

## — City Stats —

Summer water usage  
in Columbia:

Homeowners use  
**30-60%**  
of their water  
outdoors



**50%**  
is wasted because  
of inefficient  
watering methods  
and systems

A broken  
sprinkler head  
can waste  
**25,000**  
gallons in six  
months



A small leak in  
a pipe or hose  
can waste up to  
**6,300**  
gallons per  
month

Source:  
Environmental Protection Agency

## City of Columbia's 4th of July Fire in the Sky

The City of Columbia's annual 4th of July celebration will be held in two separate events, both commemorating the City's bicentennial.

The public is invited to enjoy free activities, entertainment, and food trucks on July 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Flat Branch Park.

Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. on July 4 and will be choreographed to music simulcast on KBXR 102.3. Parks and Recreation is in the process of selecting a location to shoot the fireworks from that will provide optimal viewing opportunities for Columbia residents. The site, which will not be in the downtown or Flat Branch Park area, will be closed to the public. Residents are encouraged to watch the display at their homes or alternate locations.

Fire in the Sky is presented by Columbia Insurance Group and Veterans United Home Loans. Additional sponsors include Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club, KBXR 102.3, KFRU 1400, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Machens.com and the Columbia Missourian.

For more information and the location announcement, call Parks and Recreation at **573.874.7460** or visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.como.gov) (search Fire in the Sky).

## Get your COVID-19 vaccine today

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to move forward and get back to the things we miss. Make sure you have the information you need to make the personal decision to be vaccinated.

When you make the decision to be vaccinated, there are many local options for getting the free and effective vaccine. You can find locations in Columbia and Boone County by visiting [CoMo.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.como.gov/CovidVaccine)

If you have questions, please speak with your medical provider or visit the FAQ on our website at [CoMo.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.como.gov/CovidVaccine).



**COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION**  
**COMO.GOV/COVIDVACCINE**

## Refuse, recycling vouchers scheduled to arrive in mid-June



The vouchers can be redeemed at select merchants for official City branded trash and recycle bags.

City of Columbia Solid Waste residential curbside customers should begin receiving refuse and recycling bag vouchers in their mailboxes the week of June 14. In the June packet, customers will receive two vouchers for 26-count rolls of black refuse bags and one voucher for an 18-count roll of blue recycling bags. If customers do not receive their vouchers by June 25, they should contact the City's bag contractor, WasteZero, at **1.800.866.3954** or [customerservice@wastezero.com](mailto:customerservice@wastezero.com). Vouchers will be mailed to the service address, regardless of who is paying for the Utilities.

The vouchers are perforated, and customers are asked to separate them and use only as needed. The single-use vouchers are tracked by bar code and cannot be duplicated. All trash placed on

the curb for collection must be in official City-provided trash bags with a City of Columbia logo. There is no limit to the number of bags placed curbside as long as they are the City-issued bags.

If needed, residents can purchase additional black refuse bags in rolls of five for \$10. The charge for the additional bags acts as a usage fee where customers throwing away more garbage will pay a higher rate. The \$2-per-bag fee will cover extra costs, including the landfill disposal fee, employee salaries and vehicle maintenance.

Customers needing additional blue recycling bags should call WasteZero, and a voucher will be mailed free of charge.

The City will not conduct a contactless drive-through voucher redemption event in June. Bag vouchers are redeemable at the following Columbia locations:

### Gerbes Super Markets

- 1729 West Broadway
- 2900 Paris Rd.

### Hy-Vee

- 3100 West Broadway
- 25 Conley Rd.
- 405 East Nifong Blvd.

### Menards

- 3340 Vandiver Dr.

### Moser's Foods

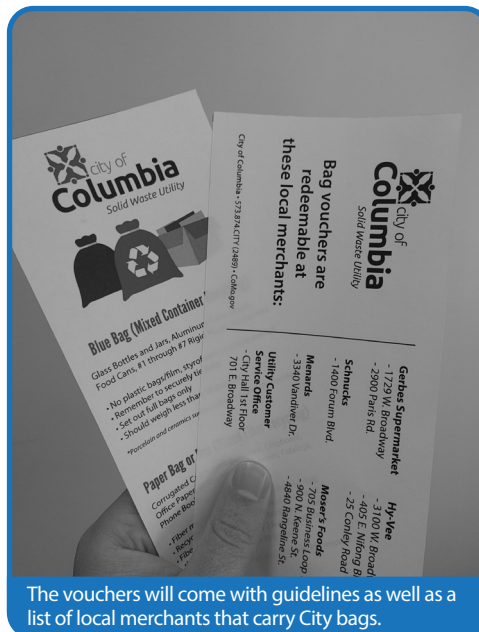
- 705 Business Loop 70 W
- 4840 Rangeline St.
- 900 North Keene St.

### Schnucks

- 1400 Forum Blvd.

### City of Columbia Utility Customer Service

- 701 East Broadway



The vouchers will come with guidelines as well as a list of local merchants that carry City bags.

## Code Corner: Keep the sidewalk path clear

As summer begins, please check that vegetation, including tree branches or ornamental grasses, isn't encroaching the sidewalk path, driving path or causing a visual issue for drivers. The City Code of Ordinances addresses this issue in two places:

- **Sec. 11-230** - Nuisances enumerated: (6) A tree or any tree limb that could interfere with the passage of motor vehicles, bicycles, motor propelled scooters, or pedestrians on any public right-of-way.
- **Sec. 24-6** - Overhanging branches, limbs, etc.

Take a minute to cut these back so they don't cause a problem.

