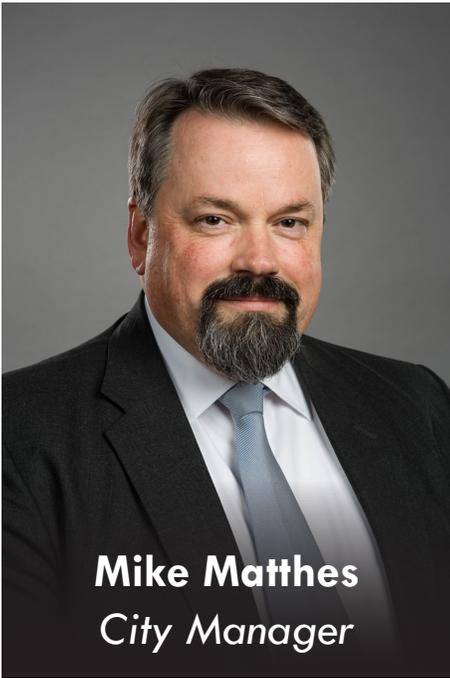




# **CITIZEN HANDBOOK**

**2018-2019** A Citizen Guide for  
Columbia, Missouri



## *Dear Columbia Residents:*

I am pleased to welcome you to the annual Citizen Handbook and Programs and Priorities report. This has been a year of great partnerships with several local organizations that work to make the lives of our community members better.

Our partnerships with nonprofits like the Heart of Missouri United Way, Central Missouri Community Action and JobPoint help us to leverage each other's assets to strengthen our community. We've also partnered with Columbia Public Schools to help support ninth grade students at Hickman High School through the Community Scholars program. We worked with several other local businesses and organizations in the Journey Towards Inclusive Excellence to assess and improve our organizational diversity and inclusion efforts.

In addition to creating community partnerships, we always want to make sure that we are providing the best possible customer service to our residents. Seventy-three percent of Columbia residents who participated in the 2017 citizen survey said that they are satisfied or very satisfied with overall quality of City services. That's compared to the Missouri/Kansas average at 46 percent and the national average at 49 percent. The survey results also show that trust remains high when it comes to the City using your sales and property taxes, fees, and rates, and you expect the best possible service in return.

We continue to move the needle of service in a positive direction. Our survey also shows that our community wants more community policing and better roads. Unfortunately, there are fewer dollars to do that, and there will be less each year as sales taxes continue to decline. Your tax dollars are important and City employees will continue to be good stewards of the funds and resources that are available to them. City employees will provide services as the budget allows and they will continue to create those impactful partnerships to improve our community.

In the pages ahead you will read interesting articles about what's happening in your Ward. We hope you learn something new and the articles inspire you to visit the new upgraded park, go see that piece of history, volunteer at a nonprofit in your area or plan a gathering with neighbors.

A community is only as good as the effort we all put into it. Together, we will continue to carry out the vision that Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

Regards,

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## **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.*

# CITY OF COLUMBIA 2016-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

The City of Columbia is entering the final year of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan and continues to make strides towards making Columbia the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play. The Strategic Plan provides structured goals and objectives and includes collaboration with community members and community partners to achieve those goals.

The Strategic Plan identifies five strategic priority areas: economy, social equity, public safety, infrastructure and operational excellence; these are supported by 21 objectives. These priority areas provide the structure that directs the City's focus, which includes working toward a local economy with more living wage jobs; stronger neighborhoods that contribute to family success; greater satisfaction with public safety services; safe and reliable City infrastructure; and higher-performing City employees.

Each year, City staff reviews our accomplishments: How much progress did we make toward our goals? How well did we serve the people we represent? But more than just checking off boxes, we believe the efforts we undertake are building a future where **everyone** can thrive.

The Strategic Plan includes three Focus Neighborhoods in north, east and central Columbia. The Focus Neighborhoods were chosen using the Tucson stress index, which considers data for poverty status, educational attainment, housing situation and more. Input and participation by Columbia residents in the three Focus Neighborhoods helped determine specific actions that contribute to the success in those areas.

Each Strategic Plan priority area has a team of City employees who work with the community to achieve the goals set in 2015. Below are some of the many achievements in each priority area:

## Economy

- Increased the Boone County average wage.
- Created the Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Directory and held educational workshops for M/WBEs.
- Attained the status of a Certified Work Ready Community.
- Attracted hundreds of jobs and investments from new and existing businesses in the community.

## Social Equity

- Held several informational classes for first-time homebuyers and low-to moderate-income homebuyers.
- Increased the number of positive interactions between Columbia Police officers and residents in the Focus Neighborhoods.
- Partnered with Shelter Insurance to create a Success Grant for high school seniors in Focus Neighborhoods who are planning to attend to college or career school.
- Conducted City-facilitated meetings in each of the Focus Neighborhoods and identified community leaders to help neighbors reach goals they set.

## Public Safety

- Began design and held an interested parties meeting for the Police North Precinct Facility.
- Began utilizing Center for Public Safety Excellence process by the Fire Department to evaluate fire station placement needs.



- Identified a fourth Focus Neighborhood and staffed the area with two CPD Community Outreach Unit officers.
- Continued work on accreditation processes by Police and Fire departments.

## Infrastructure

- Completed street maintenance, traffic calming projects, sidewalk placement, ADA improvements and playground replacement in several areas in the Focus Neighborhoods.
- Acquired several acres of natural area for preservation and future neighborhood parks.
- Provided hundreds of residents in need with annual bus passes that were donated by City employees and downtown businesses.
- Lined thousands of feet of sewer lines.

## Operational Excellence

- Trained hundreds of City employees in Building Inclusive Communities classes.
- Established a Diversity and Inclusion Committee to identify organizational culture and create action steps to make the City welcoming to everyone.
- Completed more than 300,000 calls by Contact Center staff since 2014 and started a live chat on CoMo.gov.
- Created a group of City employees to review processes for continuous improvement opportunities.

The planning process for the next Strategic Plan is underway and will include input from City staff, community members, business leaders and more. The next Strategic Plan will begin in fall 2019.

More information about the Strategic Plan can be found online by visiting [CoMo.gov/Strategic-Plan](http://CoMo.gov/Strategic-Plan).



On April 2, 2018, the Columbia City Council unanimously passed a resolution affirming and adopting the Principles of Community for the City of Columbia. Principles of Community is an aspirational statement and pledge that reflects the ideals we seek and embodies the City's commitment to creating a community that's inclusive of all citizens who have differing perspectives, identities and lived experiences.

These Principles of Community reflect the City's vision that Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

**We affirm** the inherent dignity and value of every person and strive to maintain a climate for work and learning based on mutual respect and understanding.

**We affirm** the right of each person to express thoughts and opinions freely. We encourage open expression within a climate of civility, sensitivity, and mutual respect.

**We affirm** the value of human diversity because it enriches our lives and our organizations. We acknowledge and respect our differences while affirming our common humanity.

**We reject** all forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those based on age, color, diverse ability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran status. We take individual and collective responsibility for helping to eliminate bias and discrimination and for increasing our own understanding of these issues through education, training, and interaction with others.

**We pledge** our collective commitment to incorporate these principles into the City of Columbia mission.

## VISION ZERO

The primary responsibility of the City of Columbia's government is to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our residents. Our City Council, staff, partners, and community are dedicated to the idea that no one should die or suffer a serious injury while traveling on our city streets – whether by foot, bicycle, wheelchair, motorcycle, automobile or any other mode. In the last 10 years, there have been approximately **74 deaths** and **542 serious injuries** on our roads. This is unacceptable and, most importantly, preventable.

With the adoption of the Vision Zero policy, the City of Columbia has set a goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. Vision Zero is an international movement designed to improve the safety of our community. We are in the process of implementing our first three-year Action Plan which focuses on three key areas: Engineering, Education and Enforcement (also known as “the three E’s”). Each team has a set of initiatives to work on over the course of this three-year plan, each with clear timeframes and performance measures.



Our plan also focuses on four guiding principles. Our plan will be **equitable**, actions will be **data driven**, we will be **accountable** to achieve clear metrics and our plan will be a **partnership**. We recognize that our efforts can only be accomplished through the support of the fourth “E” – everyone!

In May 2017, the Education Team launched [CoMoVisionZero.org](http://CoMoVisionZero.org) with the purpose of gathering input from the community, coordinating information about Vision Zero plans and keeping the community informed about the status of our Action Plan. Since that launch we have added additional features to the site, including progress updates on all Vision Zero initiatives, a section showing completed items and crash infographics. Since Vision Zero relies on data-driven approaches to prioritize our resources, we have also recently added interactive serious injury and fatality crash maps. This feature allows users to add and remove map layers to depict fatal and/or serious injury crashes that involved a person driving, walking or biking. Our maps also allow data to be shown by Ward and as a heat map. Clicking on specific pinpoint of crashes will provide additional information on the type of crash, date and location. New features will be added as we progress and we encourage you to take a look at our site and follow our progress.

### Engineering Actions:

- Formalize a program and protocol for road safety audits and road safety assessments
- Create a Crash Analysis Team
- Identify engineering design parameters that improve safety for all road users
- Reduce legal, posted speed limits



### Education Actions:

- Develop a comprehensive safety and education communication campaign
- Work with other organizations to develop education campaigns and policies
- Promote traffic safety innovations and improvements



### Enforcement Actions:

- Increase funding for police traffic safety enforcement
- Prohibit cell phone use and texting while driving
- Improve and reform enforcement of speed limits and prosecution of violators
- Provide routing bicycle and pedestrian safety training for law enforcement officers



To learn more about each of these initiatives, see local data and submit inquiries, we encourage you to visit [CoMoVisionZero.org](https://www.columbiavisionzero.org). If you would like to view or download a full copy of our Action Plan and annual update document released in June 2018, you can check out [CoMo.gov](https://www.cocomo.gov) and click on the “Columbia’s Vision Zero” link on the right side of the home page.

Through the support of our City Council, partners and community, our goal of zero by 2030 becomes more attainable each day. Through focused efforts in Engineering, Education, and Enforcement, we will make Columbia’s roads safer for residents and visitors alike.



# CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

Climate change impacts everything we care about. This is why the City of Columbia is taking action to ensure a livable community for generations to come. From our health to our property, our economy to our natural resources, the impacts of climate change are far reaching. Between now and 2050, the state of Missouri faces considerable and significantly increasing threat levels from extreme heat, drought, wildfire and inland flooding.

## Why Cities?

### **Cities face the consequences:**

*Increased temperatures, flooding, and drought threaten city residents, infrastructure and economies.*

### **Cities are part of the problem:**

*Cities create 70 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions, and urban growth shows no signs of slowing.*

### **Cities are part of the solution:**

*As the centers of commerce, culture and innovation, cities are critical to addressing climate change. City leaders are typically more nimble than state and national leaders, allowing for more immediate and impactful results.*



In preparing for how we can adapt in our changing climate and reduce our impacts on the environment, the City of Columbia is developing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). The plan will serve as a roadmap toward a more livable, resilient future for all residents, identify overall goals and provide specific actions the City can take to reach them.

Building on the City of Columbia's long history of sustainability leadership, the plan will offer a robust set of strategies that achieve these emission reduction goals. These strategies will be divided into **five sectors**:

#### 1. Built Environment



#### 2. Waste & Energy



#### 3. Natural Resources

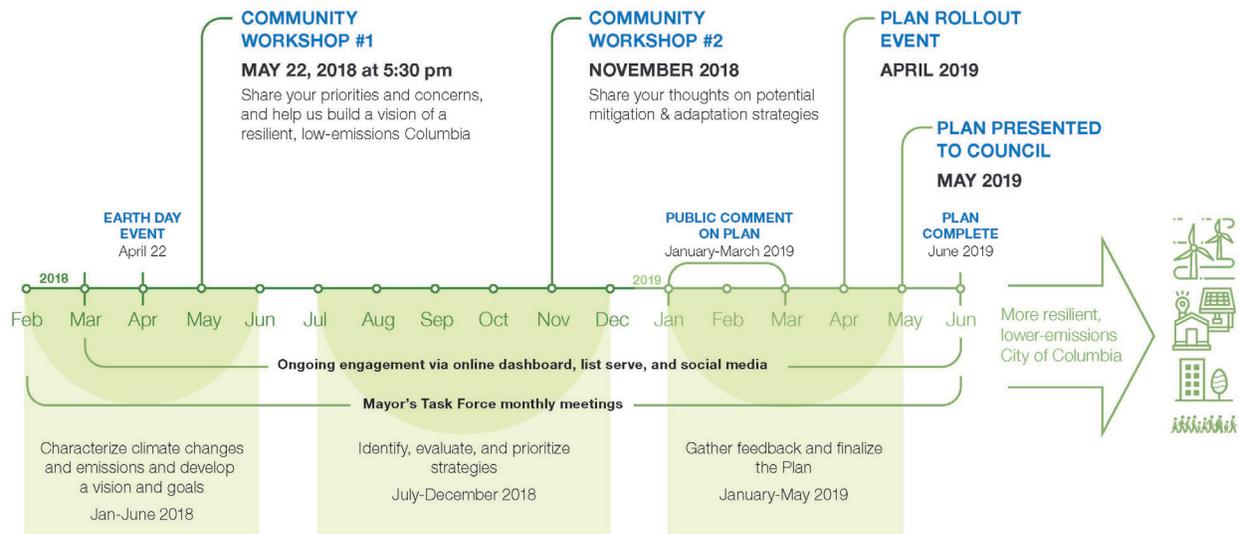


#### 4. Health, Safety & Well-Being



#### 5. Cross-Cutting Strategies





Early in the planning process, Columbia Mayor Brian Treece appointed a Task Force for Climate Action and Adaptation Planning made up of community members representing a variety of interests. The Task Force is working with City staff and consultants to review climate trends, local vulnerabilities and community priorities to set a vision for a thriving, sustainable Columbia. At the Climate Action Community Workshop in May 2018, nearly 150 community members gathered to discuss climate change and the effects it will have on Columbia. This workshop was the first of three community events and focused on developing goals and a list of possible opportunities for addressing climate change in Columbia.

