

Summer 2019 Columbia Quarterly



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There is a lot to feel good about in Columbia. Financially the City is doing well; another section of Main Street will soon be updated with new sidewalks and lighting; and plans are underway for the addition of Creekside Park to name a few. We were proud to offer the opportunity for our residents to make a difference in our environment by taking part in the City Wide Yard Sale at the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle event which was held in April. There were just shy of 200 yard sales throughout the City that attracted visitors from all over the area to find "joy" in the items our residents no longer needed. At the recycle event, we collected more than 3.5 tons of paper (saving 61 trees), 2.5 tons of recyclables, 3 tons of trash, a semi truck full of electronics, and many more "joyful" items that found a new home. A huge shout out to our event sponsors (Joe and Patty Koppeis and Renewal by Anderson) and our volunteers – students and Mrs. Pickett from CHS, Midland States Bank employees, and many City of Columbia employees who helped make this event possible.

There are many opportunities to get out and feel good with friends and family in Columbia this summer. See what the Library and City have to offer on the back page; for a complete list go to the City's website. We hope you take advantage of what we have to offer, you won't be sorry! Wishing you all a safe and sunny summer!



Columbia Police Department Needs Your Help



The Columbia Police Department needs your help when a crime occurs in your neighborhood. If you have a private surveillance camera system at your residence or business we would like to partner with you. Your private surveillance camera system may provide a piece to the puzzle that could help solve and prosecute crimes. We need to know who is willing to partner with us and the location of your surveillance equipment. **We will not have access to your cameras or security systems. We are only interested in footage you are volunteering to provide.**

The registration process is simple, only takes a few minutes and requests the following:

- Read the disclaimer and terms of use.
- Contact information for the owner and operator of the camera system.
- Name and address of your location(s).
- Details regarding location/view of external security camera system.

Go to www.columbiaillinois.com/465/Surveillance-Camera-Registration for more information and to register. There is no cost associated with registration and your information is confidential. You can delete your registration at any time by contacting the Columbia Police Department.

By registering, the Columbia Police Department will be able to directly contact those residents/businesses with video in an area where a crime occurred. Sharing makes our community safer for everyone!

YARD SALE

UPDATE

City residents may now register for yard and garage sales only online at www.columbiaillinois.com/yardsales. There is no charge and no permit necessary to have a sale, but residents are limited to three sales per year. We're pleased to provide you with this simple, digital registration experience which will allow you to register your sale from the comfort of your own home! Sales may be entered any time before your sale begins. There is no deadline; however, it may take up to two business days for your sale to be approved and added to the site. Please double check that you have entered the correct sale dates before submitting your information.

UPCOMING CREEKSIDE PARK

The City of Columbia "20/20" Master Plan encourages the development of parkland including the development of Creekside Park. The City has received an OSLAD Grant (\$400,000) to assist in the development of Creekside Park. The project will consist of the development of over 4,000 lineal feet of walking trail (which will connect the GM&O trail to Rueck Road), pedestrian bridge, parking lot, pavilions, playground area, and storm water detention and/or retention. The City will also be looking at drainage issues in and around Wilson Hills subdivision and looks to make improvements and incorporate them in the park design. Design should begin in June. Per grant guidelines, Creekside Park must be completed in two years.

Welcome New City Staff Member

Please join us in welcoming our new Community Development Assistant



Jessica Unger. Jessica will be handling the day-to-day operations of the Building & Zoning and Community Development Departments.



News from Columbia Unit School District 4

The faculty and staff at Columbia CUSD 4 would like to thank the parents, students, and entire community for making the 2018-2019 school year a success. We appreciate your continued support!

School Year Success: The 2018-2019 school year finished with many highlights to share with the community. To start off the school year, Parkview School was presented the National Blue Ribbon School Award in Washington, D.C. in October. Through an AMD grant, Columbia Middle School added an indoor "ink room" to grow plants throughout the school year. Our special education department recently held the ACE Olympics with special thanks to the special education staff, student athletes, and sponsors. Our extra-curricular accomplishments include state qualifying success from the cheerleading squad, Math Team, 6th place state finish for Boys' Bowling Team, medalist in two events at the stat swimming competition, two state qualifiers for girls' golf, cross country team sectional qualifier, along with the Student Council earning the 10th Decade National Gold Student Council Award for 10 straight years of earning the award. Finally, our culinary arts program earned 1st place overall at the Platinum Chef competition four years in a row! We are very proud of our students and teachers!

Summer Projects: Thanks to facility sales tax revenue, handicapped accessible bleachers will be constructed at the multi-purpose field over the summer months. This project will offer additional seating for our guests, but will still preserve the hillside landscape for those community members who like the traditional seating.

Retirements: The school district celebrates three teachers who retired at the end of the school year. Congratulations to special education teachers, Nancy Voyda and Linda Pickett, and social studies' teacher, Jon Wehrenberg. The teachers touched many students throughout the years. Also retiring is long time secretary, Nancy McCloud and custodian Bob Pellman. CUSD 4 thanks our dedicated retirees for their service.

New Student Registration: New students residing in Columbia School District should register in person at the respective school office at any time. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The secretaries will provide assistance with the paperwork and required documents.

For school district information, please access the district's website at www.columbia4.org. Have a great summer!

