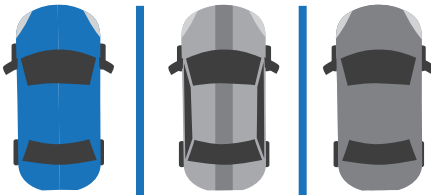


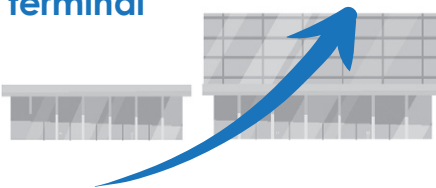
— City Stats —

New COU Terminal

93 additional paved parking spaces



52,000 square feet
3x the size of the former terminal



4 gates

3 passenger boarding bridges



#BuiltForYou

New terminal at COU opens

Columbia Regional Airport (COU) is celebrating the recent opening of its new \$23 million terminal.

Columbia City Council gave support for a new terminal in December 2018. Work on the project began in May 2020 and was completed in October 2022.

The first flight to the new terminal arrived the night of Tuesday, Oct. 25, and the first flight out of the new terminal departed the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The new facility, which is now fully operational, will improve air travel for residents and visitors in mid-Missouri and serve as a major economic driver for the region.

Not only is the new 52,000-square-foot terminal more than three times the size of its predecessor, it also features four gates with three passenger boarding bridges, more comfortable seating, increased charging outlets, and workstations for business travelers.

New amenities also include a restaurant and bar (opening soon), a mother's room, a sensory room and an interior Service Animal Relief Area (SARA).



Columbia Mayor Barbara Buffaloe; Missouri Gov. Mike Parson; and other local, state and federal dignitaries cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for the new terminal at COU.



The lobby area at the new COU terminal.

Air service at COU impacts a rapidly expanding catchment area with a population of nearly 520,000. COU's close proximity makes it the best option for air travelers in mid-Missouri and best meets the region's economic needs.

"COU will play a key role in securing our region's economic future," said Stacey Button, director of economic development for the City of Columbia.

"The new airport terminal will help

existing businesses grow as well as drive the development of new economic opportunities in Columbia and throughout mid-Missouri."

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Get your tickets for Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

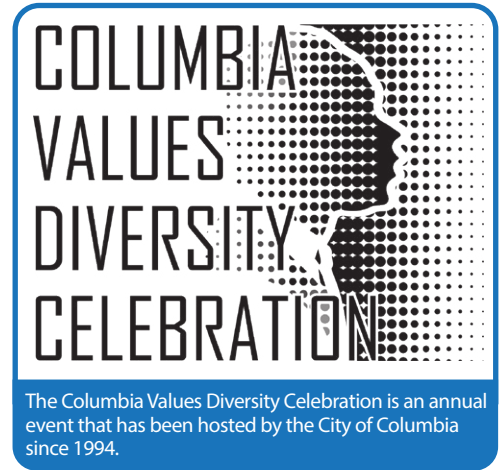
The Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs is hosting its annual Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, from 7-9 a.m. Tickets and table reservations are currently on sale.

The celebration will take place at the Holiday Inn Expo Center and will feature a breakfast, artistic celebrations and keynote addresses.

During the celebration, the Columbia Values Diversity Awards will be presented to members of our community whose work exemplifies the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in fostering individual dignity, racial equality, understanding, peacemaking and solving problems through non-violence. Both an individual award and a group award will be presented.

Single tickets to the celebration are on sale for \$25, and tables, which seat 10 people, can be reserved. (You don't need to purchase single tickets if you reserve a table.)

To learn more about the celebration, purchase tickets, reserve a table or become a sponsor of the event, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/CoMo.gov) and search "cvdc."



Meet the new fire chief



Farr was sworn in as fire chief at the Nov. 7 City Council meeting. He had been serving as acting fire chief since September.

Columbia City Manager De'Carlton Seewood has named Clayton Farr Jr. as the new fire chief of the Columbia Fire Department (CFD). Farr was identified as the top candidate after a nationwide recruitment and search process conducted by SGR consulting company.

Farr was sworn in as fire chief at the Nov. 7 City Council meeting. He had been serving as acting fire chief since September.

Farr has worked in fire and emergency services for 30 years and has been with the Columbia Fire Department since 1998.

During his time at the Columbia Fire Department, he has been responsible for managing members assigned to the emergency services division; the department's training division; the community risk reduction division; employee retention; recruitment; and diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. He recently served as the department's public information officer, social media coordinator and records custodian.

"As I move into this position, it is my goal to continue seeking opportunities to expand the fire department with additional fire stations and personnel so we are prepared to have a greater impact in meeting our citizens' needs in a more timely manner," Farr said. "I want our department to be innovative in our delivery of training, not only internally, but also to our citizens and ensure our staff has the right apparatus and equipment to respond to an ever-increasing volume and complexity of emergency incidents."

City offices closed for upcoming holidays

In observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, City of Columbia offices will be closed for the following days:

- Day after Christmas – Monday, Dec. 26
- Day after New Year's Day – Monday, Jan. 2

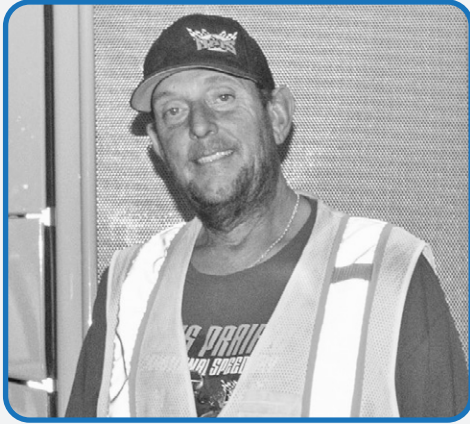
The closures will impact several City services.

