

## — City Stats —

City of Columbia Water & Light partners with Boone Electric Cooperative and the Voluntary Action Center to provide this service to income qualified customers of Columbia Water & Light and Boone Electric Cooperative.

The following numbers are from fiscal year 2020.

The Window Air Conditioner Exchange program began in 2006.



Columbia Water & Light:  
25 air conditioners exchanged  
which saved an estimated total of  
2,482 kWh of power



Boone Electric Cooperative:  
29 air conditioners exchanged  
which saved an estimated total of  
2,879 kWh of power



## Window air conditioner exchange



Exchange your old air conditioner and save. Call the Voluntary Action Center to confirm eligibility and availability at 573.874.2273.

Columbia Water & Light recognizes that having a more efficient window air conditioner allows lower-income families to spend their money on necessities. Water & Light has continued its partnership with the Voluntary Action Center and Boone Electric Cooperative so income-qualified customers can replace their inefficient window air conditioners with a new one for free.

The Window Air Conditioner Exchange runs through Sept. 27, 2021, while supplies last.

Water & Light customers should call the Voluntary Action Center at 573.874.2273 to confirm eligibility and availability before scheduling an appointment.

Customers can drop off their old unit and pick up their new air conditioner between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesdays and between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, at 403A Vandiver Drive in Columbia.

### Below are the eligibility requirements for the Window Air Conditioner Exchange program:

- Be a current Columbia Water & Light electric or Boone Electric customer.
- Have an annual income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Participants in the 2020 program are not eligible in 2021.

### Interested residents must bring in the following items to participate:

- A current electric utility bill for your address faxed to VAC's office (573.874.9172).
- Identification for everyone at your address (originals only, no copies).
- Proof of all income for everyone at your address (including food stamps and TANF).
- An inefficient window air conditioner to exchange.

To see income qualifications, visit [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com/residential/residential-income-qualifying-programs-2/](https://ColumbiaPowerPartners.com/residential/residential-income-qualifying-programs-2/).

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## City of Columbia awarded for Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process

The City of Columbia has been selected as 2021's Missouri Society of Professional Engineers: Professional Engineers in Private Practice Qualifications-Based Selection Award recipient.

The award recognizes Columbia's ability to make exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process for project engineers. Columbia has proven its ability to successfully choose engineers who are knowledgeable and handle projects professionally.

This selection process is important to ensure each project is the most desirable for Columbia and safe for residents.

"It's an honor to receive such notoriety and award from the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers for the City of Columbia's Qualified Based Selection (QBS) process," City of Columbia Purchasing Agent Cale Turner said. "All City of Columbia staff involved in the process work diligently to follow the guidelines of the process set by Missouri statutes and City ordinances. Being nominated by one of Columbia's professional firms shows the City of Columbia's dedication to having a fair, equitable, open and transparent procurement process for such services."

## Code Corner – Clean your gutters!

Cleaning out your gutters can be a chore. However, one of the most damaging things for your home is a full gutter. Cleaning your gutters and making sure water drains away from the structure prevents water from damaging your home. Full gutters are unattractive and may also lead to water damaging your soffit, fascia, the interior of your structure and the gutter itself.

The Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) handles violations of the property maintenance code. If you have an issue where ONS can help, please call 573.874.CITY.

## Parks and Recreation completes improvements at Worley Street Park



Worley Street Park has a newly renovated playground for kids ages 5-12.

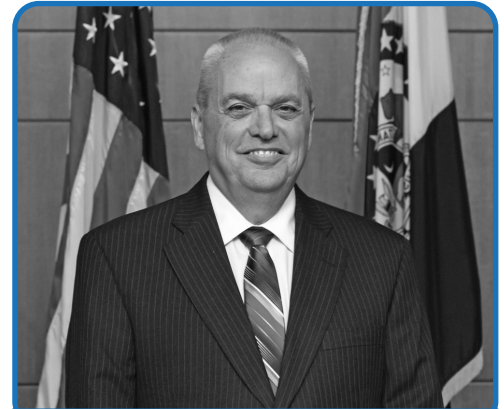
Columbia Parks and Recreation has completed infrastructure improvements at Worley Street Park, 503 W. Worley St.

The improvements to the park include replacing the playground equipment and swings for children ages 5-12 years old and replacing the playground equipment specifically designed for children ages 2-5 years old. Renovations to the park also include replacement of the drinking fountain, perimeter fencing and park benches. The basketball court has also been restriped.

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

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

## Columbia City Manager John Glascock announces retirement



City Manager John Glascock

On June 10, Columbia City Manager John Glascock announced he will be retiring on Jan. 14, 2022. Glascock has worked at the City since March of 2003 and has served as city manager since July 2019. During his time at the City, Glascock has served as chief engineer, director of Public Works, acting Water & Light director, deputy city manager and acting city manager.

"To the Council, thank you for putting your trust in me and allowing me to have greater input into the direction of the city government," Glascock said. "To all of my staff, it has been an honor to work with you and represent the City. And to the residents, thank you for allowing me to be a part of a great community that wants the best for everyone. Together, we have accomplished many great things and I am very proud of those accomplishments."

"I am grateful for John Glascock's steady leadership of the City of Columbia," Columbia Mayor Brian Treece said. "His skills and experience were critical for Columbia, not just during the pandemic and his three years as city manager, but during his 16 years as director of Public Works and deputy city manager. As city manager, John diversified the cabinet to better reflect the community we serve, improved transparency in city finances and helped restore confidence and public trust. I am grateful for his service to the City and our community."