When developing the list of strategies, City staff and the Task Force will consider effectiveness, affordability, technical feasibility, equity and community support of each opportunity. Ranking by these criteria can help determine the best path for Columbia to protect the environment and adapt to change. Once strategies have been selected and the plan begins to take shape, we will return to the community for additional feedback to ensure their concerns were addressed.

Columbia's proposed CAAP will be presented to City Council in summer 2019. The final plan, including implementation options through community action and municipal operations, will be a "living" document. This means it will allow for course corrections in the future as technologies and community priorities change, new information becomes available and/or new opportunities emerge. Once adopted, Columbians will be able to view the finalized plan and track the City's progress through an interactive dashboard.

All community members will need to be engaged in the effort to reduce our impact. If we all work together, our goals are not only achievable but will help to address many of the challenges that face Columbia, such as affordability, traffic congestion and disaster preparedness. This plan will demonstrate a multitude of benefits that individuals, families and organizations can realize by making choices that reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to continuous community involvement in these efforts. Follow the process at [CoMoClimateAction.com](http://CoMoClimateAction.com), on Facebook at [@CoMoSustainability](https://www.facebook.com/CoMoSustainability) or contact us at [Sustainability@CoMo.gov](mailto:Sustainability@CoMo.gov).



*Dear Community Members:*

It is my honor to serve as mayor of this passionate, caring and diverse community.

This Citizen Handbook provides you with an overview of specific improvements and successes in each Ward. But I also want to highlight the big picture topics that are important for the betterment of our community: enhancing public safety, strengthening and protecting our neighborhoods, improving infrastructure, ensuring transparent use of taxpayer dollars, supporting sustainable growth and creating living-wage jobs.

While we are considering what's important in the present, we also remember our past. As our bicentennial approaches, we continue learning about our past with hopes of making our community the best it can be for the present and for future generations to thrive. I hope you'll join me in attending many of the upcoming events leading up to our 200 year anniversary in 2021.

The bicentennial celebration also evokes the feeling of community and coming together as one. Being involved in the community looks different for everyone, but is important to creating bonds and working together.

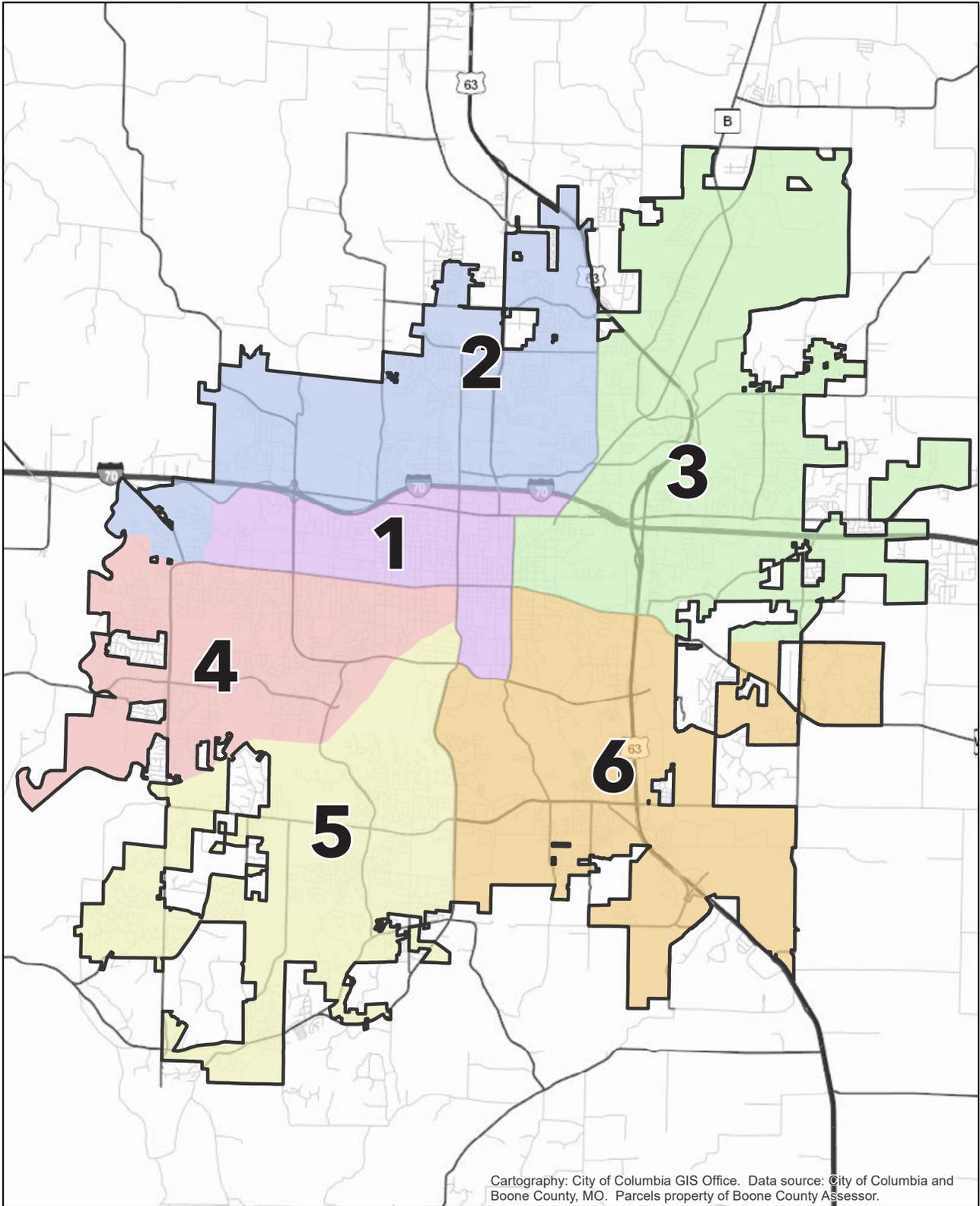
Whether you volunteer at a local nonprofit, help plan a block party, coach a little league team, watch a neighbor's child while the parent goes to a job interview, participate in Cleanup Columbia, or give your time by volunteering to be on a City board, commission or task force; I want to say thank you. It's this spirit of volunteerism that creates a community where people care about the well-being of others.

There is much more work ahead and, together, we move forward to make Columbia better for all its residents.

Sincerely,

Brian Treece  
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*City of Columbia*  
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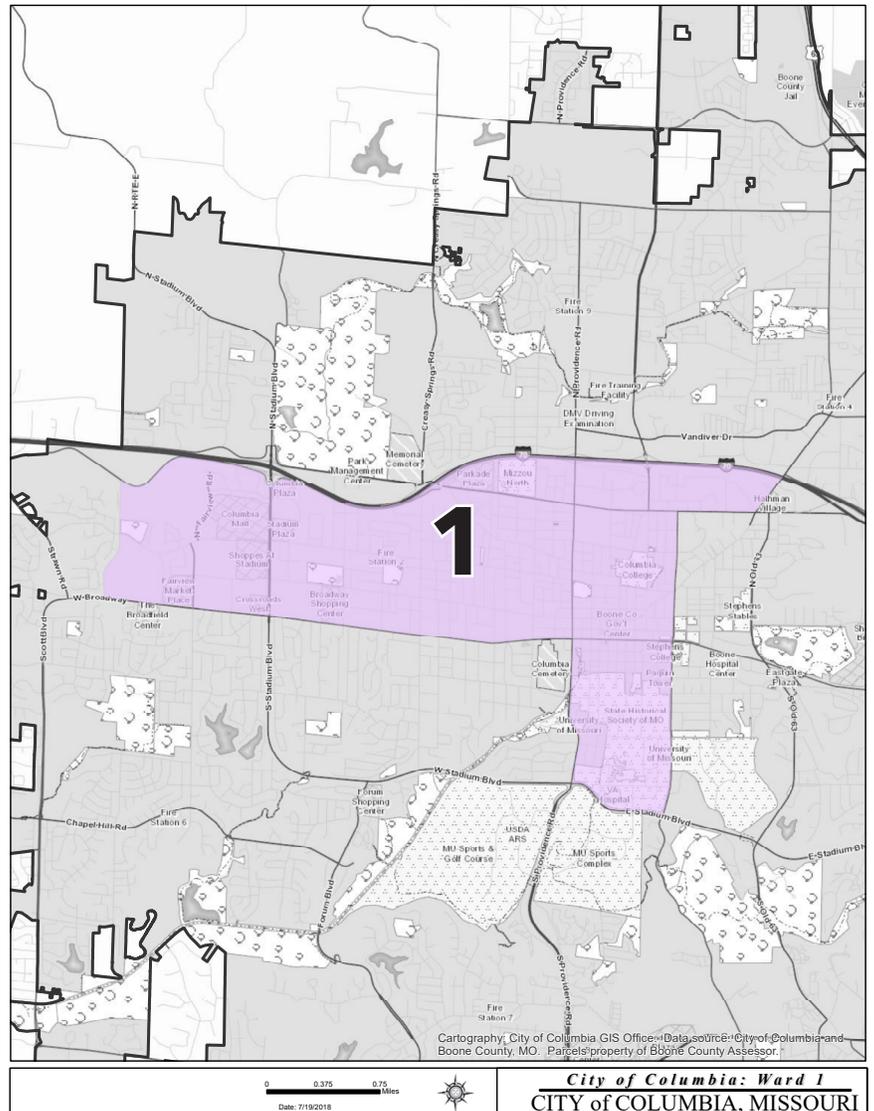
# WARD 1

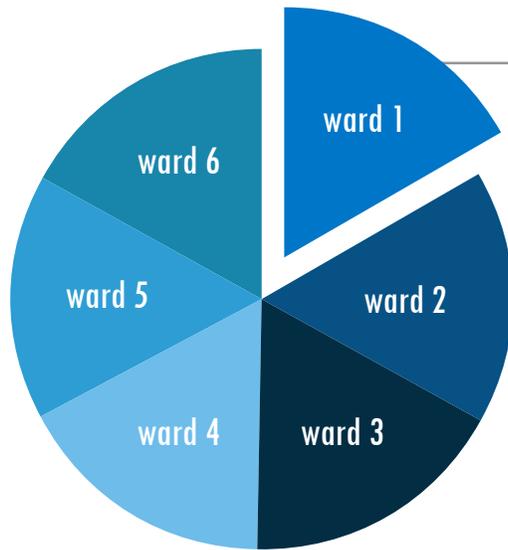


*The First Ward embodies everything we love about Columbia as well as many of our greatest challenges. It is where the history of our city resonates in the commercial areas and residential neighborhoods that embrace the diversity of our community.*



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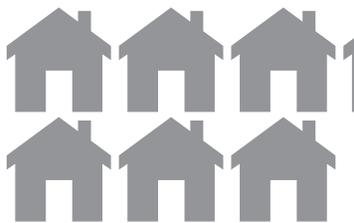
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Population  
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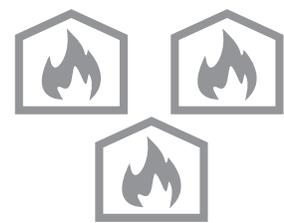
**3,000**

Acres in Size



**6,100**

Inspectable Rental Units



**3**

Fire Stations



**77**

Miles of Sidewalk



**9**

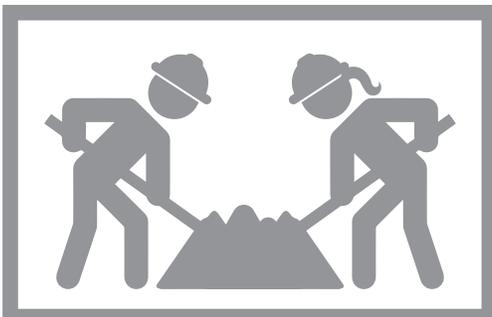
Public Parks



**20**

Miles of Bike Lane

### Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years



- Constructed Stadium Boulevard Corridor Project
- Replaced water main infrastructure and underground electric, internet and phone lines on Business Loop 70
- Replaced failing private common collector system on Anderson Avenue
- Completed Broadway Pavement Improvement

## Service Organizations Help Community Thrive

The variety of organizations in Ward 1 that work to make the neighborhoods strong and thriving is vast in number and vision. Services range from offering children’s programs, helping people back up on their feet, assisting immigrants get settled, striving for sustainable living and more. Ward 1 is diversely represented.

Heart of Missouri United Way, Missouri Women’s Business Center, Salvation Army, PedNet Coalition, Downtown Optimist Club, Turning Point, Central Missouri Community Action, Worley Street Roundtable, Granny’s House, Boys & Girls Club and Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture are just a sampling of the many organizations in Ward 1 working to make our community one where everyone has opportunities for success.

Job Point has been working for decades to change lives and circumstances through education, training and employment assistance. Job Point President and CEO Steven Smith said their offices are located in Ward 1 to better serve the community and provide support to those who need it.

“For most, it’s the first sustained success they’ve had in their life,” Smith said. “They have the opportunity to make a decent living and, in many cases, raise their family out of poverty.”

Eduardo Crespi from Centro Latino said the organization serves hundreds of people per year through programs like Spanish and English classes; tutoring programs; health programs and more. He said being in Ward 1 is important to the community they serve.

“We bring a sense of community with all the neighbors in the First Ward,” Crespi said.



Centro Latino offers several programs to the community, including Spanish and English classes. Nonprofits located in the Ward 1 offer many opportunities for community members.



Job Point is one of many nonprofits in Ward 1. They focus on helping people with education, training and employment assistance, including construction and home building at the Lynn Street Cottages.

