

— City Stats —

2020 CoMoGives Campaign stats

142 Participating organizations



\$1,651,000
Total donations



\$91,200
Highest donations for a single organization



2021 CoMoGives Campaign



The 2021 CoMoGives Campaign, now in its ninth year, is just around the corner. CoMoGives' primary goal is to facilitate year-end giving to a cross-section of Columbia/Boone County and other central Missouri community nonprofit organizations. Donors can select one, two, or more organizations and make a single donation with an easy, secure transaction at CoMoGives.com website.

We invite previous and new donors to give generously to the 2021 CoMoGives campaign, which will start accepting donations on November 30, global

#GivingTuesday. Donations will be gladly received through December 31 at midnight.

The campaign has grown from 30 participating organizations and total donations of \$64,200 in 2013, to 142 organizations and total donations of \$1,651,000 in 2020.

The goal for 2021 is \$1,250,000, which we hope to exceed during the campaign. Last year's goal was \$1,000,000 and community support led us to increase our goal to \$1.5M, which was then exceeded by over \$150,000!

Supporters of specific organizations are also encouraged to sign up to hold their own peer to peer (P2P) campaign for their chosen organization. Peer to peer campaigns act as sub-campaigns during CoMoGives, where the campaign is shared by the P2P leader, who is trying to reach her/his donation goal, which when met will then trigger the P2P leader to do something special. All a P2P takes is commitment and a little creativity!

Information about the campaign, as well as all donations, are made through the dedicated campaign website, CoMoGives.com.



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Code Corner: Sidewalk snow removal



Try to avoid walking on the snow before you get started. Packed snow is harder to clear.

When it snows, having a clear sidewalk can be very helpful to those on foot who may be walking to school or work or delivering mail or meals. It is the responsibility of property owners and occupants to keep sidewalks clear. Section 302.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code says that all sidewalks, walkways (...) shall be maintained free from hazardous conditions. Chapter 24 of City Ordinance requires property owners or occupants to keep sidewalks, "clear and free from rubbish, filth, refuse, dirt, snow, ice and from any and all obstructions and dangerous agencies of every kind and description whatsoever."

The City's Community Development Department is continuing to enforce these ordinances. Property owners who do not comply are subject to prosecution in municipal court.

Upon volunteer availability, seniors and people with disabilities who need assistance with snow removal may be able receive assistance through Services for Independent Living. Please contact Madison Anderson, Volunteer Manager, at manderson@silcolumbia.org or 573.874.1646 ext. 223. This service is only available upon enough volunteer capacity. There is an income qualification to receive services. Community members interested in helping with snow removal, please email Madison for more information.

Thanks for keeping our sidewalks clean for the benefit of all Columbia residents who use them.

Energy efficient home heating tips for winter

When setting your thermostat for this upcoming winter, keep in mind that you can still reach your energy-efficiency goals without sacrificing your family's comfort.

According to the Department of Energy, heating your home makes up about 29% of your utility bill—more than any other system in your home. The good news is that turning the temperature down just a little bit in the winter will provide you with the same level of comfort at a reduced cost. For every degree cooler you set the thermostat, you will realize about 3% to 5% savings per month on your utility bill. You will see even more savings if you bump the temperature down a couple more degrees when you're away or asleep.

If your plans include being away for several days, lower your thermostat to between 50 degrees and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. A setting lower than 50 degrees may risk frozen pipes. Renters should check with their landlords for specific vacation thermostat settings. Also, remember that changing your filter is important to the efficiency of your furnace. Filters protect your heater by trapping dust and dirt before it gets into the heating coil. If the air filter is dirty, your furnace is forced to work harder, using more energy in the process.

