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Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Student Writings Program

The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Planning Committee is seeking student writings that reflect the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as his legacy is honored at the annual celebration of his life and teachings. This year's theme is "The Dream, Revisited." Students grades 4-12 are invited to submit an original essay, poem, song or rap that includes the reasons they believe the community is rich in diversity and incorporates Dr. King's dream of peace, justice and equality for all.

The deadline for submitting an entry is Friday, Nov. 16. Selected entries will be chosen by an independent selection committee for publication in the 2013 Columbia Values Diversity Celebration student writings booklet that will be distributed to more than 1,100 people at the annual community celebration Jan. 17 and published on the celebration website.

Submission information and guidelines are available through:

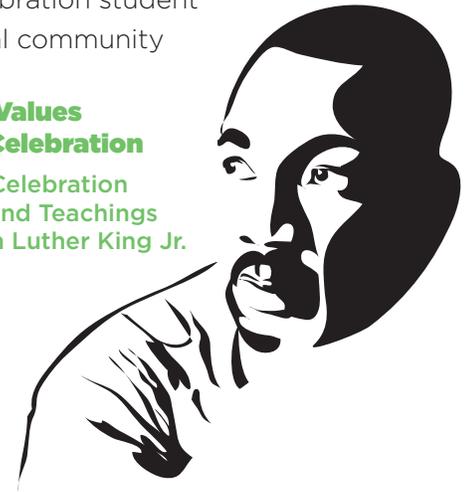
Columbia Public Schools teachers and principals grades 4-12

Or City of Columbia's Division of Human Services:

- Phone: 874-7488 (v) or 874-7356 (tty)
- Email: HumanServices@GoColumbiaMo.com
- On the Web: www.GoColumbiaMo.com
(Go Word: *GoDiversityCelebration*)

Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

An Annual Celebration
of the Life and Teachings
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Share the Light

Columbia residents are known for their generosity, often coming together to improve the quality of life for their neighbors. **Share the Light** is an opportunity for City of Columbia utility customers to contribute to City programs and projects that are above and beyond what is usually thought of as essential City services. Your giving can help!

Share the Light donations are designated to one of six giving areas: Public Art, Community Beautification, Youth Recreation Scholarships, Health and Dental Care, Fire Prevention and Education and Crime Prevention and Education. Every penny you give goes directly to improve the quality of life in the Columbia community in the area you choose.

To give to **Share the Light** simply mark your choices on the perforated flap of the **Share the Light** envelope that comes with your September utility bill. Specify if you'd like to make a one-time gift or on a monthly basis and the amount you wish to give. Your future utility bills will reflect the amount added for this purpose. If you have misplaced or discarded the envelope but still wish to donate, email your giving intention to ucs@GoColumbiaMo.com (you must include your name, address and account number), call Columbia Water & Light at 874-7380 or visit Columbia Water & Light at 701 E. Broadway.



Fight the flu this fall

Kids are back in school and the leaves are starting to change, a good indication that flu season is just around the corner. Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services reminds you that getting flu vaccine for yourself and your family will help prevent flu-related illness, missed school and missed work.

Free flu vaccine will be available to all Boone County children (age 18 and under) this year, thanks to University of Missouri Children's Hospital and the David B. Lichtenstein Foundation, with additional assistance from Boone Electric Community Trust and Boonslick Kiwanis Club of Columbia. Beginning in October, Public Health and Human Services nurses will offer free flu vaccine to kindergarten - seventh graders in Boone County's public and private schools. Any child age 18 and under will also be able to get free flu vaccine at the department's clinic, located at 1005 West Worley. Adult vaccine (age 19 and over) will be available for a fee.

When flu vaccine becomes available, it will be offered without an appointment. Dates and times will be posted on the department's "flu page" at: <http://gocolumbiamo.com/Health/fluclinicschedule.php>. For up-do-date flu vaccine updates and overall healthy living information, find the health department on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CoMoHealthDept> or Twitter @CoMo_HealthDept.



Delta announces modifications to flight schedules at Columbia Regional Airport

Delta Airlines has announced modifications to air service schedules at Columbia Regional Airport. Beginning Sept. 5, Delta will offer two flights to Atlanta each day and one flight to Memphis in the early morning Sunday through Friday. Flight schedules may be viewed at www.FlyMidMo.com or at www.Delta.com.