## New Heritage Trail Honors History of African American Community

One of Columbia’s newer trails will take you on a journey back in time to honor many African American people and places in our community. The creation of the African American Heritage Trail started as an idea from local citizens. The Sharp End Heritage Committee took on the task after finishing their work to recognize the area that was once a thriving spot for the African American business community for more than 40 years.

Lifelong Columbia resident Barbra Horrell and other members of the Sharp End Committee formed a partnership with Columbia Parks and Recreation to identify locations for markers and map out the trail. More than 30 identified locations in central Columbia mark notable African American doctors, families, stores, businesses, restaurants, churches and significant sites.

“We wanted people to know that there has been a neglect of black history in Columbia and a lot of the notable

buildings were demolished when urban renewal happened,” Horrell said. “We’ve been working to recognize these sites because our kids and the younger folks don’t know the history.”

Sharp End Committee member James Whitt said the community has a growing interest to learn Columbia’s history.

“The community has really stepped up and supported our efforts,” Whitt said. “It’s great to have the Columbia community reach out and support us in all kinds of ways, including financial support.”



Barbra Horrell tells a story and points to a photo on a Heritage Trail marker to show James Whitt the 3rd Street Market, Blue & White Café and the Harvey House. Horrell and Whitt are members of the Sharp End Heritage Committee which identified more than 30 markers to bring attention to notable African American people and places.

The markers are being placed thanks to generous donations from several families and organizations.

## Downtown Columbia Businesses Offer Reminder of History, Growth

Historic downtown Columbia is at the heart of our community and provides a place where residents, students and visitors can all enjoy what downtown, also known as The District, has to offer. Located near the the original settlement of Columbia, downtown carries a lot of history about the community’s economic growth.

In 1840, 20 years after Columbia’s founding, the U.S. Census found that Boone County topped the state in several economic categories. A book of Columbia history by John C. Crighton shows a breakdown of shop types in Columbia in 1841 and listed eight dry goods stores, one bookstore, two drugshops, three blacksmith shops, one chair factory, three cabinet makers, two wagon makers, one coach maker, two tinner, one hatter, three saddlers and three tailor shops.

Downtown has evolved over time through desegregation and the change in types of businesses. Today, we know that our vibrant downtown is created by a thriving arts district, frequent live music, exciting events, a wide variety of restaurants and bars, local shops and residential space. But history also shows that our community has been a long-standing source of economic prosperity. Downtown is truly a place where residents can live, work, learn and play.

“Downtown is the heart and soul of Columbia,” Nickie Davis from The District said. “Residents and visitors want an experience and downtown has always done that. It’s a place that you can be entertained and have an experience that you can’t get online.”



Christina Kelley, owner of Makes Scents, chats with Nickie Davis from The District. The District staff members regularly communicate with businesses in downtown Columbia to help provide information and support.



Local jeweler Ken Greene, owner of Monarch Jewelry, has been perfecting his craft for decades. His business is located in the North Village Arts District section of downtown. The Arts District is host to hundreds of visitors during the monthly First Friday event.

# WARD 2



*The Second Ward and north side of Columbia have their own unique stories and history. Many people who grew up in Parkade or Valley View go on to buy a house in Vanderveen or Auburn Hills. Our neighborhoods are diverse, affordable and vibrant.*

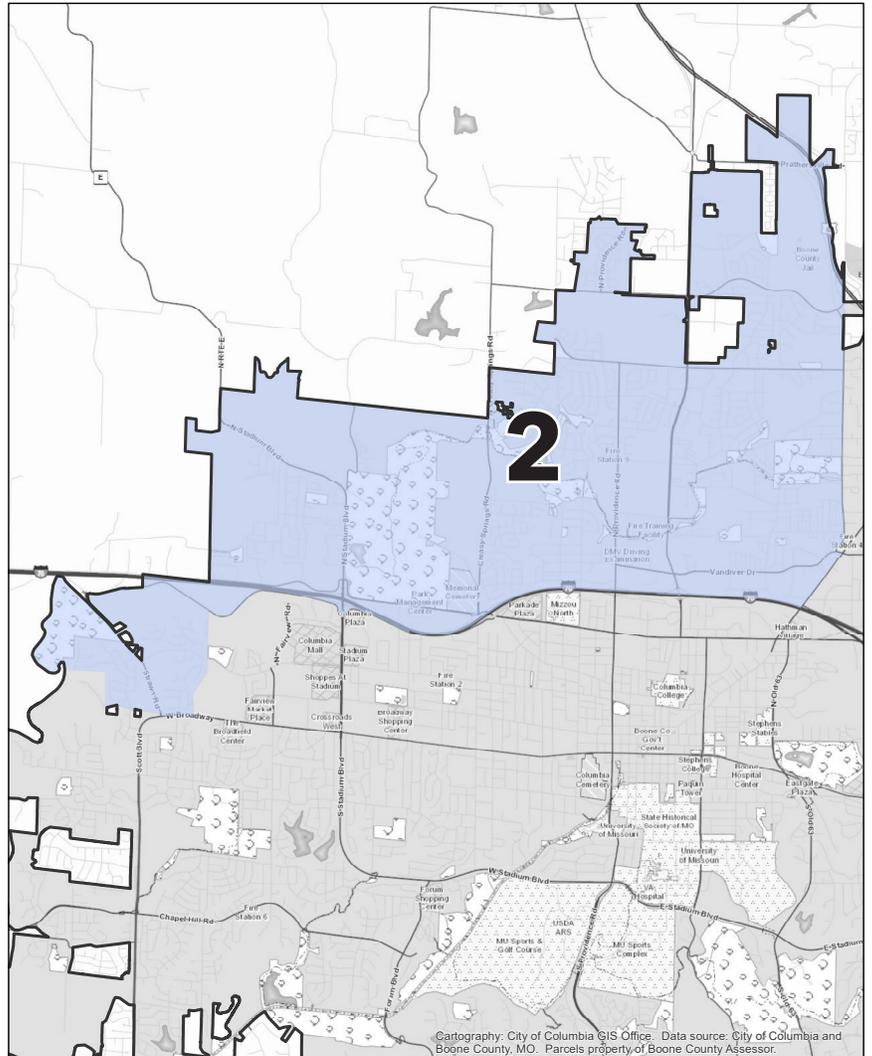
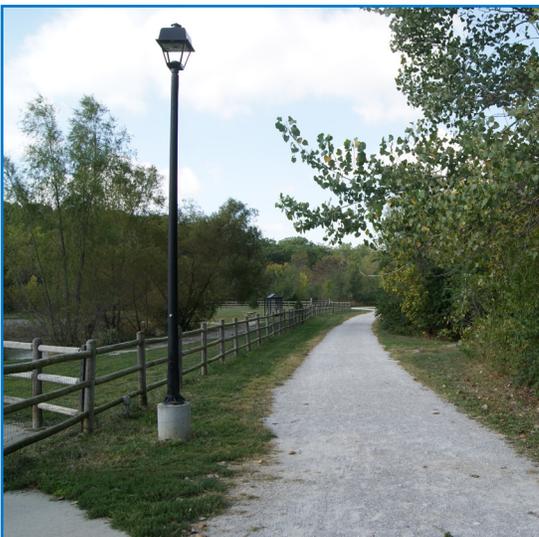


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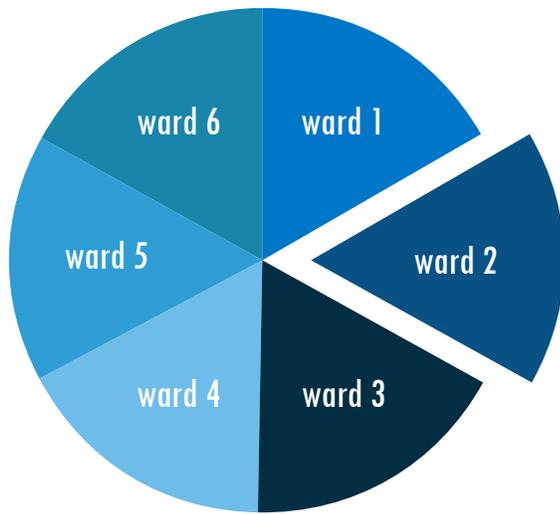
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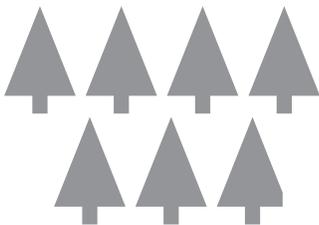


**City of Columbia: Ward 2**  
CITY of COLUMBIA, MISSOURI



Estimated  
Population  
**18,100**

\*Data as of 2010 census



**6,974**

Acres in Size



**2,612**

Inspectable Rental Units



**1**

Fire Station



**166**

Miles of Sidewalk



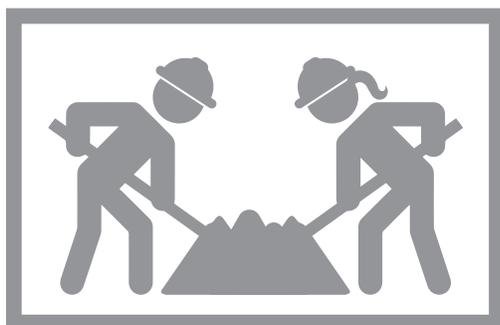
**9**

Public Parks



**19.6**

Miles of Bike Lane



### Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years

- Began preliminary work on North Police Precinct
- Completed Cosmo Park playground renovation
- Finished sidewalk improvements on Providence Road from Smiley to Blue Ridge
- Built Fire Station #9

## Engaging Police Officers, Community Members in New Ways

Inspiring confidence can be a difficult task for police officers, especially during a time of national police scrutiny. But integrating officers in the communities they serve can create an alternative way to connect with the community.

In the North Strategic Plan Neighborhood, Officer Rodriguez goes by “Matt” to residents. That’s because he has taken his dedication to his patrol area and moved to Bodie Drive.

“I’m not just an officer here, I’m a neighbor. When the kids see me out they yell, ‘Hey Officer Matt!’ I think this type of patrol is a very positive opportunity for police officers. I get to establish a trusting relationship and be the guy who is there to help, instead of seen as a uniform who is just going to get them in trouble,” Rodriguez said.

Living in his patrol area allows Rodriguez to socialize with his neighbors and build relationships with the people in his community.

“I interact with people on normal days, not just when something bad has happened,” he said.

The level of respect between Rodriguez and the North Neighborhood residents is apparent and growing. In 2018, for the first Fourth of July in years, there were no emergency service calls to the area. One resident remarked that his presence has “calmed things down, people are more respectful to each other.”



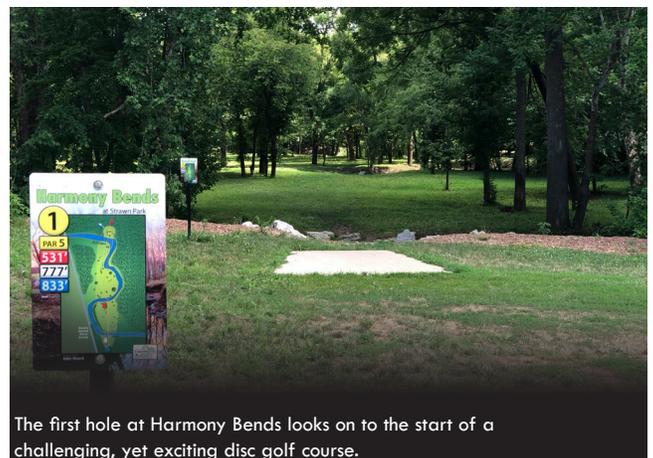
Officer Matt Rodriguez, a Community Outreach Unit officer in the North Neighborhood, greets one of his neighbors.

## Harmony Bends Disc Golf Course Ranks Best in the World

The best disc golf course in the world happens to be Harmony Bends in Columbia, located in Strawn Park 801 N. Strawn Road. It was designed by premier disc golf course designer John Houck, who is known around the world for his contributions to disc golf.

Before the course was completed, Houck described the course on his website [houckdesign.com](http://houckdesign.com) and said, “I do predict that, when it’s done, there will be a good number of players naming Strawn as their favorite course anywhere.”

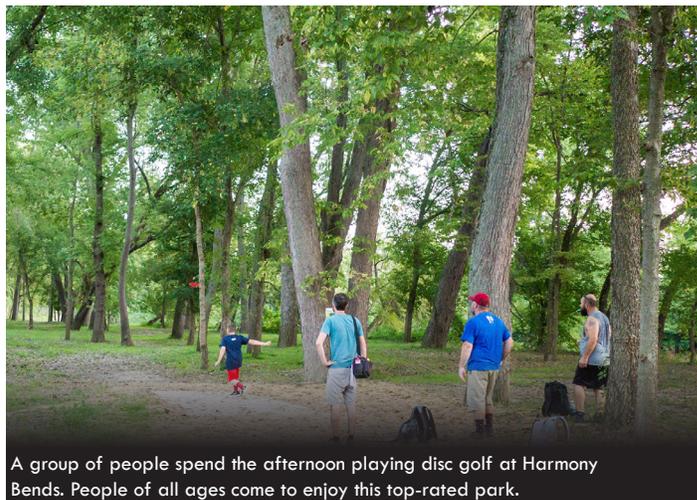
And he was right. Harmony Bends is a top-tier quality and competition-level course with multiple tee pads and basket placements for each hole. The challenging 18 hole/basket course spans nearly 9,000 feet and sports elevation, creek crossings, tree and wooded area obstacles.



The first hole at Harmony Bends looks on to the start of a challenging, yet exciting disc golf course.

Columbia’s Parks and Recreation construction and forestry staff masterfully integrated the natural beauty of Strawn Park with strategically laid out paths and boulder work. In 2017, Harmony Bends Disc Golf Course was named No. 1 in the world by DGCourseReview.com.