Contact City of Columbia Water & Light for a whole-home approach to energy efficiency. An energy assessment of your home by a certified home assessor will show you ways to save on energy costs.
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Upcoming holiday season increases risk of cooking fires

The holiday season is right around the corner. This means holiday parties, holiday shopping and plenty of holiday cooking. With so much time being spent in the kitchen, homes are at a higher risk for cooking fires. Here are some tips from the Columbia Fire Department on how to avoid a holiday cooking fire in your kitchen:

- Keep children out of the kitchen when holiday cooking is taking place. Children can easily cause spills, which could lead to a cooking fire.
- When working around an open flame or heated surface, remove any paper or plastic materials from the area.
- Be aware of foods left to boil or simmer on your stovetop. While these items are slightly safer to leave unattended, it's important to monitor your food while setting a timer to avoid burns
- When grilling, frying or boiling food, never leave the stove unattended. You are working with flammable grease and oil at high temperatures, making the situation vulnerable to a holiday cooking fire. Should you need to leave the kitchen, turn off the stove or ask a family member to watch the stove.
- Never wear long sleeves while cooking over an open flame. Clothing can easily catch fire.
- Should a fire occur on your stovetop, turn off the heat source if you can do so safely. Then slide a lid over your pan or pot to smother the flames. Never try to remove the pot or pan from the stove while flames or smoke are visible.
- Should an oven fire occur, keep the door to the oven closed and turn off the heat source if you can do so safely.
- If you do experience a cooking fire, call 911 and ensure that all family members and friends safely exit the home.

We recommend homes have a portable fire extinguisher on hand at all times. A class K extinguisher is best used in scenarios involving flammable cooking materials such as grease or oil.

Crime prevention tips for the holiday season

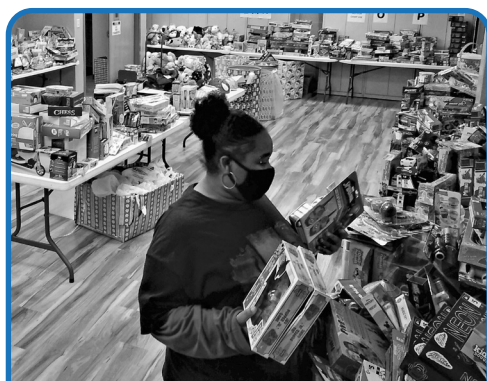
As we come into the holiday season, Columbia Police offers some reminders that may help prevent you from becoming a crime victim while you travel to see friends and family. This time of year is ripe for thefts from homes and vehicles.

- Never post your holiday travel plans on social media.
- Put a hold on mail and newspaper delivery.
- Remove any spare keys that you have hidden outside your home.
- Ensure all doors and windows are properly secured and locked.
- Disconnect your garage door opener.
- Hire a trusted company or ask a neighbor to remove snow.
- Ensure all batteries are working in any security or camera system you have in place.
- Leave a key with your contact information and any instructions with a trusted neighbor.
- Create the illusion that you are home by using timers to turn on lights, radios and TVs at random times of the day. Or you can always ask a trusted neighbor or friend to watch you home and park a vehicle in the driveway from time to time.

Consider requesting a Watch in Passing (WIP) from Columbia Police. This will notify officers assigned to the beat where you live that you are out of town. An officer will watch your property while passing through on patrol. Visit

ColumbiaPolice.PoliceToCitizen.com/SecurityWatch for more information.

Toys for Columbia's Youth



Walls of toys line the walls of the Armory Sports Center, all donations from the toy drive.

Columbia Parks and Recreation is organizing the annual Toys for Columbia's Youth Drive. Families interested in applying for the program may do so by Monday, Dec. 6. The toy drive serves children ages 12 and under. To be eligible, families must be Columbia residents, meet income requirements and not be receiving toy assistance from another agency.

Donations of new toys and money are being accepted through Dec. 6. Toys can be dropped off at the Armory Sports

Center, 701 E. Ash, the ARC, 1701 W. Ash or the Parks and Recreation office, 1 S. Seventh St.

In addition to toys, cash, checks or credit cards are accepted. A letter of receipt for tax purposes will be provided for your generosity. Please call 573.874.7460 for more information.

Get your flu shot today

Flu season is here, which means it's time for flu shots and Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) is now administering flu vaccinations.

It is recommended that everyone six months of age and older get the flu vaccine. Anyone who has had severe reactions to previous flu shots or anyone with allergies to the flu vaccine or its components should speak to their doctor about the flu shot.

