



## — City Stats —

### Solid Waste

Total tonnage collected from  
February 1 to June 15

#### Residential trash

2019 11,247 tons

2020 11,747 tons

2021 8,838 tons



#### Recycling drop-off centers

2019 1,008 tons

2020 1,105 tons

2021 1,658 tons



#### Residential recycling

2019 1,765 tons

2020 1,611 tons

2021 1,529 tons



## Pay As You Throw reminder for new residents

As we approach the summer transition period, during which current college students move out and new students move in, the City of Columbia would like to remind everyone of the Pay As You Throw program implemented by the Solid Waste Utility.

The reasons for instituting the program were focused on improving working conditions for our staff, encouraging waste reduction and recycling, and creating a system in which customers who use the service more will pay for the service.

Solid Waste provides weekly residential curbside trash service and biweekly curbside recycling service through the collection of official City-issued bags.

Through the City's voucher program, customers will receive vouchers twice a year that can be exchanged for 104 black refuse bags and 54 blue recycling bags at Gerbes, Hy-Vee, Menards, Moser's, Schnucks or City Hall.

If a customer is in need of additional black trash bags, they will have to go to one of the above outlets and purchase a roll of five bags for \$10. The \$2 per bag fee pays for landfill costs, vehicle maintenance and worker salaries. Additional blue recycling bag vouchers can be requested through WasteZero at [customerservice@wastezero.com](mailto:customerservice@wastezero.com) for no additional cost.

The blue recycling bags are for rigid plastics, metal and glass containers, such as bottles, cans and tubs. Fibers, including cardboard and paper, can be bundled in a box or paper bag and left curbside.

Trash and recycling should be set at the curb no earlier than 4 p.m. the day before your scheduled collection day.

Anyone who would like weekly reminders or schedule notifications can download the CoMo Recycle and Trash app. For more information on solid waste disposal options, please visit [CoMo.gov/utilities/solidwaste/](https://CoMo.gov/utilities/solidwaste/).



## Parks and Recreation completes improvements at Again Street Park



New playground equipment at Again Street Park.



The restriped basketball courts at Again Street Park.

Columbia Parks and Recreation has completed capital improvements at Again Street Park, 1200 Again St.

The improvements to the 10-acre park include replacement of the playground equipment and swings, an asphalt overlay and restriping of the basketball court and installation of a new disc golf basket, water fountain and benches. Park staff also constructed a new walkway connecting the sidewalk adjacent to Pershing Road to the refinished basketball court and new playground.

Again Street Park improvements were funded by the voter-approved Park Sales Tax.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460 or visit [CoMo.gov/parks-and-recreation](https://www.como.gov/parks-and-recreation).

## Public Health and Human Services launches Vaccine Ambassador Program

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) has launched a volunteer COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador Program to enhance ongoing outreach and education efforts.

While many people in Boone County have gotten their COVID-19 vaccine, many others still have questions and concerns about getting the vaccine. Vaccine Ambassadors will work to answer these questions and address concerns. They will help build vaccine confidence with their family, friends, neighbors, faith communities and the businesses next door so that as many people get vaccinated as possible to keep our community safe.

As a Vaccine Ambassador, community members will reach out to family and friends, share information on social media, post flyers or participate in outreach activities to let people know about neighborhood clinics. The goal is to engage those nearby in small ways that add up and move Boone County forward.

Any Boone County resident that is interested in becoming a volunteer Vaccine Ambassador can learn more at [CoMo.Gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.como.gov/CovidVaccine). Those wanting printed materials can pick them up at PHHS, 1005 W. Worley St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## City adopts Strategic Plan



The City of Columbia has adopted a Strategic Plan that outlines specific goals as well as actions to meet them.

The Strategic Plan was developed with the input from approximately 65 front-line City of Columbia staff members, as well as feedback from 138 residents who participated in focus groups.

This Plan clearly outlines the City's mission statement, vision statement and core values. The plan also contains five priority areas: organizational excellence,

safe neighborhoods, reliable infrastructure, inclusive community and resilient economy.

"The Plan's priorities, outcome objectives, performance measures and action items work together to define what we hope to achieve, how we plan to achieve it and how we will measure our progress," said Assistant City Manager Carol Rhodes.

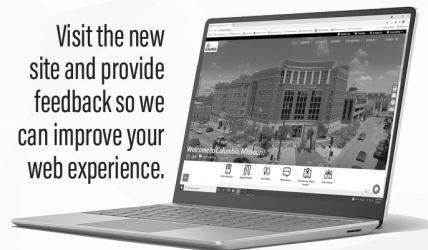
As part of the plan, the City will be building a performance management dashboard to measure the progress being made. This dashboard will be revealed in the coming months and is an important step in holding the City accountable for the goals it has set forth.

"This plan focuses on the entire community. Having the Strategic Plan will help us determine if the decisions we make moving forward fit into the priorities our residents and staff have outlined," said City Manager John Glascock.