Unlike most top tier courses in the United States, you can play at Harmony Bends for free.



A group of people spend the afternoon playing disc golf at Harmony Bends. People of all ages come to enjoy this top-rated park.

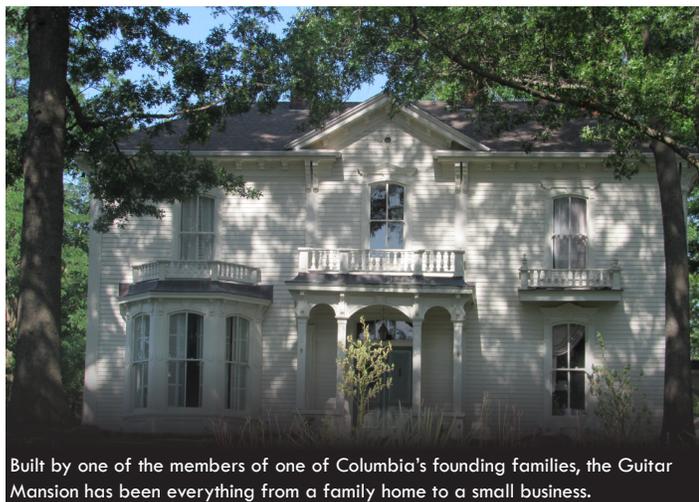
## History of Guitar Mansion on Oakland Gravel Road

Where Columbia City Hall is today there used to be a street called Guitar Street, which was named after one of the original investors of Columbia back in 1829.

The Guitars were a prominent mercantilist family with nine children. Their middle son, David, was a captain in the Confederate Army. After one year in Mexico during the war, David returned to Columbia in 1859 and bought 862 acres on which he built his mansion on what is now Oakland Gravel Road.

He lived there for nearly 40 years with his wife and 10 children. The property, often referred to as Confederate Hill after David’s military career, is notable for its near perfect Italianate-style architecture. The property has changed hands many times since it was sold in 1903, and is not only the last remaining Guitar structure in Columbia but is also one of the few remaining architecturally historic landmarks.

Apart from its iconic characteristics, the Guitar Mansion is also known to be a popular location for paranormal enthusiasts.



Built by one of the members of one of Columbia’s founding families, the Guitar Mansion has been everything from a family home to a small business.



The Guitar Mansion sign hangs at the end of the driveway to the Guitar Mansion, announcing its historical legacy as one of Columbia’s oldest historical properties.

# WARD 3

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*Columbia is a wonderful place to live, work, learn and play. The Third Ward offers a diverse blend of people, politics, culture and neighborliness. These days our focus is on safety and social equity while better serving those areas historically underserved.*

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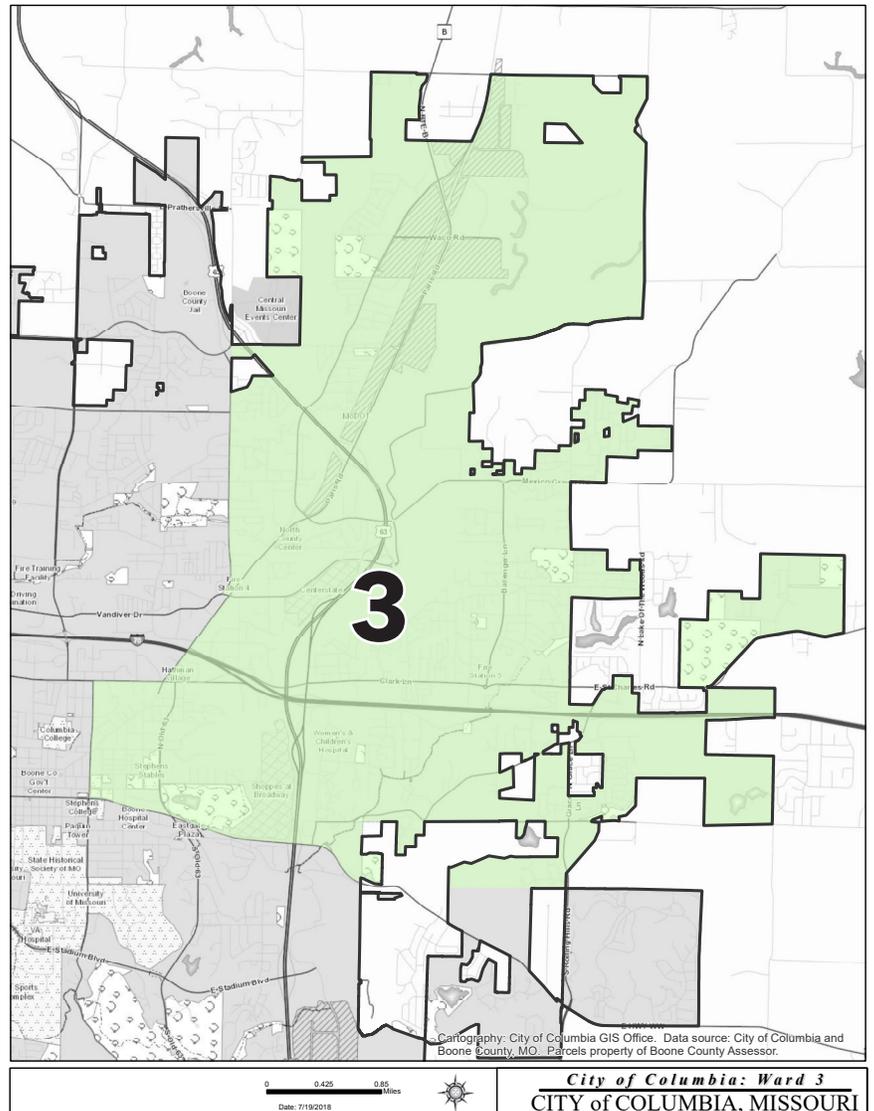
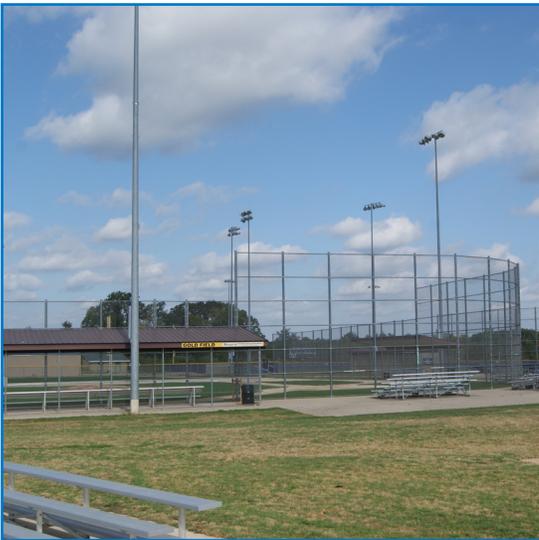


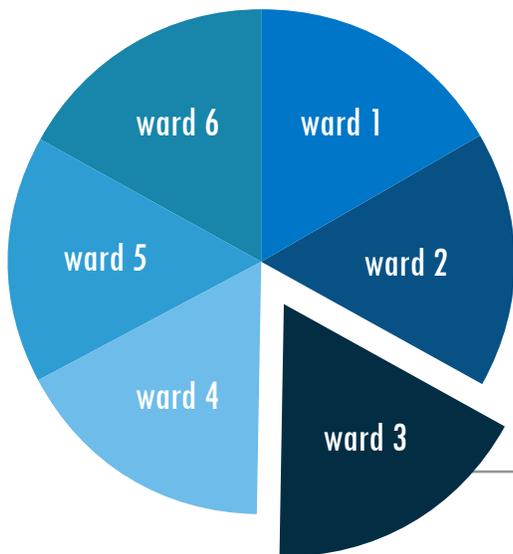
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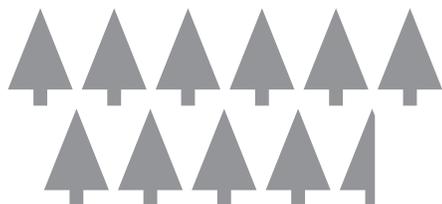




# Estimated Population

## 18,881

\*Data as of 2010 census



# 10,560

Acres in Size



# 5,556

Inspectable Rental Units



# 2

Fire Stations



# 108

Miles of Sidewalk



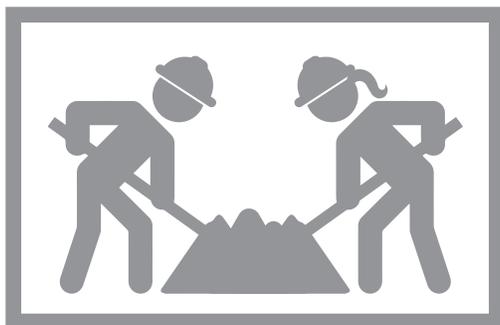
# 5

Public Parks



# 17.5

Miles of Bike Lane



## Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years

- Completed Atkins Ballfield development and lighting
- Invested in several sewer infrastructure improvements: North Grindstone Hominy Branch, Bear Creek and Hinkson Creek
- Finished improvements to Clark Lane from Route PP to St. Charles Road

## Ronald McDonald House Celebrates 35 Years of Service

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri celebrated 35 years of serving the community in May 2018. The charity offers a temporary home to families who have a child undergoing treatment at area hospitals and other health-related facilities.

“Our goal is to be a home away from home for families,” Communications Coordinator Lindsay DuCarme said.

The current house has 18 guest rooms and is conveniently located near the Women’s and Children’s Hospital. The average stay is 11 nights, and it is usually 90 percent full. The house has a playground, kitchen and living areas for the families to use.

“It’s like any other home,” DuCarme said. “Families gather in the kitchen and living room. They have a place to talk through their emotions.”

Families do not have to live outside Boone County to utilize what the house offers. Day passes are available for those who want to leave the hospital environment for the day and shower, nap or have a snack.

The house believes “nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing a child,” and their homey setting is comforting should families be traveling far from their own homes for their child’s health care.



The Ronald McDonald House offers a safe haven for families with children undergoing treatment at area hospitals.



The Ronald McDonald House has rooms that are similar to what a family would have in their own homes, including living areas, a kitchen and a playground.

## Upcoming Whitegate Park a New Addition to the Community

Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play, and kids are especially excited to play! In the next few years a new park will be built at the corner of Whitegate Drive and Towne Drive.

The City of Columbia purchased the land in January 2018 from Columbia Insurance Group.

According to the Neighborhood Park Master Plan, the goal is to have a park within half a mile of every citizen. Park Services Manager Gabe Huffington said this area has always had a hole, and the Parks and Recreation Department is excited to fix that.

“This will be a great addition to the park system,” Huffington said.

In the next two years the public will be consulted to find out what they want to see in the park, be it a playground, shelter, basketball court, etc.

“We want to build it to where there are amenities the community wants,” Huffington said.

The park construction process will potentially begin in 2021.



The land where Whitegate Park will be constructed is near a couple of apartment complexes and will benefit the children who live in the area.

## Community Outreach Unit Expands to Help Foster Communication, Relationships

Building relationships with residents has always been a goal for the Columbia Police Department (CPD). That goal seems even more achievable with the creation of the Community Outreach Unit (COU).

Officers Tony Parker and Maria Phelps are part of the COU team in the Paris to 63 Corridor. This area is the newest addition to the COU team with other officers assigned to each of the three Strategic Plan Neighborhoods. Their mission is to build trust and relationships with the residents in the area.

“Each area has different needs,” Phelps said. “People want to help the community, they just don’t know how.”

The officers believe outreach is the best way to make their presence known to the public. In May 2018, Parker and Phelps organized Xbox with a Cop, an event where kids could play video games with the officers and form a bond.

Parker and Phelps’ continued presence has helped build relationships with both kids and adults. From seeing residents on the street to speaking with them at the schools, both officers feel a bond has been created with members of the community.

“I spend more of my life there than I do at home,” Parker said. “I feel like a member of the community.”



Getting to know citizens like Jamie Arnold is one of Officer Tony Parker's favorite parts of being involved in the Community Outreach Unit.

