



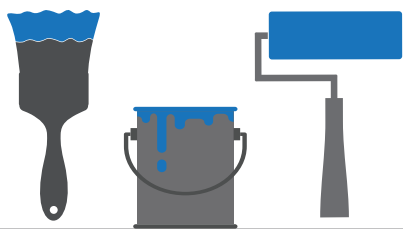
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National Volunteer Week is April 18–24.
In 2020, City of Columbia
volunteers saw great successes.

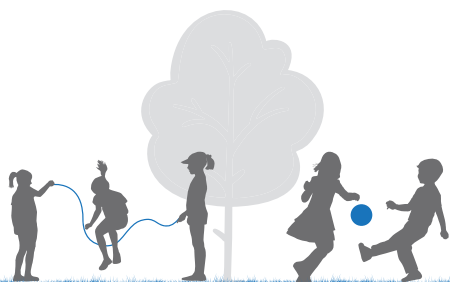
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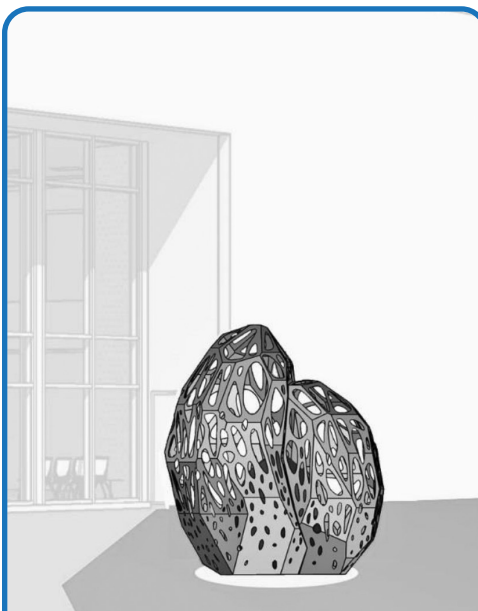
Picked up
5,003
bags of litter



Shared
2,363
hours on Park Patrol



Molly Thomas Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center nears completion



The stainless steel sculpture by Missouri artist Beth Nybeck will be installed at the near the entrance of the building and is part of the City's Percent for Art program.

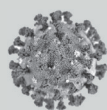
The City of Columbia's first neighborhood policing center, named in honor of fallen officer Molly Thomas Bowden, is near completion. The center is located at 1204 International Drive and will serve as a multifaceted hub for community members and officers. A ribbon cutting will be held this spring to commemorate the opening of the facility.

Once operational later this year, the Molly Thomas Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center will consist of a 24,539 square foot space, which includes offices, a lobby, reception area, community meeting room, department meeting room, specialized storage, locker rooms and a fitness center. The center will ultimately serve as a symbol for those who protect and serve us every day and officers like Molly, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect her community.

Professional Contractors and Engineers, a local construction company, began the construction of the policing center in March 2020. The new police facility was approved by voters in 2015 as a capital improvement project. The total project cost is \$9.69 million and is funded through the 2015 Capital Improvement Sales Tax. The total cost for building construction was \$7.6 million.

Additionally, community members will enjoy a piece of public art, created by Missouri artist Beth Nybeck that will be installed near the entrance. This component of the building is sponsored by the City's Percent for Art program, which is hosted through the Office of Cultural Affairs.

For more information, please visit our website at [CoMo.gov/police](https://www.columbiagov.com/police).



Official COVID-19 Vaccine Information
Visit [CoMo.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.columbiagov.com/CovidVaccine)



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Parks and Recreation completes tennis court improvements at Cosmo Park



Voter-approved Park Sales Tax funds were recently used to make improvements to Bear Creek Park.

Tennis players at Cosmo Park will be able to enjoy newly renovated courts this spring. Columbia Parks and Recreation completed improvements at the courts, located at 1615 Business Loop 70 W.

Four of the courts on the north side of the tennis complex underwent a facelift, including asphalt crack repair, painting and installation of lines.

The total cost of the improvements was \$54,000. Funding in the amount of \$40,000 came from the voter-approved 2015 Park Sales Tax and the remainder came from a United States Tennis Association (USTA) grant.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460.



