

# News for Park Patrol Volunteers



*Fall 2009*

## **Thanks, volunteers!**

Thanks for the time that you share as a presence on our trails and in our parks. We appreciate all that you do for us!

It was good to have a handful of Park Patrollers join us for our parks volunteer appreciation event on September 24. In attendance were **Rich Eyler, Patrick Kane, Darlene Londeree** and **Jim Jacob**. This was one small way we could say thanks!

## **On Special Assignment**

We're in the midst of soccer season at Cosmo Park! Thanks to **Rich Eyler, Carol Thompson** and **Amy Willis** who are sharing their Saturday mornings to direct traffic and assist Park Ranger Rosanna Arens.

Rosanna is looking for a Park Patrol volunteer who can assist by spending time at the Cosmo Skate Park. This could be an existing volunteer or a great way to get a new person involved! Please let us know if you are interested in helping there, or if you have a recommendation on someone who may be interested.

**Bow Hunting** is permitted on some city properties Sept. 15-Nov. 13 and again from Nov. 25-Jan. 15. To hunt at the designated locations, hunters must have attended an orientation session and obtained a permit that they must carry while hunting on city property and an accompanying permit that must be displayed in vehicles using designated parking areas. Hunting will be permitted at the sanitary landfill; Grindstone Nature Area; a portion of Twin Lakes Recreation Area; Smith Park on the southwest corner of Waco Road and Brown Station Road; and at sewer utility property on Strawn Road, Coats Lane and Bainbridge Drive.

You may run across people who are hunting and know they must have the permit with them and in their vehicle.

## **Trail Safety**

Many of you were interested in an effort to raise awareness of safety tips for trail users.

Thanks to **Jon Dudley**, a Columbia College student, who developed two sign boards with safety tips that were placed at the Stadium Trailhead of the MKT and the Garth Trailhead of the Bear Creek Trail in mid-September. We may place those signs at trail heads again next spring.

## **Welcome New Park Patrol volunteers!**

The Park Patrol program has added four new volunteers since our last newsletter: **Thomas Williams, Cindy Williams, Pablo Araujo** and **Will McCullah**. Welcome aboard!

## **Count your hours!**

Thanks to many of you who diligently report your hours to us – we appreciate your effort as it helps us measure the impact you have.

Now that the calendar has flipped to October, we will be totaling the volunteer hours for fiscal year 2009, which is Oct. 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Please help us by reporting your hours... you are welcome to "catch up" your report by sharing hours from earlier this year.

On November 1, we will be removing from our active list those who have not reported hours since Oct. 1, 2008. Please remember if you are no longer participating in Park Patrol to return your badge and vest or t-shirt.

**The Hinkson Clean Sweep** will be Saturday, October 17. We know you care for our parks and the environment so this event may be right up your alley! Volunteers are invited to pick up litter in many of Columbia's streams. Additional information and a registration form are on our website.

### **Handy Phone Numbers:**

Office of Volunteer Services – 874-7499

Parks & Recreation Forestry – 874-7520

*Trail maintenance issues; tree issues*

Parks Management Center – 874-7201

*Parks and trail maintenance issues*

Park Ranger Rosanna Arens – 874-7717 or 999-4583

Joint Communications – non emergency – 442-6131

## Thanks for your efforts on the Park Patrol!

**Reporting Your Hours** There are a number of convenient ways to report your hours. Please select the method that is easiest for you, but please don't duplicate your reporting.

- On-line form: Report your hours and share feedback on our on-line form found at [www.GoColumbiaMO.com/Volunteer](http://www.GoColumbiaMO.com/Volunteer). You can use this form to report for single days or for entire months – just indicate the time frame you are reporting in the form.
- Reporting Line: Dial 881-3000 and leave a message with your name, badge number, time you patrolled, and trail you were on. Please speak slowly and clearly. Thank you to Bob Humphreys for listening to the recording and noting the reports.
- Return the enclosed postcard to the Office of Volunteer Services: We will send these out on a quarterly basis to those who do not have e-mail. Please report your hours and any other items of interest!

We appreciate you taking the effort to report the time you spend on the trail as a Park Patrol member. Having an accurate count of the hours assists us in communicating the impact you have on our trail system.

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