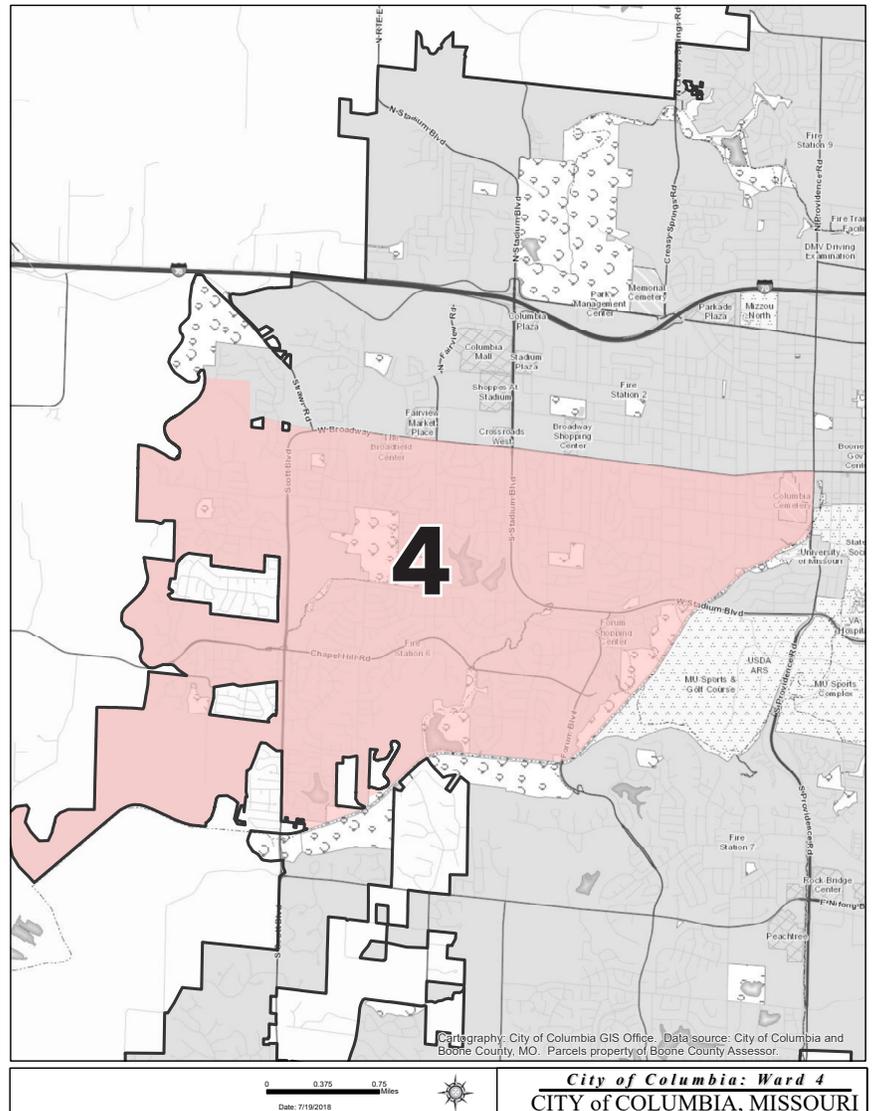
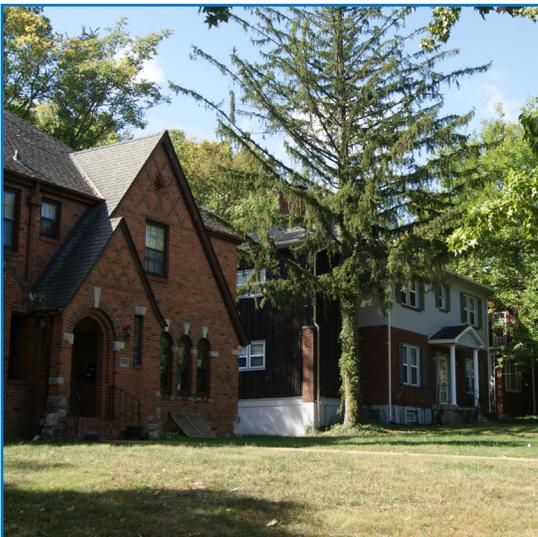
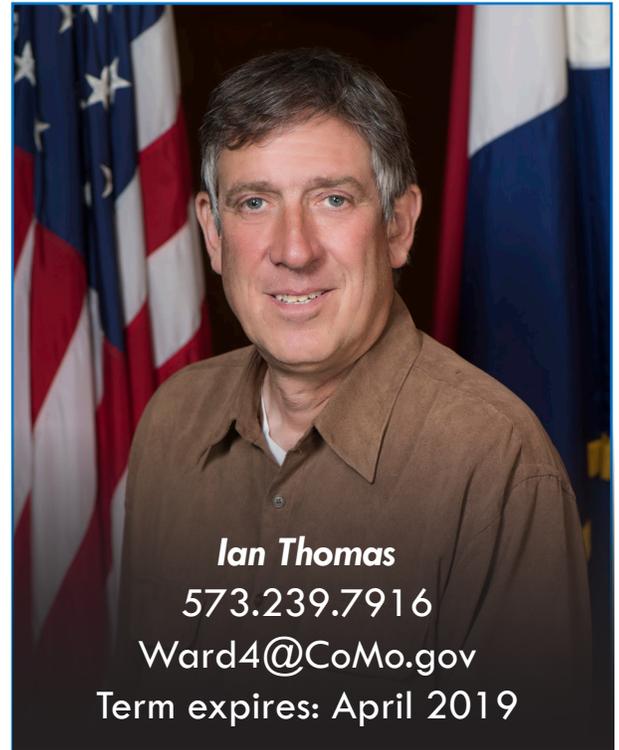


Xbox with a Cop is just one of multiple events the Community Outreach Unit has participated in.

# WARD 4

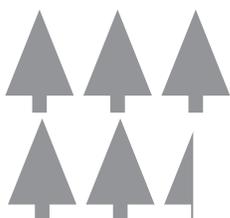
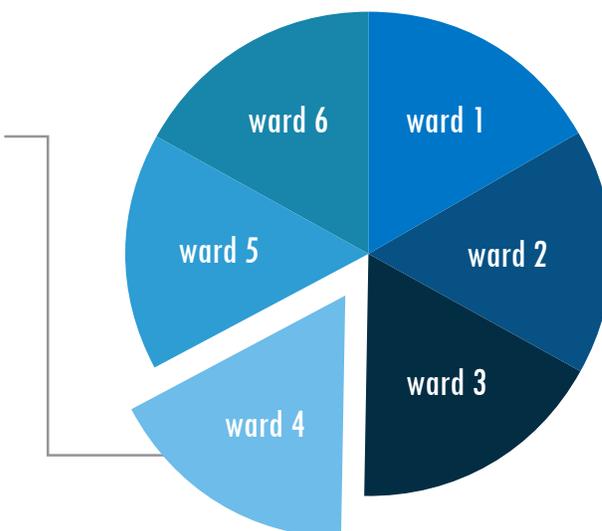


*I think our greatest asset is our proximity to the MKT trail. I love seeing people walking, biking, jogging, walking their dogs and pushing their kids in strollers. The connectivity it provides Columbia and the Fourth Ward is amazing.*



Estimated  
Population  
**18,655**

\*Data as of 2010 census



**5,436**

Acres in Size



**2,027**

Inspectable Rental Units



**1**

Fire Station



**110**

Miles of Sidewalk



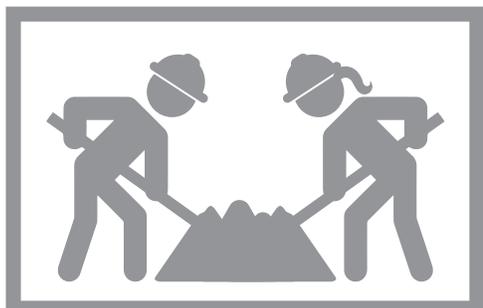
**6**

Public Parks



**19.7**

Miles of Bike Lane



### Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years

- Completed Chapel Hill Road extension
- Worked on County House Trail from Twin Lakes to Stadium Boulevard
- Invested in road and electric infrastructure improvements on Scott Boulevard
- Finished improvements to stormwater infrastructure at Maupin Road and Edgewood Avenue

## Columbia Public Library Offers Resources, Learning Opportunities

The Columbia Public Library strives to connect everyone to opportunities for a lifetime of discovery, learning and joy in a number of different ways. It has served as a community resource since the early 1900s.

In addition to borrowing books, residents can attend a variety of classes at the library. Workshops range from computer and job search skills to life skills such as nutritional classes like “Families in the Kitchen.” The robust curriculum is designed for the full age spectrum from infants to seniors. Youth courses provide opportunities to practice reading skills, learn about nature, and gain hands-on experience in science and technology. In 2017, the library offered 1,432 programs with participation from 35,980 attendees.

“Our programs and events provide engaging opportunities throughout our community. Bringing books to nursing homes and performers to schools expands our services beyond the building walls to develop connections between the library and the people we serve,” Adult Services Manager Lauren Williams said.

Located on the southwest corner of West Broadway and Garth Avenue, the library serves as a meeting place for both Ward 4 residents and the Columbia community. Professionals, students, and families alike take advantage of the community space to meet with friends or settle in for work, study or recreation.



“Reading to Rover” is a monthly event at the Columbia Public Library where children can read books to therapy dogs.

## Historic Properties Provide Insight Into Columbia’s Past

Over the years, the City of Columbia’s Historic Preservation Commission has designated nearly 180 of the “Most Notable Properties” across town, 37 of which are located in Ward 4. So what does that mean? These properties or landmarks, mostly houses but may also be educational, municipal, medical, religious, or commercial buildings, are determined to have “special cultural, historic, archeological, community or architectural value” to the community.

Properties must be over 50 years old and have some significance, either architecturally or historically, to Columbia.

Whether a home built and owned by a successful Boone County businessman and was later turned into a nightclub and restaurant in the 1930s (1312 W. Broadway) or an infirmary building which operated for most of the 19th century (1601 Stoney Brook Place), these properties carry a rich history.

To view the interactive map of historic properties, districts and areas in Columbia, visit [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov) and search “historic properties.”



Historic property located at 1312 W. Broadway. There are 37 notable properties located in Ward 4.

## Rockingham Neighborhood Association Creates Community



Rockingham neighbors Maria Oropallo and Kathryn Hurst get ready for the neighborhood association spring garage sale.

The Rockingham Neighborhood Association creates the ideal community full of camaraderie and companionship. Made up of neighbors living at the southeast corner of Stadium and Broadway, this established group offers annual events including a block party, garage sale and spring clean-up.

The annual block party is planned by volunteers and often includes food with organized activities for the kids. This opportunity allows neighbors the chance to learn about one another and creates a strong-knit community that looks out for each other.

Active on social media, this grassroots group of residents is able to communicate regarding lost and found items, opportunities for involvement and keep everyone informed. Additionally, the association has several “block captains” which welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. As Columbia continues to grow, more neighborhoods are replicating this type of hands-on, engaged network of residents to help out.

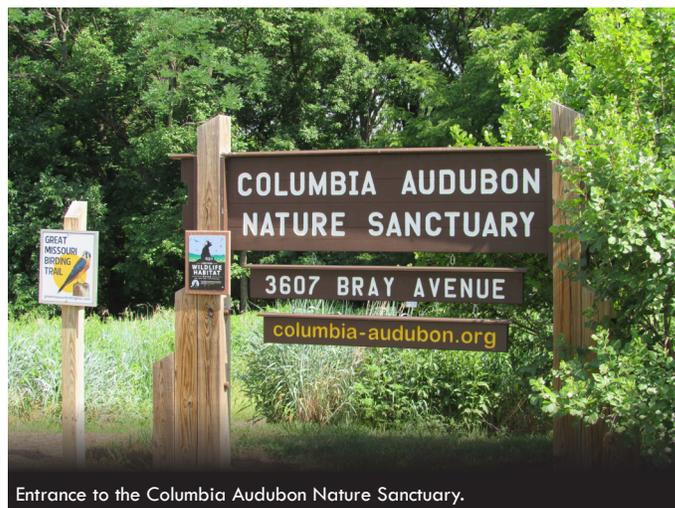
## Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary Provides Urban Escape

When you visit the Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary (CANS), whether by road or trail, you’ll forget that you’re only a few minutes away from downtown. Columbia Audubon Society has restored the prairie to its natural state by removing invasive plant species and reintroducing native wildflowers and grasses that attract pollinators and a variety of birds.

Tucked away in the northwest corner of Chapel Hill and Fairview Road, this 28-acre site is full of walking trails and benches allowing individuals the chance to observe and interact with nature. The sanctuary hosts a variety of educational activities and programs geared toward protecting nature and promoting environmental stewardship.

During the fall, over 1,000 second-graders from Columbia Public Schools participate in an outdoor workshop at the CANS entitled “Band with Nature.” These students learn about birds and explore a variety of topics including bird banding, identification, adaptation and survival.

With each season comes new blooms and a new reason to visit. Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary, 3607 Bray Avenue, is open to the public during daylight hours and can satisfy explorers of any age.

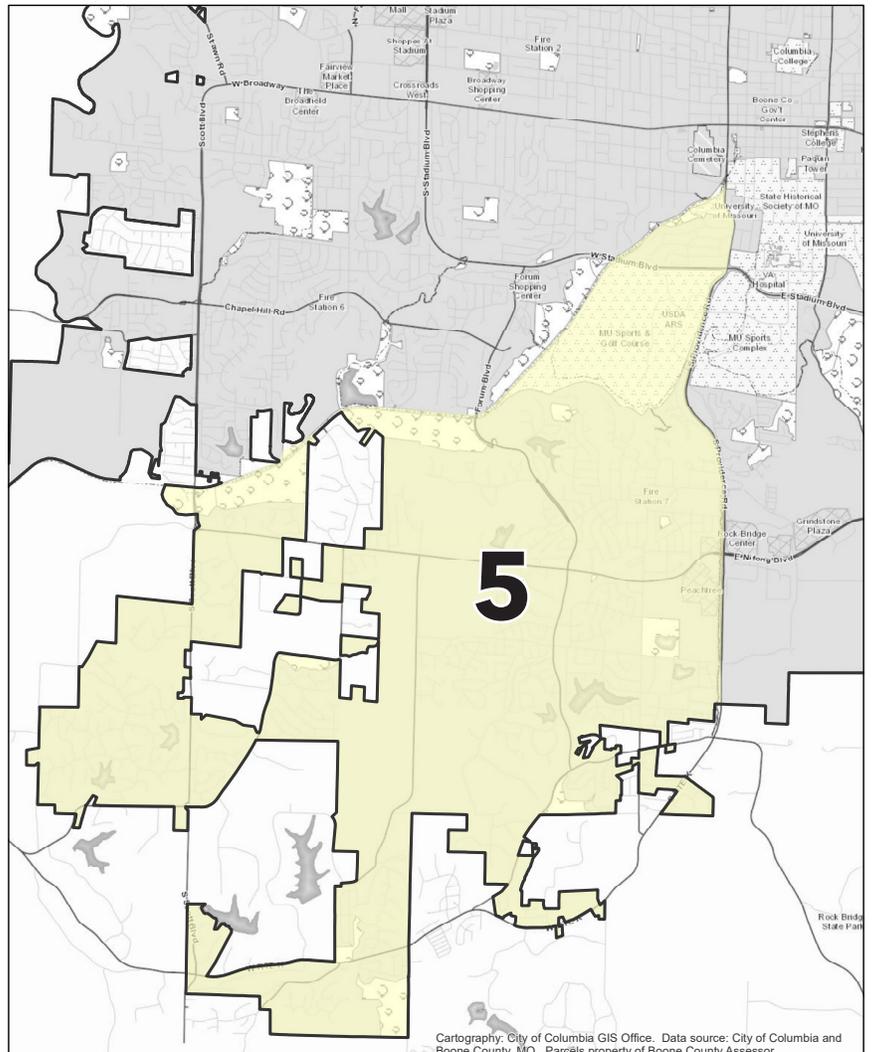
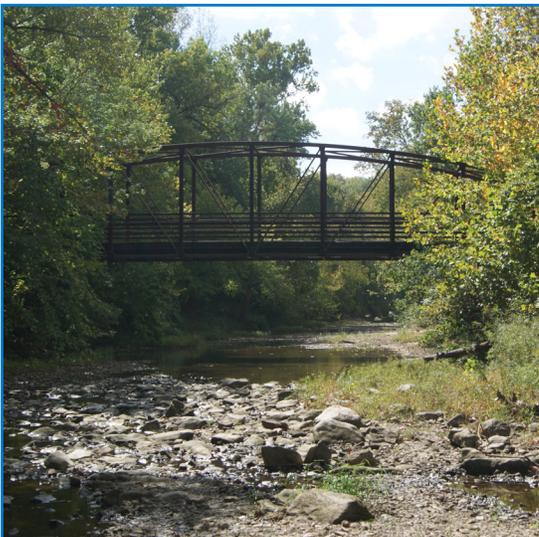


Entrance to the Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary.