Service to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport allows you to make connections to more than 240 cities and more than 60 international destinations.

2012
ENERGY
EFFICIENCY
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SAVE ENERGY. SAVE MONEY. BE SAFE.

Saturday, October 20, 2012
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Boone County Fairgrounds

Boone Electric Cooperative
FOX 22 myTV
STORMTRACK 24/7
WATER & LIGHTS

Visitors center moves to City Hall

Since 2003, volunteers with the Columbia Hospitality Corps have been welcoming visitors from all over the world at the Lake of the Woods Visitors Center on the east side of Columbia. This fall, the visitors center will move to the lobby of City Hall at 701 E. Broadway.

The new City Hall Visitors Center will be open on Friday and Saturday during September with plans to be open Monday through Saturday starting in October. Visitors and residents alike can stop by the center to find out more about Columbia attractions and events while enjoying a cup of coffee.

The center will continue to be staffed by volunteers. In 2011, 50 volunteers shared nearly 3,000 hours of service to staff the center. The City is looking for more volunteers so the center can be open at all times. Volunteer training is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. at City Hall; volunteers should apply and agree to a background check.

Learn more about the visitors center and how you can volunteer to make it a success by visiting www.GoColumbiaMo.com or calling Volunteer Programs at 874-7499.

Over-Occupancy - Know the Code

Two's a party and three's a crowd. Four or more may be a violation of City code. Columbia's zoning ordinance limits the number of unrelated people living together in a dwelling unit to three in R-1 and PUD (when the PUD development density is five or less dwelling units per acre) zoning and four in other zoning districts.

Over occupancy leads to increased noise, traffic, trash and safety issues for residents. This issue is of particular concern in single-family residential neighborhoods. It is the responsibility of both landlords and occupants to comply with this ordinance.

The penalty for non-compliance is steep. The owner, manager and occupant can all be charged with violations in municipal court. Rental property risks losing its certificate of compliance and will be required to be inspected on a frequent basis to ensure the violation has been remedied.

Columbia residents who suspect over occupancy in a home should report that to the Office of Neighborhood Services at 817-5050.



Columbia Fire Department urges residents to 'Have Two Ways Out!' during Fire Prevention Week Oct. 7-13

This year's topic for Fire Prevention Week is "Have Two Ways Out!" Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried-and-true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home. Do you have two ways out of every room in your home? See NFPA's Fire Prevention Week site at www.Firepreventionweek.org.



Fall efficiency projects

Reduce your energy bills and be more comfortable!

Caulk to stop leaks

- around window and door frames
- in foundation cracks
- where siding meets the foundation, roof and chimney
- outside where wires or plumbing lines meet your structure

Weatherstrip

- along the bottom of exterior doors or doors that lead to unheated areas
- on the inside of door jams

Insulate

- Attic Insulation: R-38 or approximately 12 inches
- Floor: R-19 above unheated areas
- Crawl Space Wall Insulation: R-10 with a vapor barrier
- Duct Insulation: R-13 in unheated areas
- Rim Joist Insulation: R-13

Columbia Water & Light can help you with these projects. Consider the Home Performance with Energy Star program or sign up for a free energy audit. Our rebates and low-interest loan program can help finance larger efficiency projects. Call 874-7325 or go to ColumbiaPowerPartners.com for more information.



Tree Power—Fall is a great time to plant a tree and save some energy

Sign up for Columbia Water & Light's Tree Power program and we'll show you the best spot for your free shade tree! Then all you have to do is sit back and watch your energy savings grow. Call 874-7325 or sign up at www.ColumbiaPowerPartners.com

Well placed shade trees around your home can reduce your summer cooling costs by 30 percent!



PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

Call 874-7460 for more information.

OCTOBER

7	Old Wheels Car Show, Nifong Park, registration 9 a.m. to noon
14	One Sky, One World Day, Cosmo-Bethel Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., FREE
31	Tiger Night of Fun, Hearn Center, 6-8 p.m., FREE



Public Power Week • October 7-13, 2012

Public Power utilities are an American tradition that works. The citizens of Columbia started their own utility in 1904 so they would have a safe, reliable, low-cost source for water and electricity. The utility operated as a business within city government since that time. The benefit of a municipally owned utility is that it is run by the citizens of Columbia through the City Council and operated by your friends and neighbors. Rates are established by the cost to serve each customer, not to return a profit to shareholders.