To schedule an appointment in the PHHS clinic, 1005 W. Worley St., please call 573.874.7249. Additionally, flu shots are available at many local pharmacies and hospitals.

Parks and Recreation events

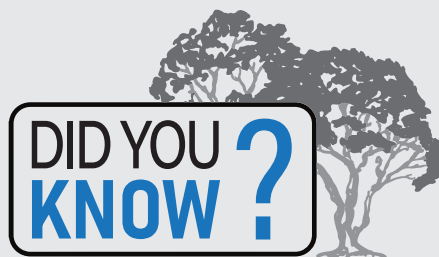
For more information, please visit CoMo.gov/Parks-and-Rec or call 573.874.7460. You may also visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page at Facebook.com/ParksandRec.

December

3 Lights and Sights Tour, Meet at the ARC, 6:15-7:30 or 7:45-9 pm, \$7.50 per person, must pre-register

4 City Kwanzaa Celebration and Black-Owned Business Expo, Armory Sports Center, 2-5 pm, Free

14 Central Columbia Holiday Party, Armory Sports Center, 6:30-8 pm, Free



According to the 2021 Parks and Recreation citizen survey, 81 percent of Columbia households use City trails.

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 Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.

- Columbia Sports Commission
- Firefighters' Retirement Board
- Human Services Commission
- Police Retirement Board

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

Preparing for winter weather

With winter on its way, freezing temperatures, snow and ice will once again be headed toward the Columbia area. Have you made some basic winter weather preparations? For example, check your tires to see if they have adequate tread depth for snow-covered roads, or think about purchasing tires that are better-suited for winter conditions. Consider buying a portable car battery jump starter and tire traction mats, and store blankets, snacks or other winter weather supplies for emergencies.

Remember that all city residents are required by ordinance to keep sidewalks on their premises free from snow and ice. Check to make sure that your snow shovel is still in good repair, and that you have enough salt on hand.

If while driving you encounter a snow plow, remember not to follow the plow too closely or attempt to pass. Doing so can cause issues for the driver, who might not be able to see you in time due to his or her blind spots. Additionally, the act of pushing accumulated snow can create dangerous snow clouds on either side of the plow that can impair your ability to judge if it's safe to pass. And most importantly, slow down! Give yourself extra time for your trip and keep your speed appropriate for conditions. Remember, if your trip is not absolutely necessary, please do not travel when severe weather conditions are ongoing.

When snowfall accumulation measures two inches or greater, no vehicle may be parked on any street designated as a first or second priority route. The purpose of this rule is to allow plow crews the ability to do their job more quickly and efficiently, clearing as many roads as they can from curb to curb. To determine which roads near you are first or second priority, visit CoMoSnow.com and then click on the Street and Snow Route Priority Viewer. Use this map to find a non-priority road near you where you can safely park your car out of the way of plow crews. Or if possible, park your vehicle off of the roads entirely to speed up crew response times. To be notified when snowfall accumulates to two inches or more, sign up for Nixle text alerts by texting your zip code to 573.888.777.

City offices closed for upcoming holidays

City of Columbia offices will be closed for the following upcoming holidays:

- **Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 25**
- **The day after Thanksgiving – Nov. 26**
- **Christmas Day – Dec. 25**
- **New Year's Day – Jan. 1**

Residential curbside recycling and trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving and will be delayed by one day the remainder of the week. Even though City offices are closed the Friday after Thanksgiving, solid waste collection will resume. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday and Friday customers collected on Saturday. As Christmas and New Years fall on Saturday, residential collections will run the normal Monday-to-Friday schedule.

Residents can download the COMO Recycle and Trash app for collection day reminders and servicenotifications. Questions concerning the collection schedule should be directed to the Contact Center at 573.874.CITY (2489). The landfill will also be closed. Go COMO, Columbia's public transit system, will not operate, and parking meter regulations will not be enforced on the observed holidays.

Parks and Recreation's Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) will be open limited hours on the holidays. Although administrative offices for both the police and fire departments will be closed, all other emergency services will be available. Visit CoMo.gov/Utilities for utilities related emergency contact 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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