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Columbia Regional Airport to receive on-site maintenance facility with Airline Maintenance Service Inc.

Airline Maintenance Service Inc. (AMS) will expand services to Columbia Regional Airport (COU) for an on-site maintenance facility.

With facilities located directly adjacent to the air carrier ramp, AMS expects to be staffed extended hours a full seven days a week. Services will focus on line maintenance for the air carriers servicing the airport.

“AMS has built a reputation for quality on-time service for the airlines in Nashville, Tennessee, and in Greensboro and Charlotte, North Carolina,” AMS Director of Business Development Erick Larson said.

“We are excited about bringing that increased level of service to our airline partners in this new location.”

AMS technicians will be trained on the specific airframes and airlines that fly through the Columbia Regional Airport.

Additionally, AMS has already partnered with those airlines for maintenance services at its other locations. This will make for a seamless transition for the airlines and results in faster response times for callouts as well as a more reliable and professional service.

“Columbia Regional Airport is excited to see Airline Maintenance Service Inc. start maintenance operations for commercial aircraft. This will ensure that our commercial flights have the on-site staffing and support that they may need 24 hours a day and will improve on-time performance for passengers in mid Missouri,” Airport Manager Mike Parks said.

Learn more about Columbia Regional Airport at [FlyCOU.com](https://flycou.com).



**COLUMBIA
REGIONAL AIRPORT**
Columbia Regional Airport is the only commercial airport in Mid-Missouri, which also serves Jefferson City.

Summer Sidewalk Projects



The Oakland Gravel Road sidewalk project will fill in missing sections of sidewalk such as these by the end of summer along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Vandiver Drive and Grizzly Court.

This summer, Public Works is gearing up for construction projects that will fill in missing sections of sidewalk and improve crosswalks in two key areas of the city. These projects will enhance pedestrian safety and extend accessibility to residents with disabilities, while also providing all residents with more healthy options for travel.

Oakland Gravel Sidewalk Project

This project will close gaps in the sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road, providing pedestrians with a single continuous pathway between Vandiver Drive and Grizzly Court. Enhancements to pedestrian safety will also be brought to the intersection of Oakland Gravel Road and Vandiver Drive through new pedestrian islands, crosswalk markings and an accessible pedestrian signal. These upgrades will make crossing the intersection safer and more convenient for pedestrians.

North Stadium Sidewalk Project

Starting in July, missing sections of sidewalk will also be finished along the west side of North Stadium Boulevard. A pedestrian crosswalk across Stadium Boulevard will

be created north of Aaron Drive. Additionally, a sidewalk will be constructed to connect to the Cosmo Fitness Trail, offering area residents the opportunity to seamlessly transition between sidewalks and recreational areas. These improvements will ensure safer pedestrian access and encourage active transportation options for the community.

The City of Columbia is committed to enhancing pedestrian safety and improving walkability. By filling in sidewalk gaps, improving crosswalks and providing safer pedestrian infrastructure, these projects will have a positive impact on our quality of life for years to come.

Go COMO route combining to begin Aug. 1



Starting Tuesday, Aug. 1, Go COMO's six fixed bus routes will be combined into three, ensuring that we can continue to meet the needs of our valued riders. Under route combining, just like the

Saturday service that riders are already accustomed to, the blue route will merge with the gold route, the black route with the orange route, and the green route with the red route. This decision was made after careful consideration because of the driver shortage. Go COMO staff sincerely apologizes for the difficulties that route combining will cause.

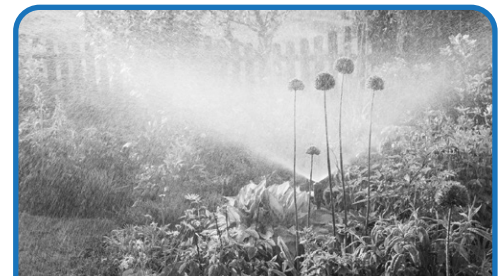
No bus stops are being removed as part of route combining. The main change is that buses will visit stops on 90-minute intervals instead of every 45 minutes. While we understand that this will require some adjustment, route combining is intended to be temporary and we hope to restore normal service once our staffing shortage has been addressed.

To assist you with these changes, combined route schedule booklets will be available for pickup on buses and at City Hall starting Monday, July 3. Additionally, we will also make the new bus schedules accessible online July 3 at [GoCOMOTransit.com](https://www.go-como.com), on Go COMO social media and in the announcements section of the DoubleMap app. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to plan your journeys.

We understand that public transportation is vital to the community, providing access to employment, education, healthcare and other essential services. The decision to implement route combining was not taken lightly, and we fully recognize the potential strain it may place on our riders and the broader community. We remain committed to providing efficient, reliable, and accessible public transportation for all residents of Columbia and are grateful for your understanding and cooperation during this transition period.

Learn more at [GoCOMOTransit.com](https://www.go-como.com).

Outdoor water conservation tips



Don't forget to save water and money by turning off your system during periods of wet weather.

Water is a finite resource, even though about 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water. Less than one percent is available for human use.

On average, a residential home in Columbia uses 3,740 gallons of water each month. Outside water usage for an average consumer in the City of Columbia is around 30 percent of total water usage. Water & Light wants to make sure that you know the proper ways to water your landscape to help you save money and conserve water.

Whether you are watering your garden or laying new grass, it is important to think about how to use water efficiently. Visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.como.gov) and search "outdoor water conservation" for tips to help you get the most out of your water and landscape.

2023 summer lunch sites for kids and teens

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) and Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, in partnership with Columbia Public Schools and Columbia Parks and Recreation, are hosting eight summer lunch program sites. Some of the locations of these sites have been changed from last year.

