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### City of Columbia's 4th of July Fire in the Sky



This is a family-friendly event; attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening celebrating with the community.

The City of Columbia's 71st Annual 4th of July Fire in the Sky celebration will return to Stephens Lake Park this year. The event is presented by Columbia Insurance Group.

Fire in the Sky festivities will be held at the park on July 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude with a fireworks display, starting at about 9:15 p.m. Activities will include a stage with live entertainment, themed crafts for kids and inflatables. Food trucks will be open from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Fireworks will be choreographed to music simulcast on KBXR 102.3. They will be shot from the eastern portion of Stephens Lake Park; the immediate area around the shoot site will be closed for public safety. Event-goers can watch the show from other areas at the park.

In addition to presenting sponsor Columbia Insurance Group, Fire in the Sky is sponsored by Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club, Columbia Missourian, KBXR 102.3, KFRU 1400, KOMU, Boone Health and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 573.874.7460 or visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.comogov.com).

### **Discharging and/or possessing fireworks within the City of Columbia limits is prohibited.**

According to the City of Columbia Ordinances, "every person who shall...possess, use, burn, explode or set off any firecracker, torpedo, bomb, rocket, pinwheel, fire balloon, Roman candles or any other firecracker or fireworks other than a sparkler with the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

It's important to follow this ordinance for safety, as fireworks have the potential to cause serious injury, property damage or fires. The 4th of July Fire in the Sky celebration in Stephens Lake Park offers a safe alternative for those who want to enjoy fireworks.

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## Roadside pollinator program update



Workers with DJM Ecological Services operate a skid steer with a no-till drill seeder front attachment at one of Columbia's roadside pollinator sites.

The City works with DJM Ecological Services of Missouri to promote the growth of native pollinators, fight invasive plants and meet the goals of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. This is part of ongoing efforts to increase populations of pollinating insects by encouraging the growth of plants native to our region and decreasing overall maintenance costs.

In April, workers with DJM used specialized seeding equipment to re-seed pollinator areas with native warm-season grasses. This equipment ensures the native seed is installed at the correct depth and the area is clear of dead vegetation to provide space for them to grow. Once established, native plants can survive long periods of high temperatures and drought.

Crews also mowed the pollinator areas with other equipment designed to mow plants that are taller than twelve inches. Tall mowing is used to control the spread and growth of unwanted vegetation by removing the seedheads and opening the canopy for the much shorter native seedlings.

Through the summer DJM crews will be treating invasive vegetation such as cut-leaved teasel and Johnson grass using a spot-herbicide treatment technique. Spot-herbicide treatment minimizes damage to non-target plants and effectively controls unwanted invasive plants. To learn more about the methods used to manage these sites, visit

[BeHeard.CoMo.gov/roadside-pollinator-program](https://BeHeard.CoMo.gov/roadside-pollinator-program).

*Pollinators are the first line of defense against trash pollution entering our local streams. Litter is a continual issue, and the pollinator sites capture it and make it more noticeable. If you are interested in organizing your own trash pick-up, contact Volunteer Services at [Volunteer@CoMo.Gov](mailto:Volunteer@CoMo.Gov) or call 573.874.7499.*

## Code Corner – Tall grass

The City of Columbia landscape 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 the cases where lawns are not maintained. When properties are out of compliance, the City may cut the turf grass and weeds and tax bill the property for mowing. Neighborhood Services handles more than 800 landscape issues annually. To report a vegetation violation, call 573.874.CITY or report at [CoMo.gov](https://CoMo.gov).

## Water Quality Report

City of Columbia Water & Light prides itself on maintaining a safe, reliable and efficient water system. Residential and commercial customers have benefitted from Columbia's clean, reliable drinking water for more than 100 years.

Water & Light monitors and evaluates the quality of the water multiple times a day throughout the treatment process. The Utility tests samples from more than 40 locations — including from the groundwater wells, during the treatment process and throughout the distribution system.



This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) require public water supply systems to report to customers on the quality of the water Water & Light provides. The City of Columbia's 2022 Water Quality Report is available for the public to view at [CoMo.gov/2022-cwl-water-quality](https://CoMo.gov/2022-cwl-water-quality).

The report shows that the water Columbia provides to its customers meets all quality standards set by the EPA and is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the MDNR.



## Boards and Commissions Spotlight: Commission on Human Rights

The Commission on Human Rights formulates and carries out educational programs designed to minimize or eliminate discriminatory practices, receives and investigates complaints alleging any discriminatory practices, provides mediation services to resolve incidences of alleged discriminatory practices, endeavors to eliminate discriminatory practices, and advises the City Council on human rights issues.

