

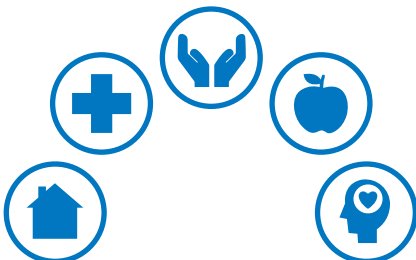
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Previous Community Health Assessment (2018)

1,415 total responses



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Take the Boone County Community Health Assessment survey today!

The Boone County Community Health Assessment gathers community input to better understand the health status of our community.

Community health assessments, or CHAs, collect and analyze data about the health of a community. Data can be feedback from community members through methods such as surveys and focus groups. In addition, data on health behaviors, rates of chronic disease, available services, and quality of life are also collected. The result is a comprehensive set of information about community health strengths that can be used to identify and address areas for improvement.

Every five years, a group of organizations called Live Well Boone County conducts this assessment and develops a plan to improve community health. Results from this assessment will inform local funding decisions and public health programming. Over the last five years, results from the previous community health survey have helped inform approximately \$42 million in health and social service programs, which served more than 415,000 total people in Boone County.

The online survey, which closes on April 28, is open to Boone County residents ages 12 and up. It is available in English and Spanish. Visit BeHeard.CoMo.gov. The survey closes on April 28.

Boone County residents can also provide input via paper surveys which can be found at several locations:

- Public Health and Human Services, 1005 W. Worley St.
- City Hall, 701 E. Broadway
- Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway.
- Boone County Government Center, 801 E. Walnut St.
- Activity & Recreation Center (ARC), 1701 W. Ash St.

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22 making this a great time to spotlight the thousands of residents who donate their time each year to make our City a great place to live, work, learn and play. Last year, about 6,000 volunteers completed 30,602 hours of service, valued at more than \$916,000.

There are many opportunities to help at special events to create memories for kids and families or to care for our environment through litter pickup or parks projects not just during National Volunteer Week, but throughout the year! To learn more, contact Volunteer Programs at 573.874.7499 or Volunteer@CoMo.gov.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

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Public Works installs new curb ramps to improve accessibility in Columbia



A curb ramp with truncated domes at the corner of North Eighth Street and Fairview Avenue, completed in February.

Curb ramps can be found at many Columbia street corners and provide an accessible pathway that people with disabilities can use to safely travel between a roadway and sidewalk. Curb ramps can be used by wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, or anyone with mobility restrictions who are challenged by a raised curb.

Additionally, the brick-red panels that can be seen on curb ramps contain small, raised bumps on them which are called truncated domes. These panels are designed to be felt by a cane or a person's foot, alerting someone who is visually impaired that they have reached the end of the sidewalk and are about to enter the street. They also provide a visual warning that a change in elevation is about to occur. Since 2001, the ADA has required that all curb ramps contain truncated domes.

Curb ramps are an important part of creating an environment that allows everyone in the community to participate and contribute fully. Columbia Public Works plans to install or replace about 150 curb ramps this year as part of various road resurfacing projects.

Celebrate composting! International Compost Awareness Week is May 7– 13

International Compost Awareness Week is a worldwide celebration to bring public awareness to the benefits of the use of compost and organics recycling. Composting is a long-term step towards sustainability, conserving resources and reducing soil degradation. Making and using compost makes our food more nutritious, the air we breathe cleaner, our climate healthier and can greatly reduce a household's waste production.

Learn the why, what and how of residential composting by participating in a City of Columbia Compost Workshop. Each class is taught by an experienced volunteer.

Start diverting your yard waste and kitchen scraps to reap the many benefits of composting. Search workshops at CoMo.gov to find the complete Compost Workshop schedule. For more information email Volunteer@CoMo.gov or call 573.874.6271.

Compost Week Workshop Dates

- Tuesday, May 9: Bokashi Composting, 6-7 p.m at the Capen Park Compost demonstration site, 1600 Capen Park Drive. Dr. Bokashi composting is anaerobic, fermentation composting. The process begins in a sealed bucket producing a relatively dry pickled compost which is then buried in a garden. It can also be placed in an aerobic backyard bin to help speed up that process.
- Saturday, May 13: Backyard Composting, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway.



Learn about Bokashi Composting at the Tuesday, May 9, workshop.

Join the City's lifeguards team!



Sign up for lifeguard training today!

Columbia Parks and Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the summer. Applicants must be at least 15 years old. Work schedules are flexible.

The training is free for anyone hired to work for the City, otherwise the price is \$175. Upcoming training sessions will take place at the Hickman High School Pool:

- May 5-7 (5 to 9 p.m. May 5; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6-7).
- May 19-21 (5 to 9 p.m. May 19; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20-21).
- June 2-4 (5 to 9 p.m. June 2; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 3-4).