More information on the Strategic Plan can be found at [CoMo.gov](https://www.como.gov).

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## Keep pets safe in the heat



Never leave pets in a hot car. Temperatures can rise to dangerous levels in just minutes, putting your dog at risk of heat stroke.

As we continue to experience hot days, the Columbia Police Department reminds citizens to never leave pets locked in hot cars. Every year, hundreds of pets suffer and die nationwide when their guardians make the mistake of leaving them in a parked car – even for “just a minute.” Temperatures inside a parked car can rise almost 20 degrees in just 10 minutes. This can put your pet at risk of serious illness or death, even on a day that doesn’t seem hot to you. If you’re not able to leave your pet at home while you run your errands, consider bringing

a friend who can either play with your pet outside while you run your errand, or sit with your pet in the car with the air conditioning running. You can also plan to eat at an outdoor café where your pet can be with you, or shop at pet-friendly stores where your pet is welcome to browse too.

If you observe a pet in a parked car, take down the car’s make, model and license plate number. If there are businesses nearby, notify their managers or security and ask that an announcement is made to find the car’s owner. If the owner can’t be found, call the Columbia/Boone County Animal Control office at 573.449.1888, or the Boone County Joint Communications non-emergency line at 311.

## Rebates available for businesses in hospitality and food industries

The City of Columbia is offering rebates for license and inspection fees from the calendar year 2020 and for businesses who have a current business license in an effort to help those who were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The rebate program is available to restaurants, bars and food trucks within city limits that paid license fees, liquor license fees or health inspection fees in 2020. The amount is limited to the dollar amount the business paid. Applicants must have had restrictions placed on their businesses that altered normal business or normal operating hours.

Rebates are also available for hotels, motels, tourist courts and event venues that have a current City of Columbia business license in an effort to help pay for costs related to the pandemic, including mitigating the spread of the virus.

Hospitality and tourist applicants can submit one application and can be rewarded up to \$10,000. Find out more at [CoMo.gov/finance/business-rebate-program/](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/finance/business-rebate-program/).

## Board and commission vacancies

Boards and commissions are a way for residents to be involved in local government and to represent the voices of their fellow community members. The City is accepting applications for the following boards, commissions or task forces:

### Application deadline is Sept. 3 at 5 p.m.

- City of Columbia New Century Fund Inc. Board
- Convention and Visitors Advisory Board
- Personnel Advisory Board

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia.mo.gov). Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

## Parks and Recreation events

For more information, please visit [CoMo.gov/Parks-and-Rec](https://www.columbia.mo.gov/Parks-and-Rec) or call 573.874.7460. You may also visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page at [Facebook.com/ParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/ParksandRec).

### September

- 1 Food Trucks in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, Cosmo Park, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 1 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Darkroom Records Teen Band Showcase, 7 p.m., Free
- 7 Pooch Plunge, Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., \$5 per dog, must pre-register
- 10 Movies in the Park: *Raya and the Last Dragon*, Cosmo Park, 7:45 p.m., Free
- 15 Family Fun Fest: Creative Kids, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 5 - 8 p.m., Free
- 18 Back 2 School Open House, Armory Sports Center, 1 - 3 p.m.
- 18-19 43rd Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show, Nifong Park, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Free
- 22 Food Truck Roundup, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 25 Bike Safety Rodeo, Karis Church parking lot, 9 - 11 a.m., Free



2020 had the highest participation in outdoor recreation on record, with 7.1 million more Americans participating than the year prior.



## Volunteer Focus: Household Hazardous Waste



Volunteers consolidate paint and assist in household hazardous waste collection. Last year, 425 volunteer hours were shared.

Two Saturday mornings each month from April to November, volunteers can be found at 1313 Lakeview Drive helping with household hazardous waste (HHW) collection. Volunteers help direct traffic and work to consolidate paint that is then available for public pick up. Collections are held the first and third Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, and serve as an important means to properly dispose of items like batteries, fluorescent lights, pesticides, cleaners and paint.

The service volunteers provided to HHW in 2020 increased, even though some collection dates were cancelled due to COVID-19. Last year, volunteers shared 425 hours valued at more than \$10,800.

To learn more about what can be dropped off at HHW, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia.mo.gov) and search household hazardous waste. You can also visit the website to learn more about volunteering, or by calling 873.874.6271.

## Code Corner - Trash & Debris

Keeping our neighborhoods clean is important to us all. The City considers accumulations of trash, debris and garbage as well as any accumulation of material that does or could afford harborage for rats, mice or snakes to be a nuisance. During this time of year, it's also important to eliminate outdoor items that may contain standing water as those may be a mosquito harborage.

Property owners where these violations are found may receive an abatement notice and if the issue is not resolved the City may prosecute the owner or abate the violation and tax bill the property.

If you have a nuisance to report to the City, contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at 573.817.5050 or [neighborhood@CoMo.gov](mailto:neighborhood@CoMo.gov).



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*To serve the public equitably through democratic, transparent and efficient government.*

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