixth through 12th grades to help prepare them for the workforce.

Classes will be held at the Armory Sports Center, 701 E. Ash St., throughout the month of November. Classes are two hours long and cover six separate topics:

- How to get the job you want
- Make your own resume
- How volunteering can help you get a job
- How to get letters of recommendation
- Make your own cover letter
- Job interviewing practice and feedback

Each of the six classes will be held at separate times so students can choose a time and day that accommodates their schedule. Class times vary from evenings to weekdays when Columbia Public Schools are not in session.

An entire schedule of classes is on the CARE website at CoMo.gov (search CARE). For more information about CARE's employment classes, please contact CARE Coordinator Ron Schmidt at Ron.Schmidt@CoMo.gov or 573.874.6300.

Nominate individual, family, organization or group for Columbia Values Diversity Awards

Help us celebrate "The Power of Diversity" in our community by nominating an individual, family, organization or group for the 22nd annual Columbia Values Diversity Awards.

This is a great way to show appreciation for our neighbors and colleagues who have had a significant impact promoting diversity and cultural understanding.

Awards will be presented at the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration on Jan. 17, 2019, recognizing people whose work exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through non-violence. There are two award categories: individual/family and organization/group.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 26. Nomination forms are available by calling 573.874.6387 or by visiting CoMo.gov (Search: Diversity Celebration).

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460
for more information

NOVEMBER

- 2 Dinghy Derby, Hickman Pool, 5:30-7 p.m., ages 8 and up, \$15
- 17 Homeless Youth Awareness Month Dodgeball Tournament, Armory Sports Center, 9 a.m., \$75 per team

Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline is Nov. 2 at 5 p.m.

- Airport Advisory Board
- Columbia Vision Commission
- Community Land Trust Organization Board
- Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health
- Personnel Advisory Board

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.

Honoring 50 years of Fair Housing Act

The year 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). This piece of civil rights legislation declared it illegal to discriminate based on certain protected characteristics in the rental, sale, insuring and financing of housing. The road to fair housing was not easy, nor is the journey over. Unfortunately, housing discrimination persists to this day.

City of Columbia's City Channel recently asked some of Columbia's elder residents to recount their housing experiences. See how housing discrimination drastically changed Columbia and hear first-hand stories from the people who had to endure it all. The video is available online at CoMo.gov/CityChannel.

Volunteer of the Month: Susan Miller



Recycling Ambassador Susan Miller uses a matching game to teach children about the importance of waste reduction and recycling at Lunch in the Park in Douglass Park.

Susan Miller stands out as an extraordinary volunteer. Upon retirement as a Registered Dietician and Certified Diabetic Educator, Susan moved to Columbia to be near her grandchildren. The idleness of retirement didn't suit Susan and she soon became heavily involved with the City's Volunteer Programs. Susan is a trained volunteer Recycling Ambassador, is involved with the Adopt-A-Trail Program, and assists with many Parks and Recreations events.

Susan has a passion for the environment, believing that each of us must take steps to be kinder to the earth. She began her involvement with recycling 40 years ago with her son recycling newspapers as a scouting project. The City's Recycling Ambassadors program was a natural fit for Susan. She is an experienced and gifted educator and truly enjoys promoting waste reduction and recycling through developing curriculum and presenting to young children or adults.

Susan brings warmth and energy to all she does: promoting waste reduction, assisting children with craft activities or clearing honeysuckle. The generosity of her time and talents help to make Columbia a great place to live, work, learn and play.

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

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15

America Recycles Day, celebrated every year on Nov. 15, is a day to bring awareness to the need to reduce waste, increase recycling and to recycle properly.

The United States is a society of conveniences that come with a toll on the earth. Waste reduction and recycling are two actions that can be taken to conserve natural resources, reduce greenhouse gases and ensure sustainability for future generations.

Things to know and share about recycling:

- Recycling is local and each community does it differently. What a community recycles is dependent on systems of: separation, collection, sorting, storage and a market for the material.
- For recycling to be cost effective, it must be done properly.
- The City of Columbia has Dual Stream Recycling: containers are collected separately from fibers.
 - Containers: Rigid plastics, aluminum and metal cans, glass bottles and jars
 - Fibers: Cardboard, office paper, newspaper, magazines and junk mail
- Items that can't be recycled by the City of Columbia: Styrofoam, plastic bags, films and wrappers, aluminum foil and foil pans, dirty pizza boxes and fiber food cartons.

Do your part on America Recycles Day, and every day, to help Columbia increase its recycling rate and reduce waste.

Learn more about Columbia's recycling programs at CoMo.gov/Utilities/SolidWaste. To schedule a recycling education presentation, or to find out ways to lend a hand, contact Volunteer Programs at volunteer@CoMo.gov or call 573.874.6271.



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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