

America In Bloom Judges' Visit Schedule

City of Columbia, Missouri ♦ June 22-24, 2008

Criteria Legend:

T = Tidiness Effort; E = Environmental Awareness; CI = Community Involvement; H = Heritage Conservation; UF = Urban Forestry;
LA = Landscaped Areas; FD = Floral Displays; T&GC = Turf & Groundcovers

Time	Location	Criteria	Notes	Speaker
Day 1 – Sunday – June 22, 2008				
5:00	P.S. Gallery, 812 E. Broadway		Welcome reception Columbia City Council members and city department heads have been invited to greet you at P.S. Gallery, one of Columbia's many unique art galleries in downtown Columbia.	
7:00	Various	T, LA, FD, T&GC	We'll take you on a Sunday evening drive through Columbia neighborhoods.	
8:00	Arrive at Hotel			
Day 2 – Monday – June 23, 2008				
7:15	Depart Hotel			
7:30	Working Breakfast at Parks Management Center, 1507 Business Loop 70 West	CI	Volunteers touch nearly every one of the criteria in America In Bloom. Leigh Britt will provide an overview of the city's volunteer program.	Leigh Britt, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Columbia
8:10	Cosmo Park, 1615 Business Loop 70 West	T, UF, LA, FD, T&GC	Visit Cosmo Park, Columbia's largest park and the only park in the system that is designated as a regional park.	Gabe Huffington, Park Supervisor - Golf Course & Athletic Fields, Columbia Parks & Recreation
8:30	Drive to Grissum	CI, LA, FD	The drive to the Grissum Building will include passing by the roundabout at Creasy Springs maintained by the Parks & Recreation Horticulture staff and Adopt-A-Spots cared for by volunteers at Business Loop and I-70 Drive SW and the Business Loop and Garth.	
8:40	Grissum Building, 1313 Lakeview Avenue	E, CI	The Grissum Building is the heartbeat of operations for Columbia Public Works. During this stop, you will visit the Household Hazardous Waste facility which is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The facility is staffed with volunteers and employees with Public Works.	Ed Kaiser, retired professor and long time volunteer with the Household Hazardous Waste Program; Layli Terrill, Waste Minimization Supervisor, Columbia Public Works
8:55	Depart for Sanitary Landfill	CI, LA, FD	During the drive to the landfill, pass several Adopt-A-Spots located along Route B maintained by volunteers.	
9:10	Sanitary Landfill, 5700 Peabody Road	E	The visit to the Columbia Sanitary Landfill will provide a closer look at the city's recycling, compost, and landfill operations. John Wulff with Kraft/Columbia Foods will visit with you on his company's relationship with Columbia Public Works.	Layli Terrill; John Wulff, Kraft/Columbia Foods
10:15	Depart for MEM			
10:30	Missouri Employers Mutual – MEM, 101 N. Keene Street	LA, FD	Gloria Gaus will meet you at MEM to view an example of landscaping and floral display in the commercial sector. She will also bring photos of other work her company does throughout the community.	Gloria Gaus, owner, Creative Surroundings
11:00	Jefferson Farms & Gardens, New Haven Road	H, LA, T&GC	Jefferson Farms & Gardens is a 67-acre facility dedicated to contemporary farming, gardening and science education set to open later this year.	Matt Gaunt, Director of Development; Jennifer Smith, Communications and Public Relations Specialist, Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute

11:30	Boone County Historical Society & Nifong Park, 3801 Ponderosa Street	CI, H	Enjoy lunch at the Boone County Historical Society followed by a walking tour of Boone Junction: A Historic Village.	Deborah Thompson, Director, Boone County Historical Society; David Sapp, volunteer
12:45	Grindstone Nature Area, 2011 Old Highway 63 South	UF, LA, T&GC	The drive through this 199-acre park facility will a prairie that the Parks & Recreation Forestry staff is working to restore.	
1:00	Capen Park, 1600 Capen Park Drive	E, CI	On the west end of Grindstone Nature Area is Capen Park which houses a Columbia Public Works mulch site and compost demonstration area. Volunteers teach composting to the public at this site several times each year.	Layli Terrill
1:30	Drop-Off Recycling Area at State Farm Parkway	T, E, CI, LA, FD	At this visit to one of Columbia's drop-off recycling locations, visit with Steve Weston to learn more about the Public Works Adopt-A-Spot Litter Control Program. Also view newly installed native plant landscaping installed as a Boy Scout's Eagle project. On our drive from the site pass a roundabout connecting State Farm Parkway and Southampton Drive with landscaping installed and maintained by State Farm Insurance.	Steve Weston, volunteer with the Columbia Public Works Adopt-A-Spot Litter Control Program
1:50	Columbia Area Career Center, 4203 S. Providence Road	E, UF	Visit the Columbia Area Career Center where Columbia Water & Light has worked with the school district to install solar panels. Connie and Jay will review other efforts to promote energy efficiency for city utility customers and Columbia's efforts to use green power. The career center is adjacent to Providence Road which includes a buffer of trees on state right-of-way maintained by the city.	Connie Kacprowicz, Utility Services Specialist Jay Hashieder, Energy Services Supervisor, Columbia Water & Light
2:30	Depart for Waste Water Treatment Plant	CI, LA, FD, T&GC	On the drive to the Waste Water Treatment plant, view Columbia's south side and landscaping along Nifong Boulevard. The drive will take us along a new portion of Chapel Hill Road with several median beds recently installed with native Missouri plants by volunteers.	
3:00	Waste Water Treatment Plant, 4900 W. Gillespie Bridge Road	E	This stop will review Columbia's efforts to treat waste water including information on the wetlands system in cooperation with the Eagle Bluff's Conservation Area.	Joel Gambill, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Columbia Public Works; Tim James, Missouri Department of Conservation
3:45	Depart for Shelter Gardens	UF, LA, FD, T&GC	Our drive back to central Columbia will include passing two new parks: Longview Park and Louisville Park. Longview includes a new trail and trees planted by TreeKeeper volunteers; Louisville has an informational sign on invasive pears. We'll also drive through west Columbia neighborhoods and view landscaping in West Broadway that includes beds landscaped in native plants maintained by volunteers.	
4:00	Shelter Gardens, 1817 West Broadway	UF, LA, FD, T&GC	Shelter Gardens is a six-acre park in central Columbia that features several criteria related to America In Bloom. Shelter Gardens received two Grand awards from the Professional Grounds Management Society in 2000.	Joy Long, Superintendent of Grounds, Shelter Insurance Company
5:30	ARC (Activities and Recreation Center)	UF	During this dinner meeting, you will learn more about urban forestry in the City of Columbia with presentations on the Natural Resources	John Fleck, GIS Coordinator, City of Columbia; Chad Herwald, Forester, Columbia

			Inventory by John Fleck, city tree ordinances by Lou Pfemister, and parks activities by Chad Herwald. While at the ARC, view a tree that saved during building construction.	Parks & Recreation Department; Lou Pfemister, City Arborist, Columbia Public Works
7:00	Depart for hotel			
Day 3 – Tuesday – June 24, 2008				
7:00	Depart Hotel			
7:15	Interview with David Lile, morning host on KFRU AM 1400 at the Cumulus studios, 503 Old Highway 63 North			
8:00	Stephens Lake Activity Center, 2311 E. Walnut Street	T, E, CI, UF, LA, T&GC	Over breakfast, learn about efforts that saved Stephen's Lake Park, a 116-acre park purchased by the city from Stephens College in 2001. Following breakfast, walk across the street to Stephens Lake Park to view tree collections that make up the arboretum that in progress. Ann Koenig will comment on urban forestry efforts and the Missouri Community Forestry Council.	Barbara Hoppe, Ward 6 City Councilperson; Ann Koenig, Urban Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation Chad Herwald
9:05	Neighborhood Response Team – Location TBD	T	Learn more about the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), made up of staff from Columbia's Health, Police, Public Communications and Public Works Departments to encourage and assist residents in complying with city code.	Brenda Canaday, Senior Building Inspector, Protective Inspection, Columbia Public Works; Harlan Hatton, Police Officer-Community Action Team, Columbia Police Department
9:30	Gentry Building Conference Room, 1 S. 7 th Street	T, H	Visit the historic Gentry Building, a former Columbia post office and library that houses City of Columbia offices. Gerry Worley will review ordinances enforced by the Health Department's Environmental Health Division including weeds and other nuisances.	Gerry Worley, Environmental Health Manager, Columbia/Boone County Health Department
9:45	Walking Tour of Downtown	T, H, LA, FD	Your journey through The District – Columbia's central business district – will open with comments from Deb Sheals, Brent Gardner and Carrie Gartner who will be your hosts on a walking tour of downtown. Along the way, they will point out historic structures and review efforts related to historic preservation. Stop at the Wabash Station, a former train station that is the newly refurbished home of Columbia Transit where you will meet Marie Hunter. Marie will review the city's Percent for Art program. Walk down 9 th Street for a visit to the Missouri Theater Center for the Arts which reopened May 21 after a multi-million dollar face lift.	Deb Sheals, Historic Preservation Consultant; Brent Gardner, Vice Chair, Historic Preservation Commission; Carrie Gartner, Executive Director, Downtown Columbia Association; Marie Hunter, Manager, City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs; David White, Director, Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts
11:30	Youzeum, 608 E. Cherry Street	E, CI	Visit Columbia's newest museum – the Youzeum – dedicated to health education. Over lunch, learn about the PedNet Coalition and Columbia's activities to develop infrastructure and organize community activities related to a \$22 million federal grant to promote non-motorized transportation.	Gwen Robbins, Executive Director, The Youzeum; Ted Curtis, Senior Planner, Columbia Public Works; Ian Thomas, Executive Director, The PedNet Coalition; Kim March, Director of Operations Consultant, PedNet Coalition, Inc., Partners to GetAbout Columbia