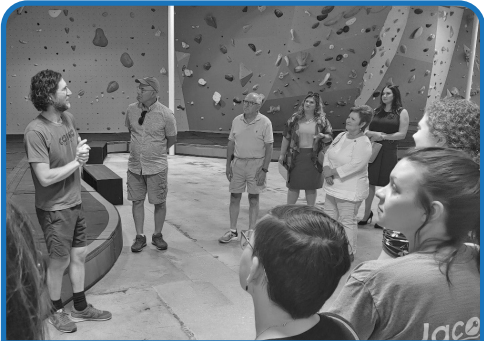
For more information or to register, please call Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460.

Become a Columbia Tourism Ambassador

Becoming a Columbia Tourism Ambassador (CTA) means ensuring you understand your role in increasing tourism in and around Columbia. Here in Columbia and Boone County, the Missouri Division of Tourism reported \$499 million in tourism-related spending in fiscal year 2022.

The CTA program, administered by the City of Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, serves to inspire Columbia residents and tourism partners to make every visitor's experience in our City a positive one. This program increases your knowledge of the region, helps you understand how tourism impacts the economy, prepares you to answer a variety of questions you may receive from visitors, and provides resources that will keep you updated on what is going on downtown.

CTA classes are currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, and Wednesday, June 14, from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, 300 S. Providence Road. For more detailed information and to enroll in an upcoming class, visit CTANetwork.com. You can also email Julie.Ausmus@CoMo.gov for more information.



Columbia Tourism Ambassadors attending a "Lunch and Learn" at COMO Rocks Climbing Gym. Lunch and Learns are opportunities for CTAs to learn more about Columbia and its attractions.

Phone numbers to call in times of distress

Each time you call 911 or 311, your call goes through the Boone County Joint Communications dispatch center where it's dispatched to the appropriate emergency service. Columbia Police Officers respond to hundreds of calls each day that range from reports of past thefts to in-progress emergencies.

Calls are prioritized by incident type and based on factors related to imminent danger and preservation of life. While you should always call 911 in an emergency, it's good to know what number to call when you need assistance for a non-emergency issue or immediate counseling in the event of a mental health crisis.

Call 911 immediately in an emergency

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or emergency medical services. This includes immediate threat to life or threat of injury, all fire and medical emergencies, crimes in progress and gun-related incidents.

Be prepared to answer questions that include the type and location of the emergency, the phone number you're calling from and more details that will allow responders to prepare for your specific situation. Texting 911 is not yet available in Boone County; you must call.

Call 311 for non-emergency events

For non-emergency issues, call 311. This number is answered by the same highly trained staff that takes 911 calls, but lets them know that you aren't calling with an emergency so they are able to respond to in-progress emergency calls first.

Reasons to call 311 include reporting abandoned vehicles, noise complaints, lost or stolen property, or parking issues. You can also call this number to request police reports.

Call 988 when in crisis

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained counselors when you or someone else is experiencing a crisis related to suicide, substance use or mental health.

Parks and Recreation events

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

April 2023

- 4 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, TBA, 7 p.m., free
- 7 Douglass Park Heritage Day, 2-5 p.m., free
- 10 Park Pop Up and Play Day, Longview Park, 4 p.m., free
- 12 Movies in the Park, The Bad Guys, Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m., free
- 13 MLB Jr. Home Run Derby, American Legion Park, 9:30 a.m. check-in, free
- 13 MLB Pitch, Hit and Run, American Legion Park, 9:30 a.m. check-in, free
- 17 Family Fun Fest: BEE Kind to Your Mind, Cosmo Park, 6-8 p.m., free
- 20 Bike Safety Rodeo, Karis Church parking lot, 9:30-11:30 a.m., free
- 20 Take the Playground Challenge begins
- 24 Tons of Trucks, Columbia Mall, 4-7 p.m., free
- 24 Food Truck Roundups, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.

Volunteers of the Month - Louise Flenner and Pam Spencer



Thank you Pam (left) and Louise (right) for all your volunteer work in Columbia!

Louise Flenner began volunteering with the City of Columbia more than ten years ago, and her friend Pam followed shortly thereafter. The two friends volunteer to enjoy time together, get outdoors, stay active and share their passion for helping the environment.

In 2011, upon retiring, Louise became a Master Naturalist and joined Wild Ones, a group that promotes environmentally sound landscaping through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities.

She started managing the Capen Garden in 2013 and brought Pam along to support her cause. The Capen Garden is a native pollinator garden located at the City's compost demonstration site where, over the years, hundreds of volunteers have learned about home composting from expert volunteers.

Louise and Pam visit the garden at least once a week in the spring and summer, and even organized First Tuesdays at Capen where additional Wild Ones volunteers join them and assist with various projects—one of those projects being the newly constructed frog pond.

Louise and Pam are committed to teaching members of the community about Missouri's native plants. Whether they are educating groups of young people at the annual garden projects or the many individual park visitors, they can captivate an audience with their knowledge and passion for the importance of native gardens and pollinator habitats.

Louise's newest adventure is learning and exploring moss. She recently helped develop a Moss Trail at Wild Haven Nature Area, so visitors are able to easily explore the variety of mosses Missouri has to offer.

Stop and check out the Capen Garden, and say hello to Pam and Louise! To learn more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, visit CoMo.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 Housing Authority Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Youth Advisory Council

Application deadline is Friday, May 5, 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.

OUR MISSION

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

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