The summer lunch program provides free, nutritious lunches to kids and teens, ages 18 and under. The sites will be open Monday to Friday through Aug. 11.

Central

Armory Sports & Recreation Center, 700 E. Ash St., lunch 12-1 p.m.
CHA Stewart-Parker, 225 Unity Dr., lunch 12 to 12:30 p.m. + snack 1:30-1:45 p.m.

North

Demaret Dr., 718 Demaret Dr., lunch 12 to 12:30 p.m. + snack 1:30-1:45 p.m.
McKee Street Park, 1900 McKee St., lunch 11 to 11:30 a.m. + snack 1-1:15 p.m.
CHA Bear Creek, 1109 Elleta Blvd., lunch 12 to 12:30 p.m. + snack 1:30-1:45 p.m.

West

Again Street Park, 1200 Again St., lunch 12-1 p.m.
Columbia Square, 1715 W. Worley St., lunch 11-11:30 a.m. + snack 12:30-12:45 p.m.
Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Banks Ave., lunch 11-11:30 a.m. + snack 1:30-1:45 p.m.

All sites will be closed July 4. The Armory and Again Street Park sites will operate through August 4.

"We are so happy to continue offering this program to help fill the gap at home for the many families in need here in our community," PHHS Director Stephanie Browning said. "These summer lunch meals are another resource for families and children, and together we can help these community members thrive."

In addition to the meals being served, there is an educational program for the children present each day, such as recycling education, fitness activities, live music, library activities and more.

The USDA-funded summer lunch program is an extension of the school free and reduced lunch program.

Learn more at [CoMo.gov/health/wic/summer-lunch/](https://comogov.health/wic/summer-lunch/).

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:

- Board of Health
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Tax Increment Financing Commission

Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. Applications and information about current vacancies are available online at [CoMo.gov](https://comogov). Call 573.874.7208 for more information.

Parks and Recreation events

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

August 2023

- 3 Stephens Lake Park
Amphitheater Concert Series,
Kids Songs with Violet with
Violet Vonder Haar, 6:30 p.m.,
Free
- 5 DJ in the Park, Douglass Park,
4-6 p.m., Free
- 6 Coolin' Down with the Blues,
Douglass Park, 4-7 p.m., Free
- 9 Food Truck Roundups, MU
Health Care Pavilion at
Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.
- 11 Movies in the Park, *Minions: Rise
of Gru*, Cosmo Park, 8:30 p.m.,
Free
- 16 Family Fun Fest: *Be Prepared!*,
Albert-Oakland Park, 6-8 p.m.,
Free
- 19 Train Open House, Rock Quarry
Park house, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Free
- 19 Indian Hills Block Party, Indian
Hills Park, 12-2 p.m., Free
- 23 Food Truck Roundups, MU
Health Care Pavilion at
Clary-Shy Park, 3-7 p.m.
- 26 Kaleidospoke, Flat Branch Park
to Twin Lakes Rec Area,
7-10:30 p.m., \$18

Volunteer of the Month - Carson Miller



Thank you Carson for your volunteer work with the Special Olympics. It is greatly appreciated.

Carson began volunteering with the City of Columbia in 2014, while an undergraduate student at the University of Missouri. He has a passion for playing sports and coaching, so volunteering with the Special Olympics was a perfect fit.

Carson works as a pediatric physical therapist at MU, providing therapy to children 0-18 that have a wide variety of injuries and impairments. When not at work or volunteering, you can find Carson working out, spending time with friends and family, and traveling with his wife.

Not only does Carson dedicate his professional life to serving others, but he continues to offer his time and talent in his personal life, as well. Carson coaches the Special Olympics Adapted

Powerlifting Program and one of the Men's 5v5 Basketball teams. Clearly, he excels in this role because he led his basketball team to victory in the state championship in March. Carson's advice to those thinking about volunteering is simple, yet powerful - "Volunteering is only as rewarding as you make it... The best way to start is to find something small you can commit to, and show up every week." To find out more about volunteering with the City of Columbia, call 573.874.7499 or visit [CoMo.gov](https://www.co-mo.gov).

City of Columbia electric rate increase

Providing safe and reliable electricity is a priority for City of Columbia Water & Light. In order for the Utility to maintain dependable operations, Water & Light customers will see an increase in their electricity rates. The new rate structure went into effect July 1, 2023. This is the first electric rate increase since Oct. 1, 2018. This change will impact the customer base charge and the usage costs. The standard residential customer charge will increase from \$16.31 per month to \$22 per month. Usage rates are dependent on the customer's rate class. For a breakdown of utility rates, please visit [CoMo.gov/utilities/utility-rates](https://www.co-mo.gov/utilities/utility-rates). Customers can monitor their usage by signing up at [MyUtilityBill.CoMo.gov](https://www.co-mo.gov/myutilitybill).

This rate increase was recommended based on the recent cost of service analysis. It is designed to ensure the Utility can meet an increase in operation and maintenance expenses, maintain cash reserve levels and ensure adequate debt coverage for Water & Light. To encourage and promote energy conservation, City of Columbia Utilities has a suite of programs ranging from free energy assessments to rebates for installing energy efficient appliances. You can find low-cost energy saving tips, information about efficiency programs and available rebates at [ColumbiaPowerPartners.com](https://www.columbiapowerpartners.com).

For customers seeking assistance paying utility bills, the Utility Assistance Program is offered through Boone County Public Health & Human Services for eligible electric and water customers. For more information call 573.817.6430 or visit [CoMo.gov/health/human-services](https://www.co-mo.gov/health/human-services). Utility Assistance and home weatherization are also available through Central Missouri Community Action. CMCA can be contacted at or 573.443.3500.



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