



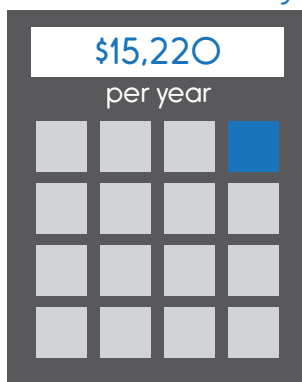
— City Stats —

The City's Share the Light program allows for utility customers to contribute to programs to improve quality of life in our community.

Donations received to date



Total donations average



Reminder of Go COMO's route changes

Welcome back to a new school year! In June, Go COMO changed from a flexed route to a fixed route system. All buses now meet at the Wabash Station, allowing for easy transfer to any of our six routes. No changes were made to the Tiger Line Shuttle Service.

People 18 and younger can ride the bus for free. All you need to do is show the driver a valid student ID. If a child does not have a student ID, visit the Wabash Station to obtain a rider ID.

Check out our free Go COMO app, or visit our website, GoCOMOTransit.com, to see the new routes, the bus stops, and a live feed of where the buses currently are.



As the new school year begins, we remind everyone of the new routes that all meet at Wabash Station.

Parks and Recreation schedules Halloween events

Mark your calendars and get out the costumes for some upcoming Halloween events organized by Columbia Parks and Recreation.

Bring Your Own Big Wheel, Oct. 26 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the ARC. Riders ages 2-6 are invited to bring their Big Wheel or tricycle and cruise the track. Event is \$5 per child. Costumes strongly encouraged.

Night of the Living Shred Skateboard Competition, Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Douglass Skate Park. Free event for ages 13 and up. Main event will be best trick contest, helmets required for those competing and costumes encouraged.

Halloween Movies in the Park, Showing of *Halloweentown* on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at Indian Hills Park; *Halloweentown 2* on Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at Auburn Hills Park. Chairs, movies and popcorn provided. Movies are free, family-friendly and all are welcome to attend.

Swimming Trunks and Treats, Oct. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ARC. Come in costume for the first Halloween pool party. Treats, photo booth, Halloween games and more. Event is \$5 per child, \$6 per adult.

Call Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460 for more information.

Street Talk: Annual Snow Palooza set for Oct. 10



Public Works Engineering Manager Richard Stone leads a tour of the City's LeRoy Anderson Salt Dome. Visit the Salt Dome to learn about winter weather operations at the Oct. 10 Snow Palooza.

The City of Columbia Public Works Department has scheduled this year's Snow Palooza open house educational event for Thursday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event takes place at the City's LeRoy Anderson Salt Dome, a gated facility at 1101 Big Bear Blvd.

See the City's winter weather facilities and equipment up close; learn more about snow fighting operations; and visit with engineers, plow drivers and support personnel.

For more information, email Pubw@CoMo.gov and watch [Facebook.com/ColumbiaMissouriPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaMissouriPublicWorks) for updates.

Share the Light to improve quality of life

Share the Light is a program that allows City of Columbia utility customers to contribute to specific City projects through their monthly utility bill.

Donations can be made to six areas: public art, community beautification, youth recreation scholarships, public health, fire protection and crime prevention. All gifts made through the program are tax-deductible. Share the Light will provide additional funds for projects that are above and beyond basic services of city government—improving quality of life in our community. Funds will be used to enhance local tax dollars that are the primary source of funding for city government.

For more information, visit CoMo.gov/Trust/Share-the-Light.

Smoke alarms save lives

Smoke alarms save lives by providing an early warning of fire, giving you additional escape time. The Columbia Fire Department wants to make sure every home in Columbia has one. If you own your home and are not able to purchase a smoke alarm you can request one at Columbia Fire Department, Fire Administration, 201 Orr St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Become a Certified Tourism Ambassador and expand your knowledge about Columbia

The Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) launched its Certified Tourism Ambassador™ (CTA) program in 2013. The goal for this program is to train ambassadors to possess a strong knowledge of the area and have a better understanding of the importance of tourism and what it brings to the community.

By engaging and inspiring our front-line employees, volunteers and a broad section of business professionals from across the community, we're able to work together to provide exceptional customer service and turn every visitor encounter into a positive experience.

In the last five years, the Columbia CVB has held 62 CTA classes and certified over 800 individuals, including tourism professionals, volunteers, community members, business owners, students, retirees, realtors, and employees from various organizations.

To find out more about the program and how you can enroll visit the CVB's website: VisitColumbiaMo.com/Columbia/Columbia-Tourism-Ambassadors.

Keep our community safe – don't keep firearms in unlocked vehicles

Vehicles aren't good places to keep valuables, especially if those valuables are firearms. There has been a recent increase throughout Columbia of vehicles being broken into. Victims have seen many things taken, including purses, money, electronics, along with several firearms.

All it takes is a jimmied door, a broken window or as in many of these cases, an unlocked door, and now a criminal has your gun that can be used to commit crimes.

We must work together to combat gun violence in our community. If you must store your firearm in the vehicle, there are a few things that you can do to help avoid becoming a victim: lock your doors, roll up your windows, and secure your firearm using a lockbox and place it in the trunk of the vehicle or somewhere else out of sight.

For more information on gun safety tips, visit CoMo.gov/Police/Gun-Safety-Tips.

2019 City of Columbia Commemorative Poster unveiled

Each year, one local artist's piece is selected to become our City of Columbia Commemorative Poster. The poster displays the beauty of mid-Missouri and the significance of the arts. Artist Kate Gray's piece, "Thunderstorms on the Katy Trail," an abstract oil painting, joins our poster gallery as the 2019 selection.

Gray states she created the piece with inspiration from a thunderstorm and the Katy Trail.