12:30	Walking tour of the University of Missouri Campus, Peace Park,	T, H, UF, LA, FD, T&GC	A short walk down Eighth Street brings you to Peace Park where you will meet Pete Millier. Pete will provide a walking tour of the University of Missouri Campus and tell you more about the Botanic Garden and other efforts to beautify the MU campus.	Pete Millier, Director, Campus Facilities & Landscape Services
1:30	Flat Branch Park – Phase I, 101 S. Fourth Street	T, E, CI, H, LA, T&GC	Learn about Columbia’s efforts to educate the public on protecting storm water and keeping our streams clean at this park in the center of Columbia that features an urban stream.	Mona Menezes, Storm Water Educator, Columbia Public Works Department
1:45	Flat Branch Park – Phase II, 400 Locust Street	T, E, CI, H, LA, T&GC	Daniel Gibbins will provide a tour of Flat Branch Phase II dedicated on May 3, 2008. This portion of the park includes a rain garden, a sprayground, a play ground and public art.	Daniel Gibbins, Horticulturalist, Columbia Parks & Recreation Department
2:00	Columbia Chamber of Commerce, 300 S. Providence Road	T, E, CI, H, LA, T&GC	Take a break in the Walton Building, home to the Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Lorah Steiner will tell you about the new Image Awards and Steve Saitta will share additional history of the area now home to Flat Branch Park.	Lorah Steiner, Director, Columbia Convention & Visitors Bureau; Steve Saitta, Parks Development Superintendent, Columbia Parks & Recreation
2:30	Interview with Columbia’s government television station, the Columbia Channel			
2:45	Walk to Jeff Zimmerschied’s yard, 400 S. Garth Avenue	E, CI, T&GC	Walk through a series of tunnels that connect the MKT trail below Providence and Stewart Roads and along the way, hear from Mona Menezes on the Show Me Yards and Gardens Program. Visit the home of Jeff Zimmerschied who uses storm water-friendly practices in his lawn care firm.	Mona Menezes; Steve Saitta; Jeff Zimmerschied, owner, The Lawn Company
3:45	A. L. Gustin Golf Course, Stadium Boulevard	T&GC	A. L. Gustin is an Audubon International Certified Course on the University of Missouri campus. Take a closer look with Isaac Breuer.	Isaac Breuer, Director of Golf Course Operations, A. L. Gustin Golf Course
4:15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and Battle Garden, 800 S. Stadium Boulevard	E, CI, H, LA, FD, T&GC	Columbia is home to one of two Memorial’s to Dr. King in the state of Missouri and one of the largest in the nation. After a community fundraising effort, the Memorial was restored and rededicated in 2006. The Memorial is on the site of a former sewage treatment plant and includes a beautiful garden and picnic shelter and an adjacent trailhead to the MKT.	Steve Saitta
4:45	Interview with Steve Spellman on KOPN radio, 89.5 FM, 915 E. Broadway			
6:00	Twin Lakes Recreation Area, 2500 Chapel Hill Road	E, CI, UF, LA, T&GC	Your visit to Columbia ends with a picnic at Twin Lakes Recreation Area. We have invited all of our volunteers who participate in an AIB criteria to attend. While at Twin Lakes, view recently installed shoreline plantings – all done by volunteers – as well as the xeriscaped roundabout at the park’s entry.	Daniel Gibbins; Scott Hamilton, Missouri Department of Conservation and Hinkson Creek Watershed Restoration Project (invited)
7:30	End of Day –Take judges to hotel			