Welcome New Businesses

Country Roads Salon 318 N. Main, Unit B Hair Salon	Julia Hoffmann, M.A., CCC-SSLP 808 S. Main St., Suite B Pediatric Speech - Language Therapy
Human Support Services 960 Columbia Centre Non-Profit Behavioral Healthcare Agency	Lux Beauty 207 N. Main St., Suite 103 B Hair Salon
Modern Publisher 538 S. Main St. Marketing Services	Rainbow International of St. Louis 324 Southport Dr. Restoration - Fire, Water, Smoke & Mold
Talis IT Partners LLC 808 S. Main St., Suite D Computer and IT Services for Businesses	VSC Repair Services 238 Southwoods Center Call Center



The City of Columbia is pleased to announce the creation of the, "Yard of the Month" award program to recognize and show appreciation for those residents who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property, and who, as a result, positively contribute to the overall appearance of our city.

Through September, the program will award monthly winners to one homeowner in each ward. Each monthly winner will receive a "City of Columbia Yard of the Month" lawn-sign to display in their yard and special recognition by the aldermen in their ward at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Program Guidelines

- ▶ Judging for the award will be provided by the City's neighborhood improvement officer.
- ▶ Awards will be presented for the months of May through September, beginning this year in June.
- ▶ The award term lasts from the first day to the last day of a calendar month.
- ▶ The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same rolling 12 month calendar period.
- ▶ The property of all current residents of the City of Columbia, both owner-occupied and rental, is automatically eligible to participate in the program.
- ▶ The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.
- ▶ During their reign as "Yard of the Month," winners are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.



Warm N Cozy QUILTING

Congratulations to the mother and daughter team of Debbie Chitty and Danielle Cyvas from Warm N Cozy Quilting for winning the 2019 "Illinois Family-Owned Small Business of the Year" award from the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA annually honors small businesses and small business advocates nationally, who are creating 21st century jobs, driving innovation and increasing America's global competitiveness. Warm N Cozy Quilting is a family business located at 816 S. Main St. offering fabrics, machine quilting services, classes, the Quilts of Valor group and more. We're proud to have Debbie and Danielle in our community and look forward to supporting their continued success! Be sure to stop in and check out their award winning store!



New Ambulance For EMS

Columbia EMS is pleased to introduce the newest member of the EMS fleet. This is ambulance 6015, a 2019 Ford F550 which was customized by Osage Ambulance in Linn Missouri. 6015 transported its first patient on March 16. The ambulance features a "liquid spring" suspension which provides a more comfortable ride for the crew and patients. The ambulance also features the Stryker Power-LOAD system which allows for safer and more secure loading, unloading, and transport of patients.



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Upcoming Events



Wednesday Workout Series
June & July, 7 - 8 pm:
Free workouts at
Metter Park.
(No class July 3)



Music at Metter Park

June 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:
Music by Waterloo German Band



Father's Day Music at Metter & Mobile Homemade Food Truck

June 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:
Music by Rob Boyle



Music at Metter Park

June 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:
Music by Silverback

4th of July Bike Parade & Celebration

Bike Parade: 10:00 am - noon:

ICS to Metter Park

July 4th Celebration: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm:

Bingo, Kloepfer &

Washers

tournaments,

food, drinks &

fabulous fireworks

American Legion

Park.



Music at Metter Park

July 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:
Music by Fanfare

Music at Metter Park

July 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm:
Music by Sofa Kings

Taste of Columbia / Art & Artisans on Main

Aug. 3, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Sample the best food and drinks Columbia has to offer (Taste Tickets available for purchase at 10:30 am) Shop for unique, handcrafted items. Live music & Kiwanis Kid's Zone on Historic Main Street.



Columbia Days

Aug. 16 & 17, 4:00 - 11:00 pm:
Amusement rides, games, food,
music & more at Turner Hall &
Metter Park



Columbia Days Parade

Aug. 17, 4:00 pm: Columbia
Days Parade on Historic Main St.
(Temple to Cherry St.)

Large Item Curbside Pick-Up

Sept. 3 for Regular Tuesday Trash & Recycling
Sept. 6 for Regular Friday Trash & Recycling

Weekly / Monthly Programs

- Babygarten (6-18 mos.)
- Tot Time (19mos-3 yrs.)
- Story Hour (3-5 yrs.)
- Wiggle Worms (0-5 yrs.)
- Teen Advisory Board (12-17 yrs.)
- Novels at Night (Adults)



Summer Reading Kick-Off

June 1, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (All ages)

Chris Egelston: "Reading is Magic" Show
June 7, 10:00 am (All Ages)

Juggling Jeff

June 14, 10:30 am (All Ages)

*Chair Yoga

June 5 & July 27, 7:00 pm (Adults)

*Last Minute Father's Day Gifts

June 6, 5:00 pm (5-7 yrs.) and
June 6, 6:30 pm (8-12 yrs.)

*Swing Dancing Class

July 13, 10:00 am (Adults)



*Harry Potter Party

July 31, 6:00 pm (8-14 yrs.)

Ralph's World & Ice Cream Rewards Party

August 3, 10:00 am (All Ages)

* Registration Required - 281-4237



For more events and details go to www.columbiaillinois.com or call 281-7144