Contact Neighborhood Services if we can help with an issue: **573.817.5050** or [neighborhood@CoMo.gov](mailto:neighborhood@CoMo.gov).



Brush obscures one of Columbia's many sidewalks.

## Board and commission vacancies

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

**Application deadline is July 19 at 5 p.m.**

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes 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 at [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov). Call **573.874.7208** for more information.

## Progress as Promised: Parks and Recreation completes improvements at Kiwanis Park



A renovated shelter seen at the recently improved Kiwanis Park in Columbia, MO.

Columbia Parks and Recreation has completed improvements at Kiwanis Park, 1001 Maplewood Drive.

The 20-acre Kiwanis Park has two park entrances off of Maplewood and College Park Drive. The capital improvements at the park focused on improving amenities located at the Maplewood Drive entrance to the park.

These improvements included renovations to the Talbert Thurston Shelter, asphalt overlay and restriping of the existing parking lot and driveway, new ADA access to the shelter and installation of new LED lighting on the driveway and parking lot. Park staff were able to renovate the existing steel shelter by installing a new metal roof and interior liner panel, upgrading electrical, painting the exposed portions of the old steel columns and installing a new concrete floor.

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

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at [573.874.7460](tel:573.874.7460).

## Water smarter, not harder



A sprinkler system can help conserve water use.

We all love the color of the flowers over the lush green lawns that we see every summer. That means lots and lots of watering.

Up to 60% of water use in the summer is on outdoor landscaping. But, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, up to 50% of outdoor watering is wasted through evaporation, runoff and inefficient practices, such as overwatering.

Can you have a good-looking yard while keeping your water bills manageable? Of course! The City of Columbia Water & Light department runs a Demonstrate

Responsible Irrigation Practices (DRIP) program, through which customers learn irrigation best practices, get advice on efficient irrigation appliances and receive rebates for their efficiency upgrades.

Irrigation systems are one way to keep your landscape pristine while conserving water. With an irrigation system, you can provide balance and consistency to watering your lawn, putting water where you need it most to get the best out of your landscape.

With an irrigation system, you can set up your system to guarantee good results. You can direct the spray over the landscaping to avoid excess water hitting the pavement. You can also schedule each zone to take into account things like sun exposure, the flora and the type of soil. Don't let your money trickle away. For more information on the DRIP program, or more tips on how to conserve water this summer, visit [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com](http://ColumbiaPowerPartners.com).

## Parks and Recreation Events

Call [573.874.7460](tel:573.874.7460)  
for more information

### JUNE

- 4** Fire in the Sky, Activities and entertainment 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fireworks after 9 p.m., Free
- 7** Food Trucks in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, Cosmo Park, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 5-7 p.m., Free
- 8** Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Community Band, 7 p.m., Free
- 9** Movies in the Park, *Spies in Disguise*, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., Free
- 10** SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, Times vary according to wave, \$25
- 17** DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 4-6 p.m., Free
- 18** Lawn Chair Concert in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-5 p.m., Free
- 21** Family Fun Fest: Healthy Habits, Clary-Shy Community Park, 5-8 p.m., Free

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KNOW ?**



Regular exercise can boost your immune system. Exercise promotes good circulation, allowing substances of the immune system to move through the body and do their job efficiently.

## Volunteer of the Month – In memoriam: Rich Eyler



Rich Eyler volunteered more than 7,000 hours of his time to service in the community.

Rich Eyler is honored as the City's June Volunteer of the Month. City staff asked him many times over the years if we could recognize him for his service and he humbly declined. Rich passed away on April 25. While he is no longer with us, we want to honor his service.

Rich shared more than 7,000 hours of service with his community, beginning in earnest in 2005 when he joined the Park Patrol. You may have seen him directing

visitors on Saturday mornings at Cosmo Park, assisting at special events, working at his Adopt-A-Spot bed at Paris & Vandiver, or cruising through the parks. Rich was a gentle, kind person who was amazingly generous with his time. He had a 39-year career at the University of Missouri working in the financial aid office.

Thank you, Rich, for your service to the City of Columbia.

## Street Talk – St. Charles Road Sidewalk project

The City of Columbia Public Works department completed the construction of the St. Charles Road Sidewalk project, which includes the construction of approximately 3,100 linear feet of concrete sidewalk and a crosswalk with a pedestrian flashing beacon connecting the existing sidewalk to the new sidewalk. This project provides students with a paved path to the local Battle High School.



Crews worked to construct approximately 3,100 linear feet of concrete sidewalk to allow students safer access to the local high school.

The sidewalk design included approximately 1,200 linear feet of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with grass parkway and approximately 1,900 linear feet of 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter. A crosswalk with a pedestrian flashing beacon connecting the existing sidewalk on the south side of St. Charles Road at Demaret Drive to the new sidewalk was also implemented.

The project's estimated investment was \$688,600, funded with a 50/50 cost share between the Columbia Public Schools and the City of Columbia.

More information may be found at [CoMo.gov/publicworks/stcharles-sidewalk/](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/publicworks/stcharles-sidewalk/).

## That's some high quality H2O!

The City of Columbia recently released the 2020 Water Quality Report. The consumer confidence report shows that Columbia's drinking water meets or exceeds all quality standards set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

For a copy of the report, visit [CoMo.gov/Utilities/Water-and-Light/Water/Water-Quality](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/Utilities/Water-and-Light/Water/Water-Quality), call 573.874.CITY (2489) to have one mailed to you or stop by the Utility Customer Service office at City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.



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*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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