# WARD 5



*Our Ward features an invigorating blend of long-time Columbia residents and newer arrivals who are committed to seeing Columbia continue to be a thriving and welcoming city. Soon-to-come infrastructure projects will provide much-needed safety improvements and traffic relief.*



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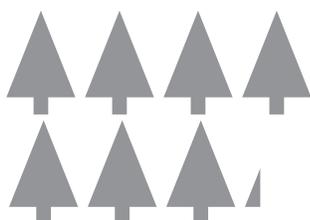
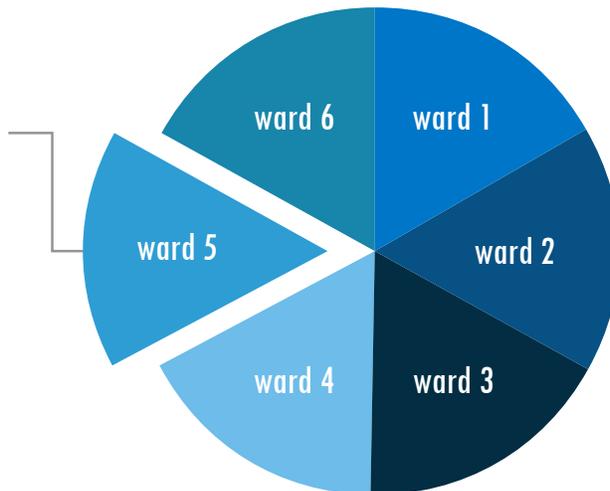
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**City of Columbia: Ward 5**  
CITY of COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Estimated  
Population  
**17,400**

\*Data as of 2010 census



**7,136**

Acres in Size



**3,442**

Inspectable Rental Units



**1**

Fire Station



**140**

Miles of Sidewalk



**2**

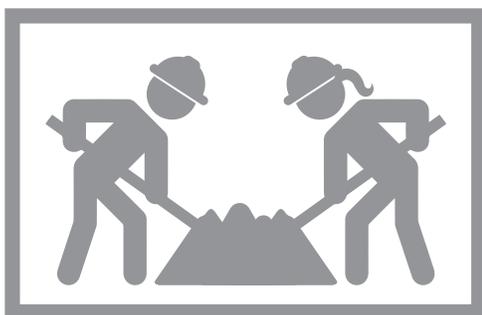
Public Parks



**14.7**

Miles of Bike Lane

### Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years



- Finished improvements to Scott Boulevard from Vawter School Road to Route KK
- Completed hard surface trail connection from Rockbridge to Hinkson Creek Trail and from the MU Recreation Trail to Hinkson Creek Trail
- Invested in sewer infrastructure improvements in southwest Columbia
- Began improvements on Nifong Boulevard from Providence Road to Forum Boulevard

## Strategic Landscaping Saves Time, Money

Some may joke on social media that they look like Charlie Brown Christmas trees, but those trees in the center of the roundabouts are actually part of a trial program started last year to save money maintaining the City's right-of-way areas.

"Smaller trees have a much easier time establishing roots in harsh environments," City of Columbia Stormwater Educator Mike Heimos said. "Areas adjacent to public roads cause more stress for larger trees and a higher likelihood for failure."

Public Works and Stormwater Utility engineers are also using carefully chosen native plants, natural or recycled materials and strategically designed green infrastructure in public areas that otherwise would need constant mowing.

"We used an existing resource in the Scott Boulevard roundabouts by incorporating excess pea gravel left over from the City's chip seal operations," Heimos said. "These chips help spread rainwater below the surface like a kind of underground lawn sprinkler."

The use of aesthetically pleasing plants and rocks in some areas, and natural prairie grass in other areas, lowers the amount of water and fuel needed for maintenance and reduces the carbon footprint. Most importantly, it drastically reduces the time required for City staff and volunteers to care for these areas.

## Local Amateur Rugby League Plays, Practices at Scott Boulevard Fields

"Mob football" began in the Middle Ages between rivals in European towns. Today, the oldest variation of organized football is rugby, and you can find a club right here in Columbia. While many Americans may think it's a chaotic game without rules, that's not actually true.

"Rugby is an extremely competitive contact team sport that is all inclusive," Sean Cox of the Columbia Rugby Football Club said. "Rugby traditionally has a position for every type of athlete."

Each team tries to score in rugby by carrying, passing or kicking a ball the shape of an inflated pig's bladder into the endzone. With two 40-minute halves, there are no timeouts. During the annual Show Me State Games, though, matches last 14 minutes.

"Generally played during the summer, sevens (variation of rugby with seven players per team playing seven minute halves) is a very fast and dynamic version of rugby," Cox said.



The roundabout at Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road is one of the areas where the City has implemented its pilot program using strategically designed green infrastructure in right-of-ways.



Patrick Burkett, Chris Slaten, Chris Hull, Will Moore, Drew Morrow, Nick Bagby and Adam Jackson are members of the Columbia Rugby Football Club, which plays its home games across from the Jay Dix Station on Scott Boulevard.

The amateur club has more than 70 players with teams for men, women and boys and a new team for girls launching soon. Founded in 1980, it restarted in 2011, winning its first match against Mizzou on Oct. 15, 2012.

“Our location at Scott Boulevard Fields has afforded us a great opportunity for exposure to people who may not have known about our club,” Cox said. “We always love having a crowd at our matches and our fans love watching.”

## Forum Nature Area Serves Scientific Purposes

The Forum Nature Area is not just a rest stop along the MKT Trail. If you look closely along the cement pedway between the parking lot and new Forum Pedestrian Bridge, you will see numerous scientific monitoring devices hidden among the wildflowers, wildlife and stormwater infrastructure.

Subterranean sensors monitor moisture levels in the soil at various depths, a weather station keeps track of rainfall and temperature, and tree-mounted cameras track water flow and plant growth. City and university researchers are studying methods to spread stormwater over a larger area, thus providing clean, cool water for native wildlife and vegetation while relieving runoff.

“This has been a collaboration among many City departments and University researchers,” City of Columbia Engineering Specialist Tom Wellman said.

Methods to obliterate invasive plant species that interfere with native plants are also being studied. Invasive plants hurt the biosphere by crowding out native plants and animals. The Midwest is inundated with them, according to City of Columbia Environmental Technician John Mehuys.

“This site is meant to be an education site,” Mehuys said. “We’re trying to push the invasive species back in hopes there’s a seedbank underneath of good native species. And so far that’s proven true.”

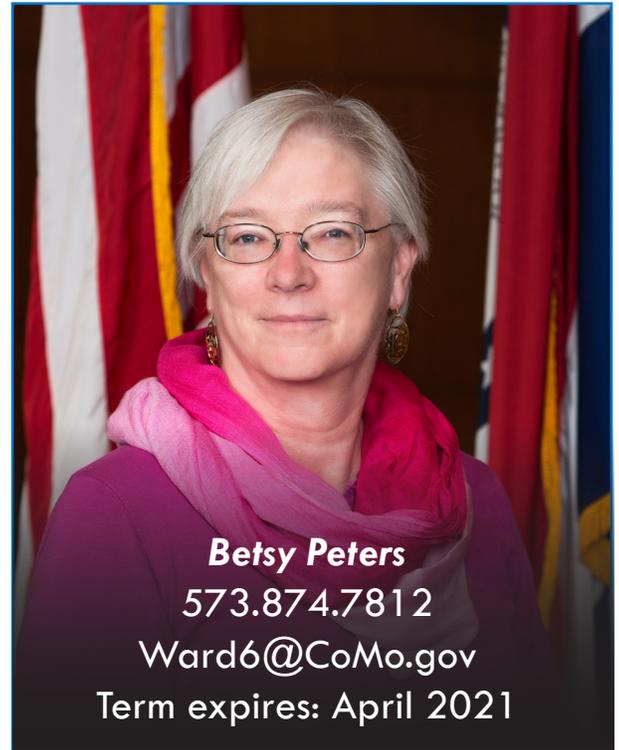


City of Columbia Environmental Technician John Mehuys discusses the monitoring devices at Forum Nature Area that help researchers and engineers study the natural benefits of infrastructure design efforts to redirect runoff from Hinkson Creek.

# WARD 6



*The Sixth Ward is quite eclectic. It reflects the diversity of Columbia, including a large college student population, many families and retirees. We have lots of citizen engagement and great outdoor spaces.*

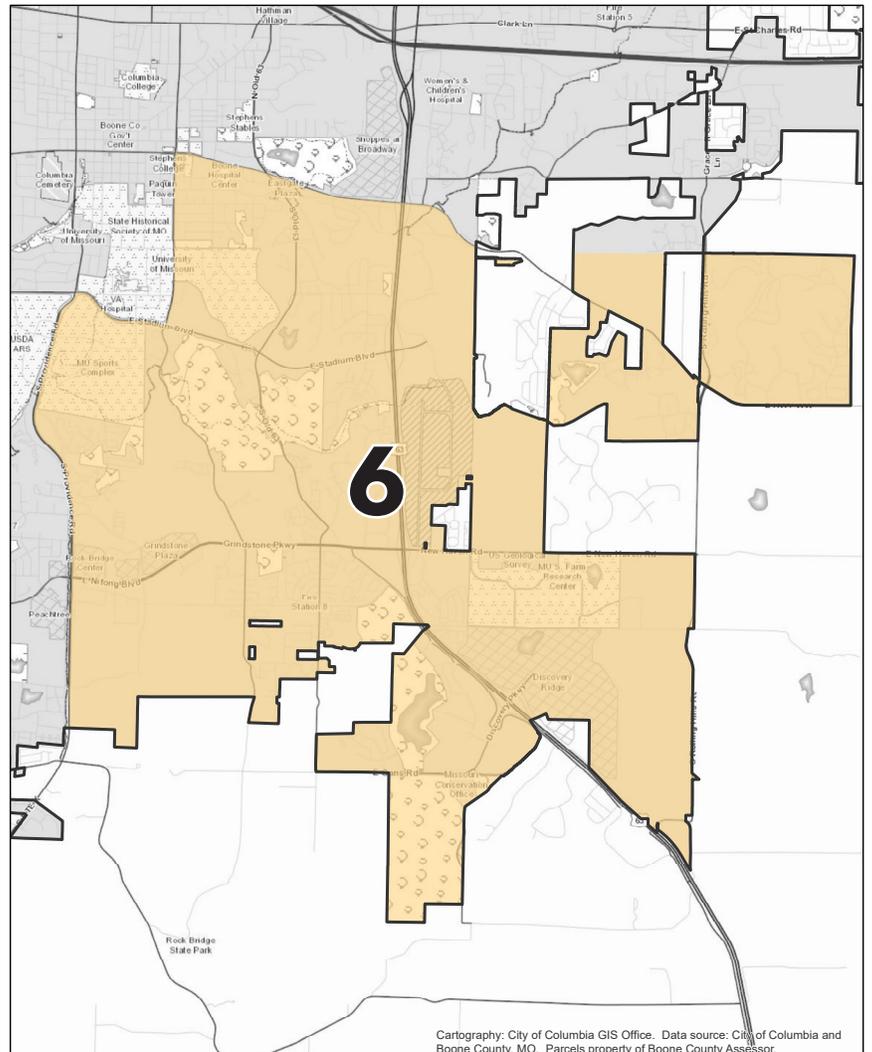


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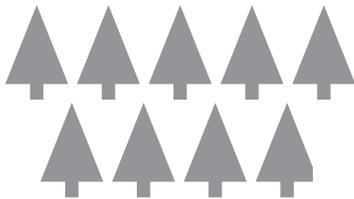
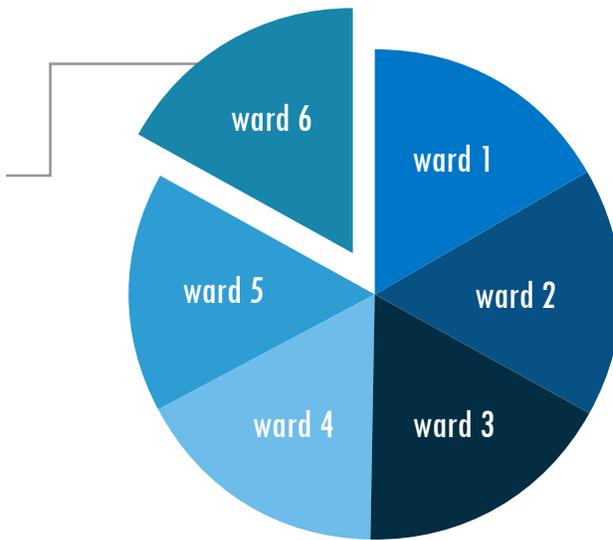
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**City of Columbia: Ward 6**  
CITY of COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Estimated  
Population  
**18,400**

\*Data as of 2010 census



**8,984**

Acres in Size



**7,505**

Inspectable Rental Units



**2**

Fire Stations



**77**

Miles of Sidewalk



**5**

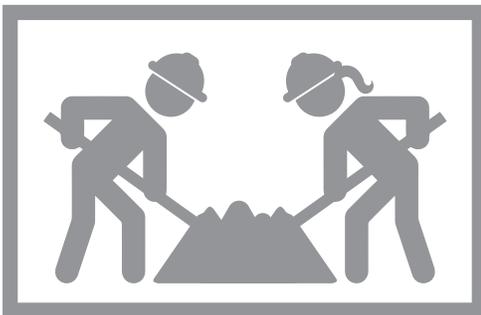
Public Parks



**18.4**

Miles of Bike Lane

### Notable Capital Improvement Projects Over Last 10 Years



- Completed Discovery Drive South road work
- Worked on development of South Regional Park, including Gans Creek Recreation Area and Philips Park
- Invested in improvements to Southampton Drive from Nifong Boulevard to State Farm Parkway
- Finished construction of Highway 63 interchange at Gans Road

## Economic Growth in Ward 6



An artist rendering of the future Northwest Medical Isotopes (NWMI) facility at Discovery Ridge.

