



— City Stats —

**COU
2021**


77,964
total
enplanements



51%
increase in
enplanements
over the year



1,718
total
inbound
and
outbound
flights



New terminal at COU behind-the-scenes tour



The new terminal at COU is on schedule to open in 2022.

Columbia residents saw firsthand the progress that has been made on the new terminal at the Columbia Regional Airport (COU), Tuesday, April 12.

Members of the public were given guided tours of the construction site, where they learned about the art that will be on display and viewed renderings of what the terminal will look like when it's complete.

Dozens of people attended the event, including then-Mayor Brian Treece and Rep. Vicky Hartzler.



Developers from Nabholz Construction led guided tours of the new terminal.

"This was a great opportunity for us to not only invite the public to help us celebrate another important milestone in this project, but to give them a chance to see with their own eyes the incredible progress that has been made on the new terminal," said Airport Manager Mike Parks.

The new 52,000-square-foot terminal will be almost three times larger than the current terminal.

The new terminal will also feature new amenities, such as several passenger

boarding bridges, a restaurant/bar, a mother's room, a sensory room, an interior Service Animal Relief Area (SARA), and improved restrooms.

Currently, the terminal is on schedule to open in 2022.

To learn more about the new terminal, visit [FlyCOU.com](https://flycou.com) and search "COU Terminal Project."

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LET'S MOVE
FORWARD

Honoring Officer Molly Thomas Bowden during National Police Week

As in years past, Columbia's Keys to the City sculpture will be lighted blue May 11-17 in recognition of National Police Week.

The week especially honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, more than 450 officers died in the line of duty in 2021, a 55% increase from the year before. Nationwide, officers' mission of keeping communities safe faced unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the Columbia Police Department, National Police Week is a time to honor the memory of Officer Molly Thomas Bowden, the first and only Columbia Police officer killed in the line of duty.

Officer Bowden was mortally wounded while conducting a routine traffic stop the night of Jan. 10, 2005. On Feb. 10, exactly one month after she was shot, Officer Bowden succumbed to her wounds. She had dutifully served the community for more than three years.

Officer Bowden's memory and the significance it holds in the community was cemented during last year's National Police Week with the opening of the Molly Thomas Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center at 1204 International Drive.

For more information on National Police Week and how to participate, visit [PoliceWeek.org](https://www.policeweek.org). For more information on the Molly Thomas Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center, visit [CoMo.gov/police](https://www.columbiagov.com/police).



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Code Corner – Tall Grass

The City of Columbia vegetation management ordinance addresses turf and turf weeds that are 12 inches or taller. This ordinance is in place to deter rodent harborage and also protects property values for neighborhoods in cases where lawns are not maintained. When properties are out of compliance, the City may cut the weeds and tax bill the property for mowing. In 2021, Neighborhood Services handled nearly 900 vegetation cases.

To report a vegetation violation, call 573.874.CITY or report via the City's website at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbiagov.com).



Overgrown yards are not only an eyesore but a community safety issue. Tall grass and weeds also harbor rodents and other vermin that are unsafe and unpleasant in residential communities.

Hinkson Creek Stabilization Plan

Erosion has been eating away at the southern bank of the Hinkson Creek for decades. The bank has moved approximately 200 feet since 1980 and almost 100 feet in the past 20 years. One portion of the bank moved more than 3 feet during the flooding at the end of June 2021.

The erosion has led to sediment loss and downed trees in the area. And now the mass sediment waste is threatening to expose and possibly damage the sewer main.

The City of Columbia Sewer and Stormwater Utilities are working to stabilize the streambank.

The project has three main goals: to protect the sewer lines from damage, to reduce sediment from entering the creek, and to enhance habitat for macroinvertebrates. All three will lead to improved water quality in Hinkson Creek.

The planned improvements include installing 430 feet of linear peak stone toe and five bendway weirs. Linear peak stone toe stabilization is the strategic placement of large rocks and downed trees into the channel to divert stream flow away from the existing bank.

A bendway weir is a submerged rock structure positioned to direct the current away from the stream bank toward the center of the channel, reducing erosive forces along the stream bank.

The Utility plans to install native plants to help secure the bank, which will enhance habitat for stream life.

This strategically engineered stabilization project is designed to strengthen over time. The Sewer and Stormwater Utilities are confident that this work will be a long-term solution to a problem area.

Family Fun Fests summer schedule

Columbia Parks and Recreation will host the Family Fun Fest series this summer. The Fests are held at various parks throughout Columbia on the third Wednesday of the month from May through September, 6-8 p.m.

Family Fun Fests are free and offer families live performances, art activities, hands-on learning, face painting, balloon art and food trucks.

Remaining 2022 dates and themes:

June 15: *Juneteenth Jamboree*, Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 W

Aug. 17: *Be Prepared!*, Albert-Oakland Park, 1900 Blue Ridge Rd.
Featured sponsor: Boone County Office of Emergency Management

Sept. 21: *Creative Kids*, Albert-Oakland Park, 1900 Blue Ridge Rd.
Featured sponsor: Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs and the Missouri Arts Council

July 20: *Healthy Habits*, Clary-Shy Community Park, 1701 W Ash (Columbia Farmers Market will be open from 3-7 p.m.)
Featured sponsor: Healthy Blue

The Family Fun Fest series is sponsored by the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5, KOMU 8, the Columbia Missourian, ParentLink and Tigers Community Credit Union.