"The sun was trying to set, but a thunderstorm would have nothing to do with it. I watched the sky light up with thunder and lightning, so powerful, it took my breath. Flash after flash, I watched as the world of nature around me became shockingly beautiful. Inspired, I returned to my studio, drenched in rain and created this painting inspired by the hidden jewel of Columbia – the Katy Trail," Gray said.

Poster purchases support the Columbia Arts Fund, an endowment which, together with City funds, provides financial support to nearly 30 local arts organizations. Celebrate the beauty of mid-Missouri and support our arts community by purchasing a poster for \$20 at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 300 S. Providence Road. Posters from past years are available for \$10.

African American Heritage Trail, Sharp End traffic box commemorates history

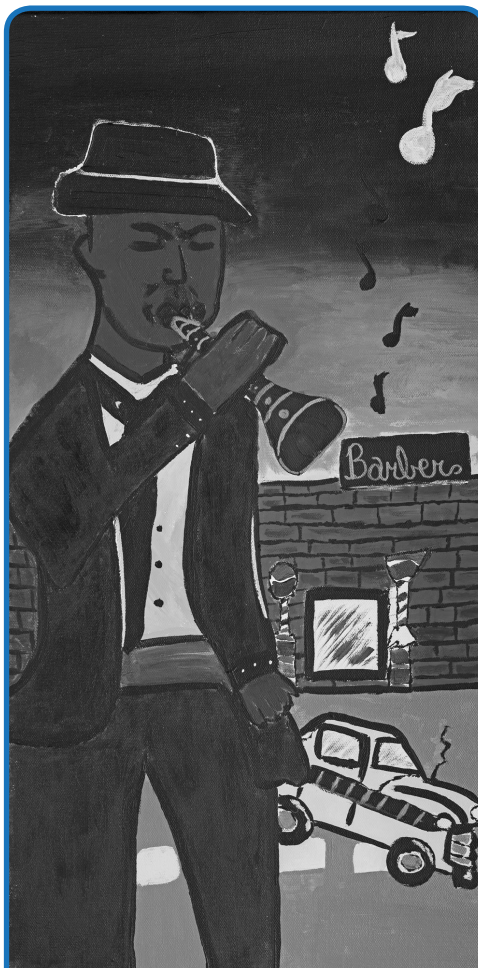
In 2015, the Sharp End Business District historical marker on Walnut Street was dedicated, recognizing the Sharp End as the cultural and economic heart of Columbia's African American community for more than 50 years.

In the years since, the Sharp End Heritage Committee worked with Columbia Parks and Recreation to create the African American Heritage Trail. The Trail is a two-mile hard surface trail utilizing existing city sidewalks in the central portion of Columbia.

Markers along the trail highlight historic African American individuals and locations. The final project will include 21 markers highlighting 39 historic sites.

The Sharp End Heritage Committee also worked with the Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs to commission a traffic box art project commemorating the culture of the Sharp End. Frederick Douglass High School Students, under the guidance of art teacher Adam Dresden, created designs highlighting important Sharp End buildings and African American culture.

The artwork was installed on the traffic signal box at Fifth and Walnut streets in late August.



This piece of art, and others, is part of a new traffic box art project at Fifth and Walnut streets to commemorate the Sharp End. The art on the traffic box is by Douglass High School students Esraa Fayed, Christian Jones, Jasper Mace and Devon Phipps.

Parks and Recreation Calendar

Call 573.874.7460
for more information

OCTOBER

- 19 Bear Creek Run Half Marathon, Bear Creek Trail, 8 a.m., Ages 12 and up, \$55
- 26 Bring Your Own Big Wheel, ARC, 9-10:30 a.m., Ages 2-6, \$5
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Board and commission vacancies

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

Application deadline is Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.

- Citizens Police Review Board
- Housing and Community Development Commission
- Commission on Cultural Affairs
- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission

Boards and commissions are a way for residents 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.

Volunteer of the Month: Grace Reynolds



Wyatt Shade, Youth in Action Intern Chris Cole and Volunteer of the Month Grace Reynolds

Grace Reynolds has participated in the Youth in Action summer volunteering program for two years now. Her supervisor and Youth in Action's summer intern, Chris Cole, has described her dedication as "incredible." Grace has attended almost every service project Youth in Action has hosted. Her two favorite projects were helping at the Central Missouri Humane Society and working at the Food Bank on multiple occasions.

There are many other events Grace has been involved with over the summer.

The 14-year-old has volunteered at the Household Hazardous Waste collection site, provided and served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, supervised the children's activities at Fire in the Sky and spent half a day doing some hands-on learning at Columbia's Center for Urban Agriculture.

Grace's commitment is incredible, but "incredible" could describe her attitude and leadership skills as well.

"She's always on time and ready to go with a smile on her face, even stepping in to help others with the job at hand," Cole said.

Her attitude toward volunteering is admirable too.

"Volunteering is a way to help others and interact with people," Grace said.

Congratulations and thank you, Grace, for being such a positive role model for youth in the community. To learn how to get involved as a youth volunteer visit CoMo.gov or call 573.874.7499.

Written by volunteer Bob Murphy

September is National Food Safety Education Month

September is National Food Safety Education Month. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about steps that can be taken to prevent food poisoning.

The keys to basic food safety are cooking it to the right temperature and storing it properly. To lower your chances of food poisoning, the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services would like to share a few tips to protect yourself and your loved ones by keeping food safe:

- Wash your hands and work surfaces often. Germs can survive in many places around your kitchen, including your hands, utensils, cutting boards and countertops.
- Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from ready-to-eat foods in your shopping cart, refrigerator and meal preparation area.
- Use a food thermometer to cook food to the right internal temperature to kill harmful bacteria.
- Keep your refrigerator below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of cooking (or within 1 hour if it's above 90 degrees Fahrenheit outside).



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