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McBaine Water Treatment Plant improvements

Columbia Water & Light is planning improvements on the McBaine Water Treatment Plant. Engineering and design will be ongoing throughout 2021, with a construction contract expected to be awarded in early 2022.

In August 2018, Columbia voters approved Proposition 1, which funds capital improvements for the water system. Proposition 1 authorized the City to bond nearly \$43 million for water distribution improvements. Of that amount, approximately \$23 million is dedicated to the McBaine Water Treatment Plant project.

The McBaine Water Treatment Plant was built in 1970, with upgrades and expansions in 1994 and 2007. The McBaine Water Treatment Plant has a rated capacity of 32 million gallons per day, but because of aging equipment, the facility can only reliably treat 24 million gallons per day.

The City's 2015 Long Range Water System Study also found there is insufficient treatment capacity at the Plant to meet anticipated demands within the study planning horizon (2033).

This improvement project will restore treatment capacity to meet current and anticipated demands.

Since the 1970s, the City's groundwater supply and the McBaine Water Treatment Plant have provided drinking water that meets all federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements (www.epa.gov/sdwa). Columbia's water is tested more frequently and thoroughly than required by law.

The well water is monitored for the possibility of contamination and many recommendations from the 2013 Source Water Protection Plan have been implemented. More than 4,000 tests are run each year on samples at the McBaine WTP, and from more than 30 locations throughout the City's water system.

Home composting

Composting can significantly reduce a household's waste production. It is a fun and simple process that everyone can do to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Gardeners love composting and the vitality it brings to plants, vegetables and yards. Those who don't garden can also reap many benefits from composting by greatly reducing what goes into their trash bags and to the landfill.

Learn the why, what and how of residential composting at a free workshop to start your waste reduction journey. The City's Volunteer Programs offers composting workshops throughout the year. Search workshops at CoMo.gov for resources on residential composting or contact Volunteer Programs at Volunteer@CoMo.gov or 573.874.6271 for more information.

Advancing Renewables Conference, May 18-19

The Advancing Renewables Conference brings together speakers from around the country to address current topics in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Co-hosted by Columbia Utilities and the University of Missouri School of Natural Resources since 2006, the 16th annual conference will be a virtual event May 18-19. For information, visit AdvancingRenewables.com.

Code Corner - tall grass

The City of Columbia vegetation management ordinance addresses turf and turf weeds that are 12 inches or taller. This ordinance is in place to deter rodent harborage and also protects property values for neighborhoods in the cases where lawns are not maintained. When properties are out of compliance, the City may cut the weeds and tax bill the property for mowing. In 2020, Neighborhood Services handled more than 800 vegetation cases.

To report a vegetation violation, call 573.874.CITY (2489) or report via the City's website at CoMo.gov.

COVID-19 vaccine update

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services has combined efforts with Boone Hospital Center and MU Health Care to make the vaccination information sharing process easier.

Instead of each entity having their own survey to collect information for folks interested in vaccine, there is one survey to fill out. If you haven't already completed the survey, you can do so by visiting muhealth.org/form/covid-vaccine-survey. If you filled out the survey on our website before we combined with the other entities, you do not need to fill out the survey again.

If you have questions or need help completing the survey, please call 573.771.CARE (2273).

Para ayuda en español para completar este formulario, por favor llame al 573.771.CARE (2273).

Street Talk: All About Potholes



The goal of Public Works is to patch potholes as soon as possible to prevent nearby pavement from deteriorating further.

Potholes can occur at any time during the year, but they tend to appear more frequently after winter weather as temperatures fluctuate. Potholes form when water seeps into the pavement. The moisture expands in freezing temperatures, pushing the pavement upward. When the ice melts it leaves behind a pocket in the road. When cars drive over these areas, they crush and loosen the pavement, creating potholes.

The City of Columbia Street Division uses an asphalt recycler to make a hot mix for repairing potholes on City streets, even on cold days. A hotbox trailer is then

used to transport the hot mix to the street while keeping it at 350 degrees. Cold mix patching is still used as needed because the preparation process is shorter.

