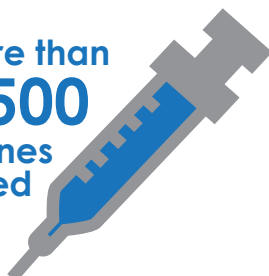


## — City Stats —

### Columbia/Boone County PHHS 2022

More than  
**7,500**  
vaccines  
administered



**249** outreach clinics



**3** Save a  
Life events  
for Narcan  
training



## “Health on Wheels” rolls into Columbia/Boone County

If you are in the community and see a big van driving by with an artwork of residents painted on the side, it is probably the new “Health on Wheels” Outreach Van.

At Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, we are excited to have our new van, which gives our department the ability to offer mobile health care across the community. It will benefit not only the City of Columbia, but rural Boone County residents as well.

The “Health on Wheels” van will be used to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes for underserved members of the community by increasing access to testing and vaccination services.

As part of a new program, the van will be staffed by our Community Health Workers (CHWs). They will address the health needs of at-risk populations by providing COVID-19 test kits, health assessments, health education and information and referrals to resources in the community, addressing comorbidities (such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity).

The van’s artwork was designed to represent the people of the City of Columbia and our community members throughout Boone County.

We have had the van since October 2022, and it has already been used for a few events. We are planning to use the van even more during the spring and summer months when there are more outdoor events. So be on the lookout for our “Health on Wheels” Outreach Van.

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A special ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the Outreach Van was held Friday, Jan. 20, in the MU Health Care Pavillion at Clary-Shy Park.

## Volunteer as a TreeKeeper



During the TreeKeepers Academy, volunteers will learn about tree identification, pruning and planting and commit to assisting on tree projects in our parks.

TreeKeepers is back! New volunteers can join the program, which focuses on tree care projects in Columbia's parks, by participating in the TreeKeepers Academy Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

During the TreeKeepers Academy, volunteers will learn about tree identification, pruning and planting and commit to assisting on tree projects in our parks.

The TreeKeepers program is a great way to increase your knowledge of trees, make an impact in our parks, and meet others in our community with common interests.

The TreeKeepers Academy will be held at the Parks Management Center, 1507 Business Loop 70 W.

To learn more or register, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or [volunteer@CoMo.gov](mailto:volunteer@CoMo.gov).

## FY 2024 Budget Survey

Columbia City Manager De'Carlton Seewood and the City's Finance department are in the beginning stages of drafting a budget proposal for fiscal year 2024. As part of this process, we are seeking your input. Visit the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Survey page on [BeHeard.CoMo.gov](https://www.beheard.como.gov). There are two surveys you can take. The first survey asks for feedback on the fiscal year 2023 budget process. The second survey asks how you would like to see City funds allocated in the fiscal year 2024 budget.

This budget belongs to you, the City's residents. Your input will provide valuable guidance during the creation of the budget proposal. We will also use your input to help encourage and improve resident engagement in the budget approval process, which will take place during August and September of 2023.

## Columbia's winter weather response

During winter weather events, City of Columbia Public Works has policies in place that are meant to provide passable conditions for the traveling public and help improve emergency response times, while considering the long-term maintenance needs of Columbia's sidewalks and roads and minimizing the environmental impacts of snow removal.

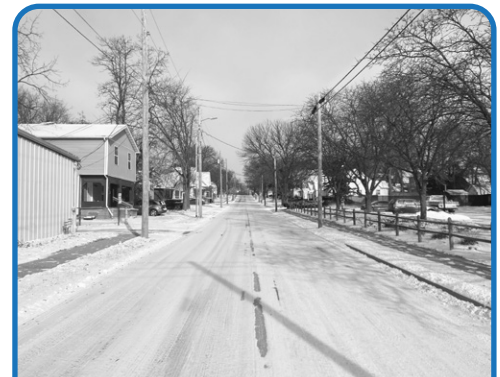
When snow accumulations reach 4 inches or greater, Public Works crews will work around the clock to plow and treat all residential streets to a passable condition. For all events, crews will focus first on priority roads, which represent 691 lane miles of critical streets necessary for the City to function. This represents almost half of the City's 1,430 total lane miles.

When accumulations are under 4 inches, after addressing priority streets and returning them to at least passable or normal conditions, crews will shift to remaining streets during normal operating hours. During winter weather events of 4 inches or less, residential streets most often remain passable to front-wheel drive vehicles without needing to be plowed.

While road treatments may have some unavoidable environmental impacts, Public Works staff strives to limit them and find a balance between impact and ability for emergency response and travelers to move about safely. The salt we apply to roads can end up in our freshwater, polluting rivers and lakes. A single teaspoon of salt is all that is needed to pollute five gallons of water. High salt concentrations are detrimental to native freshwater species, can create habitats for invasive species and are linked to harmful algal blooms.

Another reason for our policy is to protect our City's infrastructure. Excessive application of winter road salt prematurely ages roads, traffic signal poles, sign posts and sidewalks, all of which are costly to repair. Road salt is expensive, too, with the cost of one ton of salt being about the same as resurfacing 100 square feet of road. Every ton of salt used during the winter equates to fewer dollars for long-term street maintenance projects.

Motorists driving during winter weather events should always be sure to use prudent winter weather driving techniques, especially on untreated roads. This includes keeping your speed low, being vigilant and not distracted, allowing extra braking distance and refraining from tailgating other vehicles.



A road that has at least one travel lane accessible by a front-wheel drive vehicle driving at speeds well below the normal posted speed limits. A passable road can still be snow-covered.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Rebecca Thompson

As assistant city counselor, Rebecca Thompson advises the City Council, the city manager, boards and commissions, and various departments on a wide range of legal issues.