Solid Waste collections will operate Monday through Friday during the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, as regularly scheduled. However, the landfill will be closed on the days of Dec. 26 and Jan 2.

Parks and Recreation's Activity & Recreation Center (ARC) will close early (3 p.m.) Saturday, Dec. 24; will be closed all of Christmas Day; and will open Dec. 26. The ARC will also close early (3 p.m.) Saturday, Dec. 31; will be closed all of New Year's Day; and will open Jan 2.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

John Rupard



When a tornado hit Jefferson City in May 2019, the City of Columbia sent a group of volunteers from the street division to help repair the damage.

Among those volunteers was John Rupard, who had joined the street division seven years prior as a part-time employee.

Since joining the City of Columbia, John had earned his commercial driver's license, learned how to pour concrete, and took advantage of the numerous

training courses offered by the City. Because of all the experience he had gained, John was chosen to lead the team working in Jefferson City.

"It gave me a chance to spread my wings a little," John said. "It was my introduction to the supervisor role."

In 2021, John was promoted to a permanent supervisory position.

As a Public Works supervisor, John manages a team that maintains and repairs Columbia's streets. He likes working for the City because of the bonds he has forged with his co-workers.

"To see the camaraderie among everyone here, and their willingness to hop in and lend a hand, and do so in a nice way, it meant a lot to me as a person when I started," John said. "And I still see it all the time with new people coming in the door."

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).

January 2023

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Candle Light Walk and Celebration, Walk at Armory Sports Center, 6:30 p.m., walk proceeds to St. Luke UMC

21 ROC Trail Run, Rhett's Run Trail at Cosmo Park, 9 a.m., ages 12 and up, \$35

Transferring files from flash drives no longer permitted at City facilities

Cyber security affects us all. To help secure the City's data and technical infrastructure, we are asking for everyone's help.

Due to the unique threat they pose, USB drives and other physical media drives will no longer be permitted at City facilities as a way of directly delivering files or presentation materials.

Beginning January 2023, vendors, public presenters, and City staff members will be required to upload all presentation files online at [CoMo.gov/upload](https://www.cmo.gov/upload) at least 15 minutes prior to giving their presentation.

Detailed instructions on this new process are available on the upload web page.

If you are the presenter, you will be able to access your presentation privately via a secure password.

This new policy is a necessary step in keeping the City's technical infrastructure safe. We appreciate your cooperation!

Thank you for doing your part to keep the City network safe for everyone.

P.W. Paws stickers helping get kids stuck on public works



Street division crew leader Robert Kennedy shares his passion for public works with children by handing out Public Works Helper Award stickers.

When working in residential areas, street division crew leader Robert Kennedy is sometimes approached by children who are interested in the equipment he's using and the work being performed. Kennedy came up with the idea of keeping stickers in City vehicles to give to children and their parents.

Starting this year, crews have begun keeping Junior Public Works Helper Award stickers in City equipment, featuring Public Works' tiger mascot P.W. Paws and passing the stickers out to children who express interest in public works.

Public Works employees in Columbia perform everything from road and sidewalk construction to street sweeping and snow plowing. They also perform a wide variety of important tasks for the community and there's a possibility that a child with an interest in our equipment could one day work for Public Works, too.

Children, parents and all members of the public are encouraged to ask questions and engage with City of Columbia Public Works employees, but please remember to approach from a safe distance if they are working at a job site.

Warming centers, shelters available this winter

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services coordinates a network of warming and cooling centers in the community during extreme temperatures. As the temperature begins to drop, the public is reminded of several locations in Columbia available to those who need shelter from the extreme cold. Warming centers are available to the general public during each building's normal business hours. The public is allowed access to public areas, such as lobbies, restrooms, drinking fountains, etc. During the warmer months, these locations function as cooling centers as well.

Columbia's warming centers include:

- ARC (Activity & Recreation Center), 1701 W. Ash St.
- City Hall, 701 E. Broadway.
- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services, 1005 W. Worley St.
- Columbia Public Library, 100 W. Broadway.
- Salvation Army, 1108 W. Ash St.
- Salvation Army Harbor House, 602 N. Ann St.
- St. Francis House, 901 Range Line St.

Official shelters provide sleeping accommodations. These locations may or may not include meals:

- Flourish (for teens), please call 573.615.6135.
- Rainbow House (for children/youth), 1611 Towne Dr.
- Room at the Inn, 1509 Ashley St., visit RoomAtTheInnCoMo.org for more information.
- True North (for domestic violence), please call 573.875.1370.
- Welcome Home (for veterans), 2120 Business Loop 70 E.

A map of the warming centers and shelter locations is available on CoMo.gov, search "warming centers." On that page, a list of phone numbers for these centers and shelters can also be found. People interested in using the warming centers are encouraged to call ahead to make sure the location is open. PHHS also encourages people to call the shelter they plan on using ahead of time to check the operating hours and eligibility guidelines and to see if room is available at the overnight shelter locations.

Sign up for Go COMO Transit alerts

Would you like to be told when Go COMO bus service is interrupted? Get immediate notifications by text, email or phone by visiting Alerts.CoMo.gov, where you can create an account and sign up for Go COMO Transit alerts.

Notifications will be sent when major disruptions occur to regular fixed route bus service, including delays caused by major accidents, winter weather or staff shortages. Go COMO encourages all riders to sign up for Go COMO Transit alerts at Alerts.CoMo.gov as soon as possible to help you avoid delays and inconveniences.

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:

- Parking Advisory Commission
- Tree Board

Application deadline is Friday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at CoMo.gov. Call 573.874.7208 for more information.



OUR VISION

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

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