The City will begin the search for a new city manager in the coming months.



## Board and commission vacancies

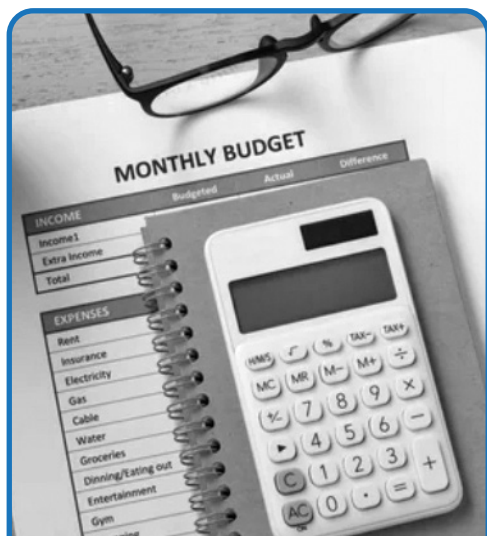
The City is accepting applications for the following boards, commissions or task forces:

**Application deadline is Aug. 6 at 5 p.m.**

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation 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](http://CoMo.gov). Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

## City of Columbia Utilities to reinstate past-due payment fees



Fees will be assessed on late payments for bills issued after August 1. A 3% fee will be charged on past-due payments.

With the City's state of emergency having been lifted May 29, 2021, the City of Columbia Utilities Department would like to inform its customers that it will be reinstating late fees on past-due utilities bills.

The City assessed late fees through July 2016, when the charges were suspended while Utilities Customer Services worked through configuration issues with newly installed billing software. The late fees were reinstated in January 2020 but rescinded again that April to ease customers' burdens during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with Chapter 27, Section 19 (f) of the City ordinances, a 3% late charge will be assessed to past-due

utility accounts. The fees will be assessed on late payments for bills issued after Aug. 1, 2021. Under the ordinance, late fees will not be applied to outstanding balances on disconnected accounts or outstanding balances covered under an active payment agreement.

For example, if a bill that is dated July 19 with a due date of Aug. 9 is not paid on time, no late fee will apply. If a bill that is dated Aug. 2 with a due date of Aug. 23 is not paid by the due date, a 3% late fee will be applied to the amount due and will be added to the next bill.

Customers will also receive a past-due notice – including a possible disconnection-of-services date – if the past-due amount is not paid in full. Services may be disconnected for nonpayment after 30 days from the original due date. If the account remains disconnected for 30 more days, the account will be deactivated and the past-due amount will be sent to the City's contracted collection agency.

Utility customers who have questions about their utility bills or about potential payment assistance can contact Utility Customer Services at 573.874.7380 or [UCS@CoMo.gov](mailto:UCS@CoMo.gov).

Customers can also register their account with [MyUtilityBill.CoMo.gov](http://MyUtilityBill.CoMo.gov) to see their latest bills, check their monthly utility usage, pay their utility bill and find other account information.

## Parks and Recreation events

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

### August

- 4 Food Trucks in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, Cosmo Park, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 5-7 p.m.
- 5 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Dr. Noize presented by Daniel Boone Regional Library, 7 p.m., Free
- 13 Movies in the Park, *Onward*, Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m., Free
- 14 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 4-6 p.m., Free
- 15 Coolin' Down with the Blues, Douglass Park, 4-7 p.m., Free
- 18 Family Fun Fest: Bookworms and Butterflies, Albert-Oakland Park, 5-8 p.m., Free
- 21 Indian Hills Block Party, Indian Hills Park, 12-2 p.m., Free
- 25 Food Truck Roundup, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Community Park, 5-7 p.m.
- 27 Movies in the Park, Night at the Museum, Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m., Free

**DID YOU  
KNOW ?**



Columbia Parks and Recreation has planted more than 2,400 trees over the past five years for our community's environmental health.

# July Volunteers of the Month: Fun City Youth Academy



This mighty team of students from Fun City Youth Academy are dedicated to service. They regularly pick up litter in Douglas Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

As Volunteer Columbia celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, we continue to recognize long-term volunteers for their efforts. This month we honor Fun City Youth Academy for 21 years of service through the Adopt-A-Spot Litter Control Program.

Since 1970, FCYA has provided culturally rich programs for low-to-medium income Columbia families to facilitate academic achievement and community involvement. The program currently serves around 150 youth ages 5-14 with year-round programming.

Fun City was previously honored in 2006 for their work picking up litter at Flat Branch Park. Over time, their commitment has evolved into regularly picking up litter at Douglass Park.

"Part of our mission is to promote social responsibility, so we make sure students know the importance of giving back to the community," Executive Director Bonnie Yantzi said. In addition to litter control, the group helps with the Downtown Optimist Club Christmas tree lot and helps to feed the homeless.

The Fun City Youth Academy brings such energy and enthusiasm to their service. It is infectious to watch the joy they have for caring for their community. Happy chatter and laughter are abundant as they make quick work of cleaning up their location. The kids have fun by competing to see who can pick up the most litter!

Their adopted location of Douglass Park and the surrounding neighborhood is often in need of some TLC. There is always a noticeable difference after the youth of Fun City work their magic.

Thank you Fun City! To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbiagov.com) or email [volunteer@CoMo.gov](mailto:volunteer@CoMo.gov).



## 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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