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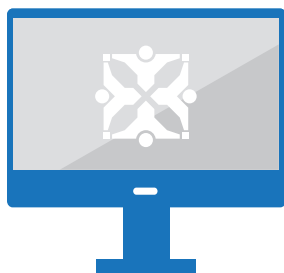
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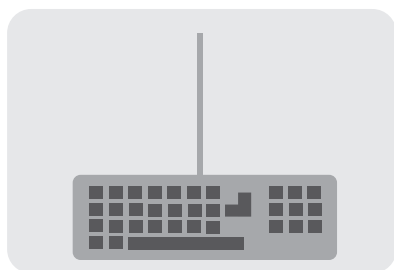
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The City of Columbia has launched a new website!

**New
CoMo.gov
is Here!**



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The new **CoMo.gov** launched on July 19 after an extensive building and testing phase. This new version of the site has been developed through a collaboration between the Communications and Creative Services division and Information Technology, drawing from the input provided via survey, internal and external testing.

At the onset of this project, the goal was to rebuild the site with a modern look and feel, review every piece of content for accuracy and clarity and create a fully functional mobile website. The design and structure of the site was crafted through careful review of numerous municipal websites alongside use of analytics and industry best practices.

Though the site has officially launched, it is still in a testing phase. The hope is that through this testing, further input can be gathered to improve the site.

Please feel free to explore the various areas of the website and test the functions and features. Note that through the redesign process, some information has been consolidated or reorganized. The new design utilizes toggles and table of contents tools to help streamline and simplify your experience, and the new site is designed to have full functionality on mobile devices.

If you find it difficult to accomplish specific tasks or can't find information, please provide feedback. You will notice a prompt on the lower right of the site asking for input.

Thank you for all of your help and feedback!



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Bicentennial Commemorative Poster



KEN NICHOLS | SOMETIMES IT'S A DOOR | ACRYLIC ON CANVAS

City of Columbia Commemorative Poster
BICENTENNIAL 1821-2021

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Since 1992, the City of Columbia has produced an annual Commemorative Poster which celebrates the vitality and beauty of Columbia. In 2021, we celebrate Columbia's Bicentennial. Local artists were asked to submit artwork images that captured the spirit of Columbia now or in the past 200 years.

Ken Nichols oil painting titled "Sometimes It's a Door" has been unveiled as the Bicentennial Commemorative Poster for the City of Columbia.

This year's poster image represents a crossroads. Not just a metaphorical crossroads of our City as we reflect back on the last 200 years and look forward to the future, but an actual crossroads.

Nichols states that this place has always felt significant to him - where everything goes a darker green and the road lines disappear into the map. It's one of the last high points on the plateau before the crags and caves of the woodland begin their slow descent toward the Missouri River. The artist hopes to celebrate the edge of civilization in this work.

The Bicentennial Commemorative Poster, "Sometimes It's a Door," can be purchased for \$20 at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, 300 S. Providence Road. Funds raised by poster sales go toward the Columbia Arts Fund, an endowment which provides support for local arts organizations. The city's Commemorative Poster is a program of the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs and sponsored by Commerce Bank and Miller's Professional Imaging/MPix.

Parks and Recreation completes improvements to the outdoor roller hockey rink at Cosmo Park

Columbia Parks and Recreation has completed improvements to the outdoor roller hockey rink at Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park), 1615 Business Loop 70 West.

The improvements to the regulation-sized outdoor roller hockey rink include repairs to all surface cracks, new surface coatings and striping for a regulation hockey rink. The new striping on the court also includes regulation striping for roller derby.

The improvements to the Cosmo roller hockey rink were funded by the voter-approved Park Sales Tax.

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



The outdoor roller hockey rink at Cosmo Park.

Police canines serve as an invaluable tool for CPD officers

Officers working in the CPD K-9 unit find comfort knowing the police canines they work with have their back at all times. These four-legged trained professionals are the only tool officers have that can warn them of impending danger. In addition, they are recognized as the best nonlethal tool known to the police profession.

All of CPD's canines come from Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpville, Pennsylvania. This kennel specializes in importing and training police service dogs. The breeds of canines vary from German shepherds, Belgian malinois, Dutch shepherds, labradors and golden retrievers.

There are currently three dogs aboard the CPD K-9 unit. Their names are: Duncan, who joined the unit in 2014; Gorrit, who joined in 2015; and Nero who joined in 2016.

The canines are paired with an officer with whom they train, work and live until either the officer retires or the canine is faced with underlying health issues that prevent them from further service.