A significant amount of Rebecca's work focuses on land use law. You'll see her at all the planning and zoning and Board of Adjustment meetings.

When the City acquires land for a project, Rebecca advises the Community Development, Public Works, and Utilities departments on all legal matters related to the project. Rebecca takes pride in seeing the results of her work when the projects are completed.

"It's neat to be able to see the direct result of your work," Rebecca said. "You can walk around the community and see the impacts of what you're doing, and I don't think you really get that outside of local government."

A Columbia resident since the age of 3, Rebecca cares deeply about her community. She enjoys working for the City because it offers her a great work-life balance. She finds meaning in her work, but is also able to focus on her other passions, such as spending time with her family and running ultramarathons.

"You can have all it, but it takes a special workplace, and I think the City does a good job of providing that," Rebecca said.

## Howard B. Lang Jr. Award

Nominations are currently being accepted for this year's Howard B. Lang Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia.

Howard Lang was mayor of Columbia from 1953-57 and made a positive difference for the City. Leo Hill, city manager from 1952-1958, created the award to honor Lang.

The recipient of the Lang Award will receive \$1,000 (which may be designated to a project, program, or charity of her/his choice) and an engraved plaque.

Please consider nominating a volunteer who serves the City of Columbia through its departments, services, or programs.

Nominees may be a member of a City board, commission or task force; an unpaid elected official; or someone who volunteers their time and talent to Columbia and its citizens. The recipient will be chosen based on impact, initiative and length of service.

Online and printable nomination forms can be found at [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/CoMo.gov); search for "Lang Award Nomination Form." The nomination window closes Friday, Feb. 24.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Trust Administrator John Baker at 573.817.5027 or email [John.Baker@CoMo.gov](mailto:John.Baker@CoMo.gov).

## Parks and Recreation events

For more information, please visit [CoMo.gov/ParksandRec](https://www.columbia-mo.gov/CoMo.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).

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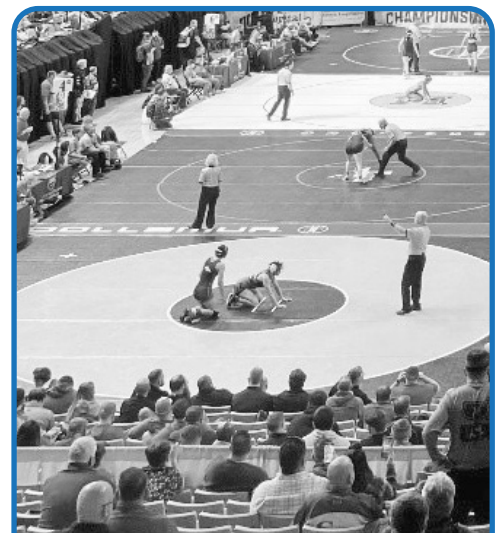
8 Women's Month Film, "And Still I Rise" Armory Sports Center, 6 p.m., free

18 Annual Train Show, Paquin Tower, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., free

## Tourism in Columbia

Travel and tourism is a massive industry. It creates jobs, injects money into the economy and helps enhance the local quality of life. It encompasses hotel staff, restaurant workers, retail employees and so much more. Here in Columbia and Boone County, the Missouri Division of Tourism reported \$499 million in tourism-related spending in fiscal year 2022.

Visitors to Columbia, such as friends and relatives of students, business travelers, convention attendees and those in town for sporting events and competitions, help our local businesses and their employees thrive. Visitors stay in our hotels, eat at our restaurants, and shop at our stores. The taxes paid on purchases by visitors help support city services that residents enjoy year round.



Events such as MSHSAA State Wrestling bring thousands of visitors to Columbia every year.

# Columbia Police's DOVE Unit continues to address domestic violence across Missouri



Detectives Maggie Franks and Adam Ward with the Columbia Police Department's DOVE Unit give a presentation during a training session for volunteers with True North.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that 41% of women and 26% of men experience some form of domestic violence during their lifetime. Domestic violence can consist of sexual violence, physical abuse, stalking and other forms of abuse involving an intimate partner.

The Columbia Police Department (CPD) responds to all reported domestic violence-related calls for service, which can range from verbal arguments to life-threatening assaults. CPD officers and detectives know from experience that these incidents frequently involve some of the most dangerous offenders in our community.

Of the 11 homicides that Columbia Police investigated in 2022, seven involved some form of domestic violence. The Department made arrests in each of those 11 investigations.

Detectives with the Department's Special Victims Unit are highly trained to navigate the complex dynamics of these investigations as part of a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach. These specialized detectives are part of the Special Victim Unit's Domestic Violence Enforcement Unit (DOVE).

The DOVE Unit was established in 1998. It consists of two detectives, a civilian investigator, a team of victim advocates with True North, and four assistant prosecutors from the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

"Addressing these issues truly requires a community response, and we're thankful to have so many agencies and organizations who support victims of domestic violence," said DOVE Unit Detective Maggie Franks.

The Unit's work has been recognized as a model for organizations across Missouri. DOVE detectives regularly receive requests to train other agencies in the best practices of domestic violence investigations.

Training sessions include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, investigators from the Department of Social Services, victim advocates and students pursuing higher education in social work.

"We've been training other agencies in the strategies that we've used to aggressively pursue, arrest and prosecute violent domestic abusers," said DOVE Unit Detective Adam Ward. "Columbia Police have been recognized for this work, and we're happy to teach these methods to others."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact True North at 1.800.548.2480. True North specializes in services to survivors of domestic or sexual violence and operates a shelter specifically for those affected by abuse.

You can also contact the Columbia Police Department at 573.874.7652 or Boone County Joint Communications at 573.442.6131. If there's an emergency, call 911.



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

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