In Columbia, it is unlawful for any person to be discriminated in employment, housing and public accommodations based on any of these protected categories:

- Alienage or citizenship status
- Ancestry
- Color
- Disability
- Gender identity or expression
- Marital status
- National origin
- Order of protection status
- Race
- Religion
- Receipt of governmental assistance
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Source of income
- Status as a survivor of sexual or domestic violence
- Familial status (housing only)
- Age (employment only, ages 40-69)

To learn more or file a complaint, call 573.817.5024 or visit [CoMo.gov/boards/commission-on-human-rights/](http://CoMo.gov/boards/commission-on-human-rights/)

## Cooling centers available this summer

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services coordinates a network of cooling centers in the community during extreme temperatures. As the temperature begins to rise, the public is reminded of several locations in Columbia available to those who need shelter from the extreme heat.

Cooling centers are available to the general public during the building's normal business hours. The public is allowed access to public areas, such as lobbies, restrooms, drinking fountains, etc.

### Columbia's cooling centers include:

- ARC (Activity and Recreation Center), 1701 W. Ash St.
- City Hall, 701 East 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. Columbia's official shelters include:**

- Flourish (for teens), call 573.615.6135
- Rainbow House (for children/youth), 1611 Towne Dr.
- Room at the Inn, visit [roomattheinncomo.org](http://roomattheinncomo.org) for dates and locations
- St. Francis House (for men), 901 Range Line St.
- Salvation Army Harbor House (men, women, and families), 602 N. Ann St.
- True North (for domestic violence), call 573.875.1370
- Welcome Home (for veterans), 2120 Business Loop 70 E.

A map and phone directory of the cooling centers and shelter locations are available on [CoMo.gov](http://CoMo.gov), search "cooling centers." Individuals are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the location is open and check their business hours. PHHS also encourages people to call ahead to check the eligibility guidelines and to see if room is available at the overnight shelter locations.

## Parks and Recreation events

For more information, please visit [CoMo.gov/parksandrec](http://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).

### July 2023

- 4 Fire in the Sky, Entertainment at 6:30 p.m., Fireworks after 9 p.m., Stephens Lake Park, Free

- 12 Food Truck Roundups, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.

- 13 Stephens Lake Park Amphitheater Concert Series, Columbia Community Band, 7 p.m., Free

- 14 Movies in the Park, *Finding Nemo*, Cosmo Park, 8:45 p.m., Free

- 15 SPLAT! Junior Obstacle Course Mud Run, Gans Creek Recreation Area, Times vary according to wave, \$30

- 15 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park, 4-6 p.m., Free

- 16 Lawn Chair Concert in the Park, Douglass Park, 3-5 p.m., Free

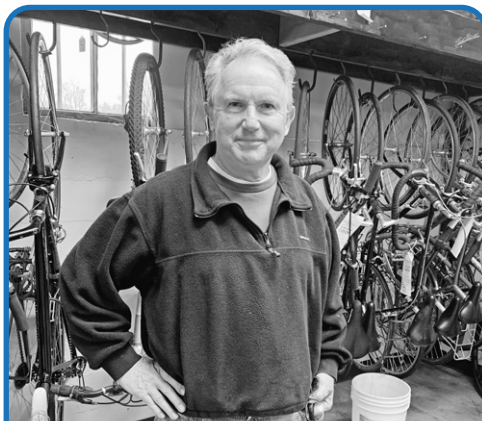
- 19 Family Fun Fest: Healthy Habits, Albert-Oakland Park, 6-8 p.m., Free

- 26 Food Truck Roundups, MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.

## Volunteer of the Month - CoMo Bike Co-op



Thank you John for your volunteer work with the CoMo Bike Co-op. It is greatly appreciated.



Thank you Bill for your commitment with CoMo Bike Co-op. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

The CoMo Bike Co-op is a full-service bicycle repair shop offering free maintenance to facilitate the ability of low-income and minority groups to enjoy the full benefits of cycling. The Co-op opened in January 2018 and as of March, Co-op staff and volunteers have assisted 1,915 individuals during our walk-in repair hours.

The Co-op relies on donations with supplemental funding from the Parks Division operating budget. We could not provide these services without the volunteer assistance of John Markovitz and Bill Pratt who alternately volunteer on Monday afternoons to register walk-in participants. John has volunteered since September 2019 and Bill since September 2021. Over the years, both have willingly taken on additional roles in assisting with minor repairs to allow for greater numbers to be served.

Additionally, Jude Tanner, who is a busy MU student and bike mechanic at Walt's Bike Shop, has volunteered as a skilled mechanic since January. Together with Co-op part-time staff, we have assembled a dedicated team who supports bicycling as more than getting

people to exercise but also provides mobility options for anyone who cannot afford to drive a car or chooses not to do so. The majority of our participants cycle out of necessity and do so on well-worn, cheap bicycles that are priceless in regard to meeting daily needs.

Thank you to John, Bill and Jude for your volunteer service to the CoMo Bike Co-op. To learn how you can volunteer with the City of Columbia, visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.columbia-mo.gov) or call 573.874.7499.

## 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:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
- Building Construction Codes Commission

Application deadline is Friday, July 7 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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