Columbia’s major industries of education, research, healthcare, life sciences, manufacturing and high-tech industry all find a home in Ward 6.

Discovery Ridge Research Park near Highway 63 is one of three Missouri certified sites in the region, meaning that the industrial site meets rigorous standards set by site selectors and developers as being “shovel-ready.”

Northwest Medical Isotopes (NWMI) will soon be the newest tenant at Discovery Ridge, joining EAG Laboratories and IDEXX BioResearch. NWMI announced it received its construction permit from the

Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build a \$50+ million facility at Discovery Ridge that will create more than 75 new jobs.

The NWMI facility will provide a domestic, secure and reliable supply of a radioisotope used in medical scans for cancer, heart disease, and bone and kidney disease.

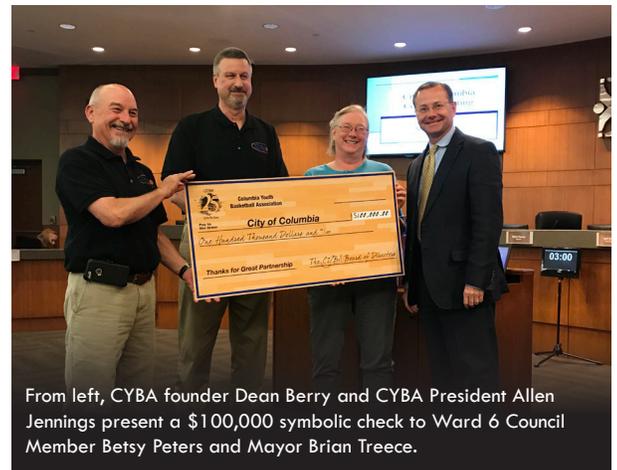
## New Sports Fieldhouse Will Meet Community, Visitor Needs

A new indoor sports fieldhouse will begin meeting the needs of community members and visitors for indoor sports. The fieldhouse is located at the City’s A. Perry Philips Park, 5050 Bristol Lake Parkway, and will be managed by Columbia Parks and Recreation. The new facility is visible and easily accessed from Highway 63.

The fieldhouse’s first phase will consist of four courts, offices, restrooms and concessions. The courts will be used for basketball, volleyball and other hardcourt sports. Funds for the first phase of construction come from the 2015 voter-approved Park Sales Tax, the Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Fund, and private donations and sponsorships.

The new fieldhouse will attract regional tournaments, and bring visitors and tourism dollars to the community. It will also meet a need in the community for recreational play. Columbia Youth Basketball Association (CYBA) leagues will utilize the facility.

“The new sports fieldhouse will be a great opportunity for the CYBA to centralize many of the games and practices we currently spread out over many locations,” CYBA President



From left, CYBA founder Dean Berry and CYBA President Allen Jennings present a \$100,000 symbolic check to Ward 6 Council Member Betsy Peters and Mayor Brian Treece.



Columbia Youth Basketball Association (CYBA) leagues will practice and play at the new fieldhouse.

Allen Jennings said. “It will create an exciting environment for players and participants under one roof.”

The design of the fieldhouse allows for expansion, which would include additional hardcourts and indoor tennis courts. Future construction is dependent on funding sources.

## Community Partnership Achieves Honeysuckle Abatement Goals

Bush honeysuckle is an invasive plant species that grows quickly, dominating areas of natural growth and choking out native plants and trees.

A group of citizens in Ward 6 appears to be winning the battle against the honeysuckle, thanks to a partnership among citizens, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

East Campus resident Jane Phillips spearheads a group of volunteers who meet on Saturdays in the spring and fall to work on honeysuckle abatement on private land surrounding Clyde Wilson Park, Cliff Drive Park and Hinkson Creek watershed. The group started their work in 2015.

The volunteers use equipment and supplies funded through the East Campus Neighborhood Association. Their efforts are supplemented by a three-year grant from MDC’s Wildlife Diversity Funds to contract with professional foresters to tackle the steep, rocky areas of the neighborhood.

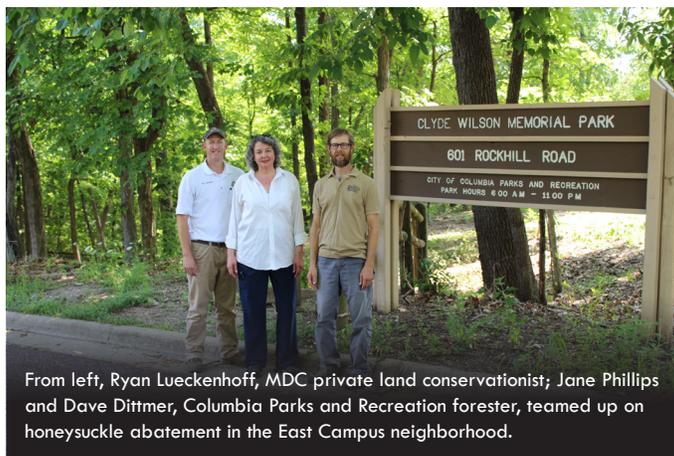
“MDC would not have made this contribution without the match of manpower to do the work,” Phillips said. “When we kicked this off, there had to be a commitment from the neighborhood. When you create a partnership like this, you have to hold up your end and be a good partner.”

Ryan Lueckenhoff, private land conservationist for MDC, agrees with Phillips.

“The real benefits for MDC and the East Campus Neighborhood are the ability to work together to achieve our long-term goal of removing this bush honeysuckle,” Lueckenhoff said.

Columbia Parks and Recreation Forester Dave Dittmer said the City became involved through honeysuckle abatement projects at East Campus’ two City parks.

“Their continuing enthusiasm for this project is pretty impressive. This is hard work,” Dittmer said. “I’m not sure I’ve seen any other groups carry on a project like this for as long as they have.”



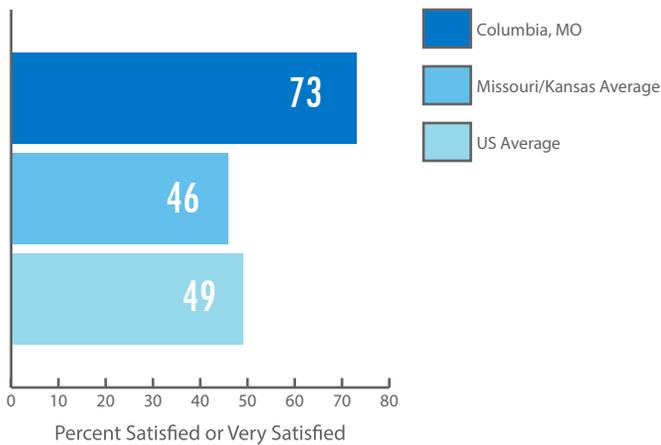
From left, Ryan Lueckenhoff, MDC private land conservationist; Jane Phillips and Dave Dittmer, Columbia Parks and Recreation forester, teamed up on honeysuckle abatement in the East Campus neighborhood.

# PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES

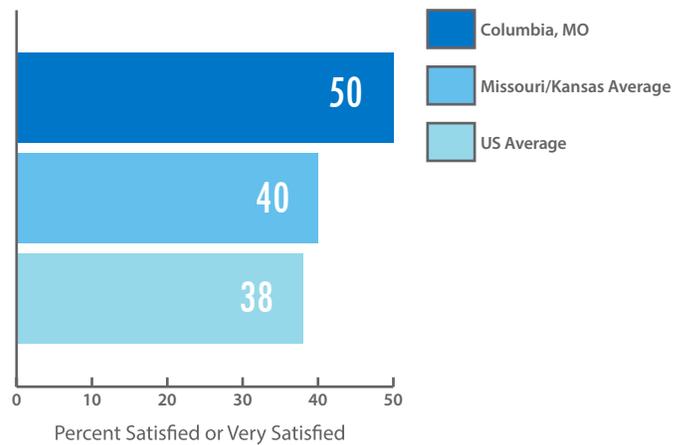
## Customer Satisfaction Survey

Because of an intense commitment to improving customer service, Columbia is above the national and regional average in citizen satisfaction. This reflects outstanding employee training, knowledge, courtesy, timely responses and citizen trust. It is the heart of public service. Results from the 2017 Citizen Survey show the community satisfaction.

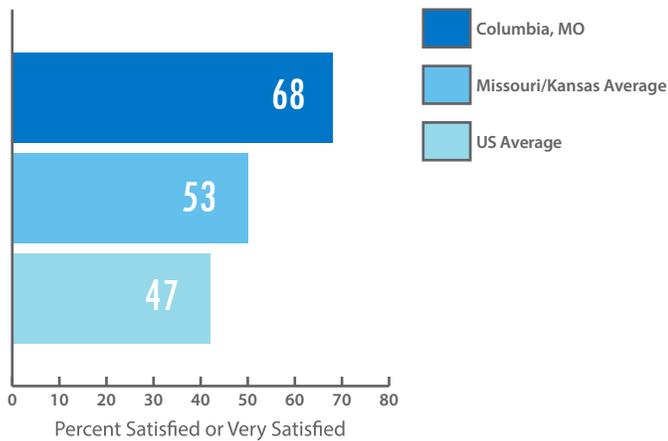
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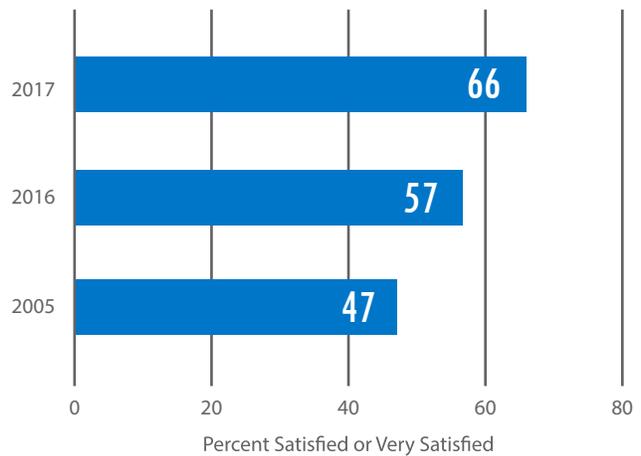
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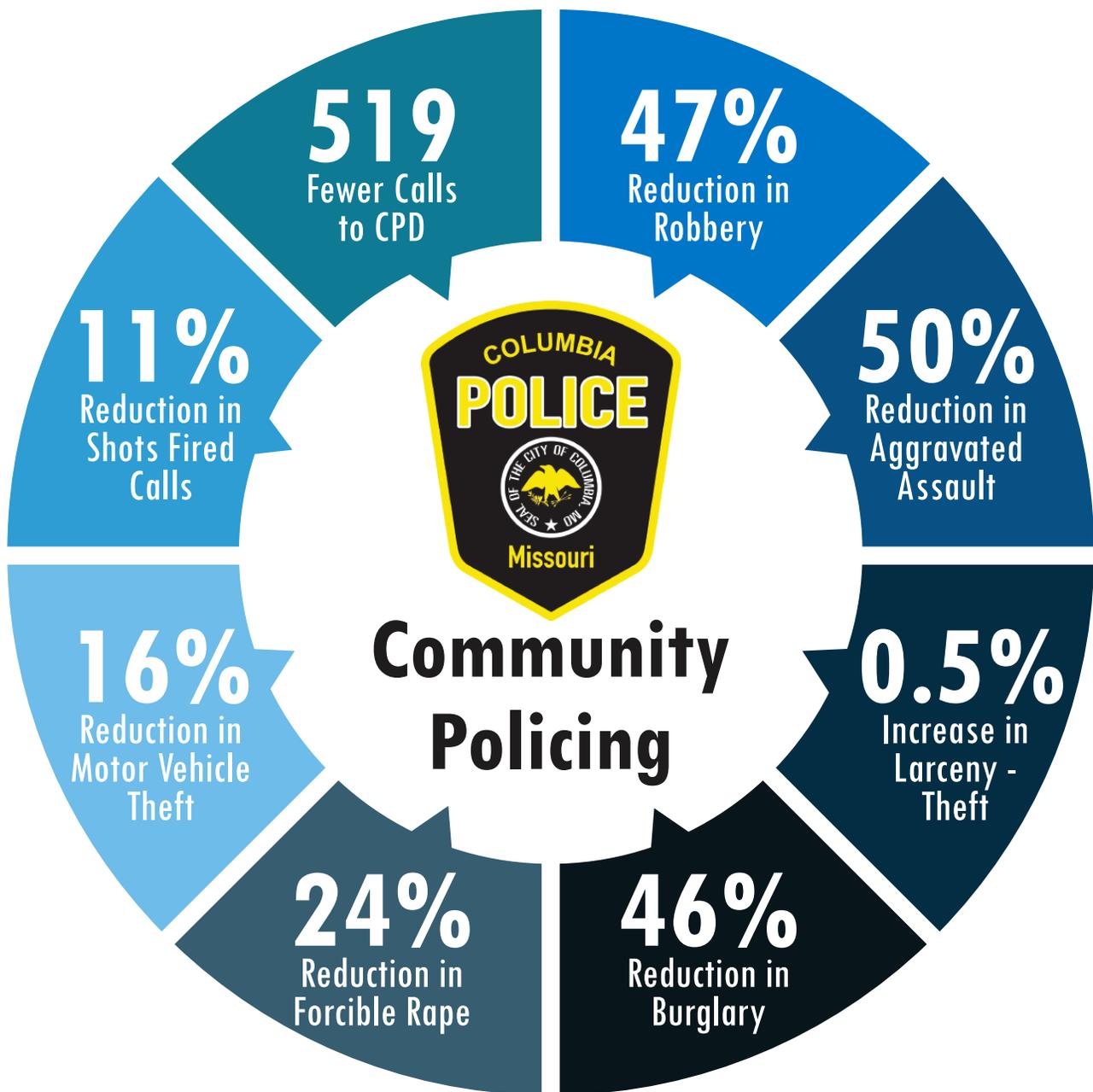