CPD's police canines and handlers go through an eight week basic handler's course before certifying with the Missouri Police Canine Association and becoming eligible to work on the streets. After that, the teams conduct weekly maintenance training for the rest of the life of the canine. This training includes K-9 problem-solving, scenario based training, and physical and mental exercise to keep the canine and the handler engaged and operating at their best. There is a unique bond that the handler and the canine develop as they spend more time with each other.

In the event of a police incident, a trained canine can be used beyond arm's length and can cover a wider range of situations and conditions. The Police Canines are truly invaluable to the Columbia Police Department.

Eric Hempel named sustainability manager



City of Columbia's Sustainability Manager Eric Hempel.

Eric Hempel has filled the role of manager of the Office of Sustainability. Hempel began his role as manager on July 26.

As manager, Hempel will provide vision and leadership in the implementation of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), direct the preparation of short-term and long-range plans and prepare the Office of Sustainability annual budget based on overall City goals, growth objectives and more.

"Eric Hempel has shown his commitment to creating a more sustainable environment for our residents," said Deputy City Manager De'Carlton Seewood. "Under Hempel's leadership, I believe we will see a very collaborative approach to applying our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan to City Services."

Hempel has worked at the City of Columbia since January of 2012. During his time at the City, he has worked as housing specialist, energy educator and environmental program coordinator.

"I look forward to supporting the efforts of Sustainability staff and the dozens of other City staff members of the CAAP teams as we implement the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan," said Eric Hempel. "The work of these teams supports the enterprise-wide alignment of the City's actions with our equity, sustainability and engagement priorities."

Before coming to the City, Hempel worked as an energy auditor at Central Missouri Community Action and an environmental specialist for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

He received his bachelor's degree in environmental sciences at Washington University in St. Louis and his master's in education from the University of Missouri.

Welcome new utilities customers

Utility Customer Service (UCS) would like to welcome our new customers. We would also like to suggest that when you get your first bill, please take a moment to make sure your service address and your mailing address are correct and that your name is spelled correctly. In order to protect customer account integrity, UCS representatives may only discuss your account with authorized users. Please let us know it is okay to discuss account details with a spouse, partner, roommate, parent, or other individual. UCS is happy to help if you have questions about your bill or your utility account. Call 573.874.7380 or send an email to ucs@CoMo.gov.

Save water - save money

Columbia Water & Light offers incentives to residential and commercial customers for their water conservation efforts.

Visit ColumbiaPowerPartners.com, or call 573.441.5528 to learn about rebates on:

- Toilet replacement
- Irrigation system upgrades

Parks and Recreation events

For more information, please visit CoMo.gov/Parks-and-Rec or call 573.874.7460. You may also visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page at Facebook.com/ParksandRec.

October

- 6 Food Trucks in the Park, Stephens Lake Park, Cosmo Park, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 6 Sensory Friendly Touch-a-Truck, Rainbow Softball Center at Cosmo, 4 - 6 p.m., Free
- 13, 20 Gut the Gourd, Armory Sports Center, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m., \$7 per pumpkin, must pre-register
- 23 Night of the Living Shred Skateboard Competition, Douglass Skate Park, 3 - 6 p.m., Ages 11 and up, Free
- 25 Toy Drive kicks off
- 30 Bear Creek Run Half Marathon, Bear Creek Trail, 8 a.m., Ages 12 and up, \$55



Paxton Keeley Park

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The Park Sales Tax has funded 21 playground projects at Columbia Public Schools from 2006-2020.

Volunteer focus: Special event volunteering



Volunteers host games and activities for kids at the Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza held at Douglass Park. (photo from spring 2019)



The Smithton Middle School Builders Club pose after helping with children's activities at the Heritage Festival.

Volunteering with a special event has lots of benefits: short time commitment, tons of fun, the opportunity to meet new people and the satisfaction of creating fun memories for our community! Events are flexible with opportunities for individuals, families and groups.

The City of Columbia hosts a variety of events throughout the year and volunteers play an important role in them all. As Volunteer Columbia celebrates our 25th year, we share our sincere appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers who have helped with events over the years and extend an invitation to new volunteers! To learn more about helping with upcoming events, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or volunteer@CoMo.gov.

New fiscal year begins Oct. 1

The City's fiscal year 2022 will begin on Oct. 1 with fiscal year 2021 ending Sept. 30. The annual budget process includes several steps that involve citizens and offers City Council an opportunity to do a full review. These steps include:

- A presentation of the proposed budget by the city manager.
- A City Council budget work session.
- Three public hearings to give community members the opportunity to give feedback about the budget.

After all those steps are complete, the City Council approves the proposed budget. To view the budget, please visit CoMo.gov, search "budget."

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 Oct. 8 at 5 p.m.

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

Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at CoMo.gov. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.



OUR VISION

Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

OUR MISSION

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

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