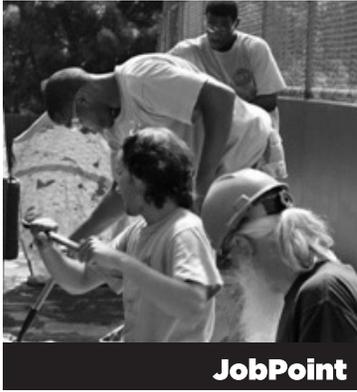
During Public Power Week, we celebrate this community asset. Thank you, Columbia!



The Plan for How We Live & Grow

The Columbia Imagined comprehensive plan effort is heating up. Staff is writing some of the chapters to be included in the public review draft and meetings will likely take place in the fall. The documents will be available before each meeting so that residents will have time to review them and prepare their comments. We look forward to seeing you then. Stay connected — follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

September Volunteers of the Month: JobPoint



JobPoint is a not-for-profit employment center and community development corporation. The organization prepares individuals who are having difficulty obtaining or maintaining employment to enter the workforce by providing career planning and job placement assistance. Not only is JobPoint helping many of its participants gain economic independence, but the participants are making a difference in the community through their volunteer work.

Some of the volunteer work JobPoint participants have done for the City of Columbia since 2003 includes cleaning up watersheds and creeks, improving and restoring rain gardens at fire stations, planting trees, removing brush, improving water quality at Cosmo park, spreading mulch, picking up trash and building retention basins. They also volunteer with many other local organizations.

These volunteer opportunities expose participants to new skills and alternative ideas and create a sense of pride. Volunteering allows JobPoint participants the “opportunity to give back to the community in which they live,” Gary Taylor, director of Youthbuild at JobPoint explained. “It helps to build self esteem through a sense of accomplishment and it allows our students to see how they really can make a difference in their own community. Many of our students are filled with so much pride whenever they complete a project in the community.”

To learn more about volunteering with the City, contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com.

Written by volunteer Theresa Nelson

Sewer Ordinance Change

The City Council approved bill 160-12 during its July 16 meeting, making a change to ordinance 22-263(b) as it relates to the calculation of the winter quarter average and establishing a minimum use charge of 2 CCF for accounts that do not have the appropriate number of billing periods necessary for calculating a winter quarter average. The winter quarter average will be calculated using the average monthly billing of water usage for the billing periods November through March, dropping the highest and lowest usage months. If the usage calculated is less than 1, a recalculation will be done using the water usage for the previous 12-month billing periods of April through March. This change becomes effective Oct. 1, 2012. Customers who believe their account has been inaccurately billed may complete a utility customer service complaint form and submit it to the finance director for evaluation.

2012 Commemorative Poster

The 2012 City of Columbia commemorative poster has been unveiled! Each year, an artist's work is selected to communicate the vitality and beauty of mid-Missouri and the significance of the arts. This year's poster features the painting titled “Bike on the Katy Trail” by Colette Brumbaugh. “It was that sense of nostalgia and vibrancy that I strove to capture in this image,” says Brumbaugh. Posters can be purchased for \$15 at Deck the Walls (Columbia Mall or 1305 Grindstone Parkway) or at the Office of Cultural Affairs (300 S. Providence). All proceeds support City-sponsored arts programs and services.



Boards & Commissions

The City is accepting applications for the following:

Application deadline: Oct. 5 at noon

- Board of Adjustment
- Citizens Police Review Board
- Columbia Community Development Commission
- Commission on Cultural Affairs
- Internet Citizens Advisory Group
- Substance Abuse Advisory Commission

Application deadline: Nov. 2 at noon

- Columbia Vision Commission
 - Mayor's Committee on Physical Fitness
- Applications and current vacancies for City boards and commissions are available online at www.GoColumbiaMo.com or at the City Clerk's Office. Call 874-7208 for information.

Web Did you Know?



The Home Ownership Assistance Program is available for qualifying first time-home buyers through the Community Development Division. Visit the Community Development page or call 874-7239.

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