We endeavor to keep as many streets as possible in good shape to minimize potholes developing. We encourage individuals to report any pothole issues by calling 573.874.CITY (2489), by emailing PubW@CoMo.gov or by completing an online reporting form at: CoMo.gov/CMS/WebForms/form.php?formid=165.

If it is a MoDOT maintained route the pothole can be reported by calling 888.275.6636.

For more information, visit our website at CoMo.gov/publicworks/potholes/.

Utility tips from Utility Customer Services

Springtime often means getting ready to move. Don't forget your utility account! If you're leaving for the summer, please remember to cancel your services. You can do this in person, online at CoMo.gov, or by calling Utility Customer Services (UCS) at 573.874.7380. Customers who leave temporarily for the summer, or who are required to keep utilities active until their leases expire, may provide UCS with a temporary alternate mailing address. This will ensure that you receive your bills in a timely manner, allowing you to keep your utility account current. You may also do this by phone or online by selecting the "update your contact information" link. You may also keep track of the status of your account by registering for the MyUtilityBill customer portal at myutilitybill.comogov/register. If you have additional questions as your move approaches, contact UCS at 573.874.7380.

Parks and Recreation events

Columbia Parks and Recreation is modifying and adding to the list of community special events to ensure compliance with Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services orders and social distancing guidelines. For current information, please visit CoMo.gov/ParksandRec or call 573.874.7460. You may also visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page at facebook.com/ParksandRec.



Dog owners are nearly four times more likely than non-dog owners to meet daily physical activity guidelines. The Columbia trail system provides 64 miles of trails to get your dog walk in.

Board and commission vacancies

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

Application deadline is May 7 at 5 p.m.

- Columbia Housing Authority Board
- Disabilities Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Youth Advisory Council

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. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Volunteer of the Month: Cleanup Columbia



Members of the Minority Men's Network volunteered during the Cleanup Columbia event. Photo taken prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For our April Volunteer of the Month, we honor many of our long-time participants in Cleanup Columbia. The event, normally held the second Saturday of April, is celebrating its 25th year in 2021! This year, instead of a one-day event, volunteers can pick up trash any day they choose. Each year more than 1,500 volunteers participate picking up trash along our streets and trails and in our parks and streams.

The City of Columbia has many groups that help with Cleanup Columbia year after year! We share kudos to our dedicated groups, including the Minority Men's Network, Columbia United Church of Christ, Blue Thunder Track Club, the Fil-Am Association and the Columbia Garden Club. There are also many neighborhood groups who lend a hand.

If you run out of time in April, we would love to have your help keeping our City looking great on any day of the year!

To get involved as a litter pick up volunteer, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov. We can help you with supplies and to find the right spot that needs your help!

Cullimore Cottages Affordable Housing

Construction is underway for the Cullimore Cottages affordable housing development, located near 1101 N. 8th Street. The development features 10 new affordable and energy efficient homes ranging in price from \$105,000 to \$120,000. The homes feature solar panels, durable siding, garages and are in close proximity to downtown Columbia. Interested buyers must be below current HUD maximum household gross annual income requirements in the table below.

Household Members	Maximum Gross Annual Income
1	\$43,650
2	\$49,850
3	\$56,100
4	\$62,300
5	\$67,300

The development is being completed in partnership by the City of Columbia, the Columbia Community Land Trust, Providence Bank, Job Point and Central Missouri Community Action.

For more information, contact Randy Cole, 573.874.6321 or Randall.Cole@CoMo.gov.

2021 Molly's Miles 5k

Since 2017, Molly's Miles 5K and Virtual Run has brought together people from all walks of life in celebration of the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and their families. On April 24, family, friends and supporters can join the celebration by either participating in person at the Molly Bowden Memorial Park, 900 W. Stadium, or virtually for those who are unable to attend in person.

Registration for the in-person 5K is \$35. All persons who finish the race will receive a T-shirt and a medal. Registration for the virtual run is \$25. For more information or to register, visit MollysMilesRun.com.



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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