Pay for parking downtown with Google Maps



The City of Columbia encourages residents to try the new ParkMobile app. ParkMobile has recently partnered with Google to make it easier to visit downtown.

ParkMobile, Columbia's pay-by-app parking provider, has recently partnered with Google to make it easier to visit downtown Columbia.

Not only can you use Google Maps to navigate to your destination, but now you can also use it to pay for parking meters.

To take advantage of this convenient new option, make sure that you've set up a Google Pay ("GPay") account on your phone and have connected a credit card to your account. Then you will be able to use GPay to pay for parking by tapping

"feed the meter from anywhere" from within the app.

When you do so, you'll be prompted to enter the parking zone number found on the meter pole, select the amount of time you plan to stay, and confirm your payment.

Once you've set up a GPay account, Google Maps will then be enabled to accept parking payments after you use it to navigate a trip lasting for one mile or longer. Once you reach your destination, the option to pay for nearby parking will pop up when you exit navigation.

No matter which parking payment option you use, GPay or Google Maps, you'll be notified later when you're about to run out of time so that you can add more money if necessary, from any location.

This new partnership between Google and ParkMobile will integrate navigation and parking payments into one app, making parking easier than ever.

We encourage residents to consider this new option the next time they drive to a parking meter in the downtown Columbia area.

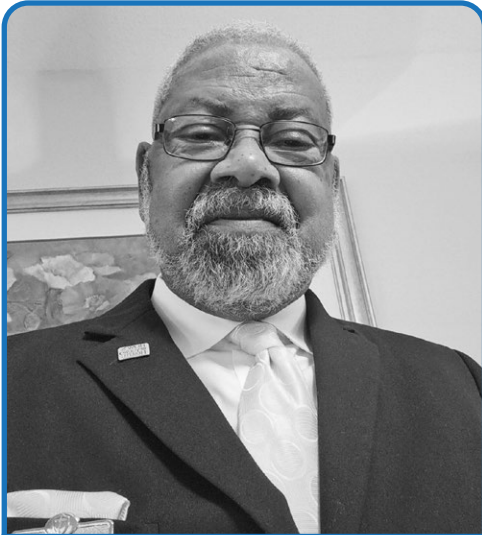
Parks and Recreation events

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

June 2022

- 1-30 Juneteenth History Display, weekdays at the Armory, 8 a.m. -6 p.m. (Free)
- 2 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Will Parker, 6:30 p.m. (Free)
- 4 Shredfest, Cosmo Park, 4-7 p.m. (Free)
- 8 Food Truck Roundups, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.
- 8 Juneteenth PBS Film Series, Armory Sports Center, 6 p.m. (Free)
- 10 Movies in the Park, *Soul*, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m. (Free)
- 15 Family Fun Fest: Juneteenth Jamboree, Albert-Oakland Park, 6-8 p.m. (Free)
- 15 Juneteenth PBS Film Series, Armory Sports Center, 6 p.m. (Free)
- 22 Food Truck Roundups, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.
- 22 Juneteenth PBS Film Series, Armory Sports Center, 6 p.m. (Free)
- 25 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Missouri Symphony, 7 p.m. (Free)
- 25 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 4-6 p.m. (Free)
- 29 Juneteenth PBS Film Series, Armory Sports Center, 6 p.m. (Free)

George Norman – May Volunteer of the Month



Thank you George for your dedicated service to the City of Columbia.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, George Norman has been instrumental in helping senior citizens of color in Columbia and Boone County get vaccinated for COVID-19 and become more knowledgeable of health services available to them. He worked with Live Well By Faith and the Columbia/Boone County Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate the first COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, one of Columbia's Black churches. This encouraged other Black churches in our community to begin hosting other clinics.

Since George's retirement from the Missouri Department of Mental Health,

he has worked with several mental health and substance abuse providers to revive the Mid-Missouri Recovery Support Providers Coalition. The goal of the coalition is to provide complete physical and mental health services to individuals who are marginalized in our community.

In his spare time, you can find George sharing his wisdom with senior citizens in Columbia and spending time with his grandchildren.

To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov) or call 573.874.7499.

Summer Youth Volunteering

Summer brings extra time for many young people, and the City of Columbia wants to help them make the most of it! Again this summer, the City of Columbia Volunteer Programs will offer Youth in Action, designed for those 12-15 years of age. The program includes a variety of volunteer projects and activities that are structured and supervised. Participants can select the activities that best suit their interests and schedules. There is no cost to participate and youth can serve in as many projects as they choose.

To learn more about Youth in Action, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or visit us at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov).

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:

- Columbia and Boone County Library District Board
- Commission on Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art
- Water and Light Advisory Board

Application deadline is Friday, June 3 at 5 p.m. Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.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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