### It was easy to reach the right person at the City - ETC Survey 2017



State of the Community Outreach Unit - 2018

In just two years, residents living in the three Strategic Plan Neighborhoods and the six Community Outreach Unit officers assigned to serve and protect them have built a stronger community fabric. Continuing proximity and close relationships build trust. Police officers partner with businesses, schools, churches, agencies, clubs and families. Most crime is down. Many neighbors feel more safe and feel police service quality has improved.



# PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES

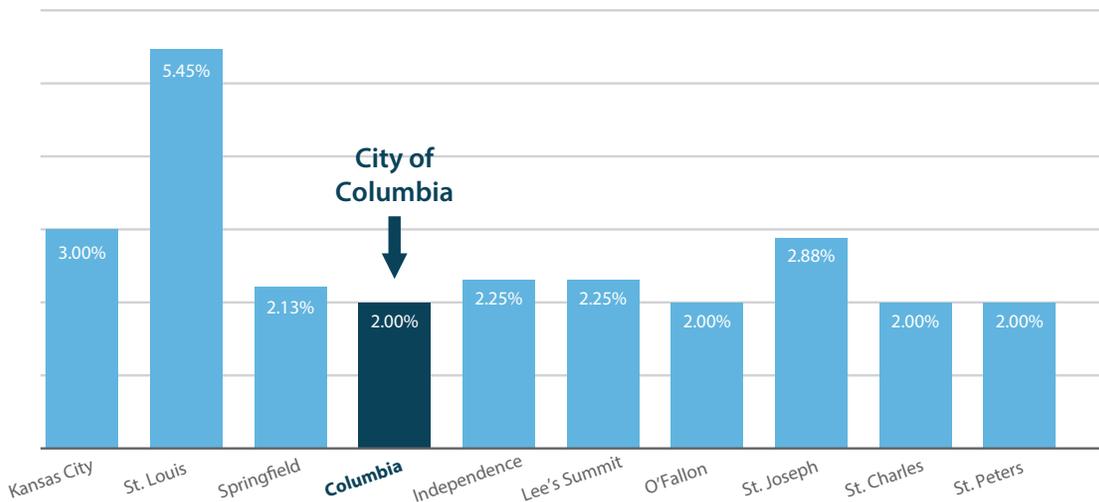
## Sales and Property Tax

The City of Columbia relies on sales and property taxes to fund services provided by the City. This becomes problematic when revenues from taxes don't increase over time. Sales tax growth has been historically low in Columbia for the last five years and our city property tax rates are much lower than other cities in Missouri.

Columbia's sales tax is average for Missouri, and low for populous cities; however, it produces less and less funding, due to the growing number of taxable transactions moving to the internet and the fact that online retailers do not pay sales taxes to cities.

Columbia has a very low city property tax rate compared to the 10 most populous cities in Missouri. Columbia is the fourth largest city, and one of the fastest growing, yet we have the lowest city property tax rate, by far. In fact, the average of these cities (\$1.09) is more than double our city tax rate.

### 10 Most Populous Cities in Missouri - Sales Tax Rate



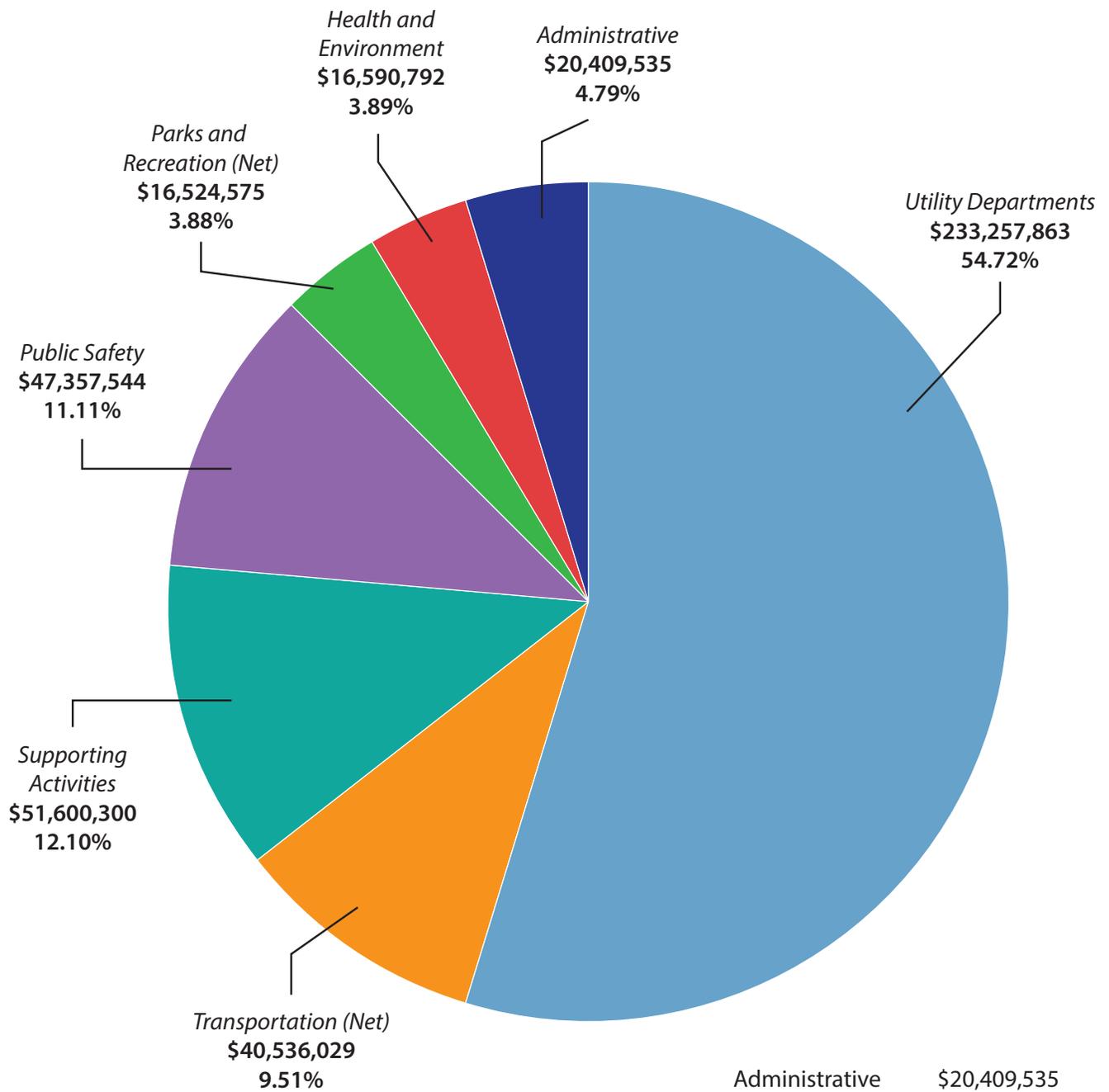
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### 10 Most Populous Cities in Missouri - Property Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Value



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**Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget**  
**October 2018 - September 2019**



Administrative	\$20,409,535
Health and Environment	\$16,590,792
Parks and Recreation (Net)	\$16,524,575
Public Safety	\$47,357,544
Supporting Activities	\$51,600,300
Transportation (Net)	\$40,536,029
Utility Departments	\$233,257,863
<b>Total Actual Net Spending</b>	<b>\$426,276,638</b>
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$29,432,919
<b>Total Budgeted</b>	<b>\$455,709,557</b>

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF COLUMBIA

Did you know that Columbia is almost 200 years old? Columbia was settled in 1821 near the southeast corner of Broadway and Fifth Street. But before Columbia there was a settlement called Smithton. Smithton was settled in 1818 near what is now Walnut and Garth, but was abandoned a few years later due to a lack of a nearby water supply.

Columbia was designated the seat of the new County of Boone in 1821. In 1826, five years after Missouri became the 24th state, Columbia became incorporated and created a five-member Board of Trustees.

The Columbia Female Academy, now known as Stephens College, was founded in 1833, making it the second oldest women's college in the country. The University of Missouri (MU) was established in 1839 thanks to James S. Rollins and the financial contributions of community members. Christian Female College, which later became the current Columbia College rounds out the three local colleges which call Columbia home.

Columbia's city limits were expanded in 1845 and the Board of Trustees was enlarged in 1870 from five to nine because the population had grown to 2,500. The sale of slaves in Columbia ended in 1864; by the beginning of the Civil War, the slave population reached more than 5,000. In March 1892, the city was incorporated as a city of the third class with a Mayor/Council form of government and was divided into four wards with an elected mayor and Council. Between 1940 and 1950, the city's population increased about 75 percent from 18,400 to almost 32,000 people. Some of that growth is attributed to the G.I. Bill bringing students to MU.

Voters approved Columbia's City Charter in 1949, which set up the Council/Manager form of government, still with four Council wards and a member-at-large. The Council was later expanded to six wards and a member-at-large (the mayor). This is the form of government that we still have today. According to Census data, Columbia reached a population of 100,000 between 2000 and 2010. The 2015 Census population estimate was 119,108.

Today, Columbia is the fourth largest city in Missouri. Strong growth in the areas of medicine, education, technology, insurance, and entrepreneurial start-up companies make Columbia a ideal place for legacy and new business development. Award-winning schools, parks and trails, local artistry opportunities, and many other quality of life amenities make Columbia an ideal place to raise a family, start a business or retire.



### Columbia's Bicentennial Celebration

Since our community will soon turn 200 years old, we want to gather together to celebrate. The Mayor's Task Force on Bicentennial Celebration Planning was formed in February 2018 to focus on planning citywide events that are historical, educational, and honor Columbia's diverse and rich history of the many different communities in our area. The celebration, CoMo200, will feature events from 2018 through 2021 and will commemorate the 200th anniversaries of Smithton and Columbia.

For more information about the bicentennial, please visit [CoMo200.com](http://CoMo200.com).

# Significant Events



# ARTWORK



Columbia Commemorative Poster Winner:

Svetlana Grobman,  
*The Champion*;  
photography

Each year since 1992, the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs has produced an annual Commemorative Poster. The poster communicates the vitality and beauty of mid-Missouri and specifically the city of Columbia, as well as the significance of the arts.



Honorable Mention:  
Caleb Powell, *DMV*; oil



Honorable Mention:  
Caleb Powell, *Church Driveway*; oil



Honorable Mention:  
Dennis Murphy, *Last Call*; oil on panel



Honorable Mention:  
Sarah Goodnow Riley-Land,  
*Trending Our Roots*; digital illustration



Honorable Mention:  
Lana Eklund, *Reflections at Capen*;  
digital photography



Honorable Mention:  
Lampeo Leong, *Honeycomb at South Farm I*;  
photography



Honorable Mention:  
Kate Gray, *Katy Trail at Sunset*;  
acrylic on canvas



Honorable Mention:  
Lana Eklund, *The Road to Burr Oak*;  
digital photography



Honorable Mention:  
Stacy Self, *We Are ONE LOVE*;  
multi-media



Honorable Mention:  
Aaron Wilbers, *Sunflowers*;  
acrylic on canvas



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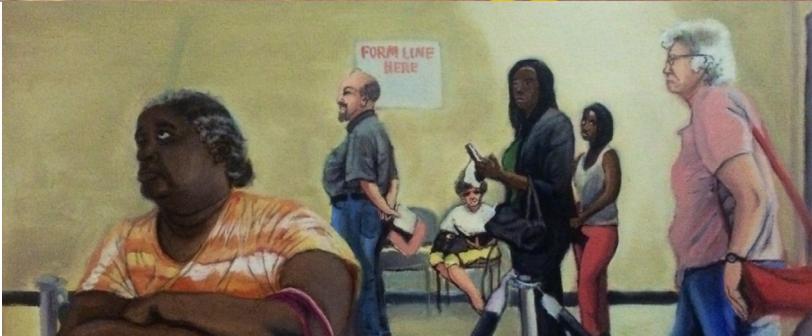
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