



COLUMBIA QUARTERLY

Your Source for City of Columbia News and Events

Spring/2021



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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

May 22 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds

The City of Columbia, in conjunction with Monroe County, the Village of Valmeyer and the City of Waterloo will host the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at the Monroe County Fairgrounds for a Household Hazardous Waste One Day Collection from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 22. The collection event is for personal household hazardous waste only. Business, farm, industrial and municipality waste is not allowed. Visit our website at: www.columbiaillinois.com/HHHWevent for a list of acceptable and unacceptable waste items. Open to ALL Illinois residents.



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City-Wide Yard Sale

March 26 & 27

A city-wide yard sale with well over 100 sales will take place in Columbia the weekend of March 26th and 27th. To register your sale, visit www.ColumbiaIllinois.com/yardsales. Please allow two business days for your event

to appear. You may view and print a list of yard sales at the same link. Your list can be customized to include only the items you are looking for! View and print a list of sales up until the day of the sale - no deadlines. Sales are entered and viewed in real time.



Mayor's Farewell



Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson

What an awesome ride! 20+ years of service to the City of Columbia on the Plan Commission, as alderman and as mayor. Oh how the City has grown! Main Street is beautiful and more vibrant than ever, we have new parks, expanded festivals, business growth and new subdivisions to name a few things, and all while preserving the small town Columbia charm we all love to call home. This was a "we" effort and we did it with great community leaders and city employees. I cannot thank them enough for their years of support, dedication and hours of hard work. I did it with the support of the community and a group of very special friends. But I could not have done it without the greatest support of all... my loving and supportive family. My wife and my children who grew up here shared my time with the City and supported me every step of the way. I am blessed to have their love and support.

Thank you all for YOUR support and trust over the past 20+ years.

Godspeed and God bless you all,

Mayor Kevin B. Hutchinson

Columbia Police Department Promotes New Leadership



On January 31st, Chief Jerry Paul retired from the Columbia Police Department after serving 28 years in law enforcement (26 in Columbia). Promoted to Chief was Jason Donjon and promoted to Deputy Chief was Karla Heine. Both Donjon and Heine have been with the Columbia Police Department for 17 years. Donjon is from Waterloo and attended SPPS, Gibault High School and graduated from SIU Carbondale.

Heine is from Columbia and attended Columbia High School and graduated from Southern Illinois College and Lindenwood College. Both Donjon and Heine are beyond proud to serve the City of Columbia and its residents. "We are truly blessed and honored to live and work in Columbia. We will continually strive to serve and protect this community." You can help! Please don't be an easy target. Lock your vehicle, take your keys, and never leave your valuables in sight!

Spring Tree Limb Removal

Spring tree limb removal will take place the week of April 5 - 9. Please place all tree limbs out for removal close to the curb before 6 a.m. on Monday, April 5. One trip will be made throughout the city, eliminating the need to backtrack to certain areas.

Instructions for removal:

- Tree limbs should be 8" or less in diameter
- No whole trees, roots, grass clippings or yard waste
- Only limbs from tree trimming and pruning allowed
- Place limbs in front of residence close to the curb. Do not place limbs in the street, on the sidewalk, or in the alley.
- Do not park vehicles in front of the tree limbs

Welcome!

New Businesses

Blink Brow Studio
123 N. Main St.

Styles Unlimited
109 W. Legion St.

New Locations

Mandy McGuire Real Estate, Inc.
705 N. Main St.

Onsite Cameras, Inc.
320 E. Locust

Candidates Running for Office

Contested Races being held for Mayor and Aldermen in Upcoming Election

Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, April 6th for the consolidated election for mayor, clerk and aldermen in wards 1-4.

The City is holding an early voting day for Monroe County voters only at City Hall on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The following candidates have filed for office:

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| Mayor: | Bob Hill | Wes Hoeffken |
| City Clerk: | Andrew Hitzemann | |
| Alderman Ward 1: | Doug Garmer | James Agne |
| Alderman Ward 2: | Mark Roessler | |
| Alderman Ward 3: | Gene Ebersohl | Paul Khoury |
| Alderman Ward 4: | Mary Ellen Niemietz | |

For election information, including voter registration, polling place locations, and election results, please visit the Monroe County Clerk's website at www.mococlerk.com.

Mayoral Candidate
Bob Hill

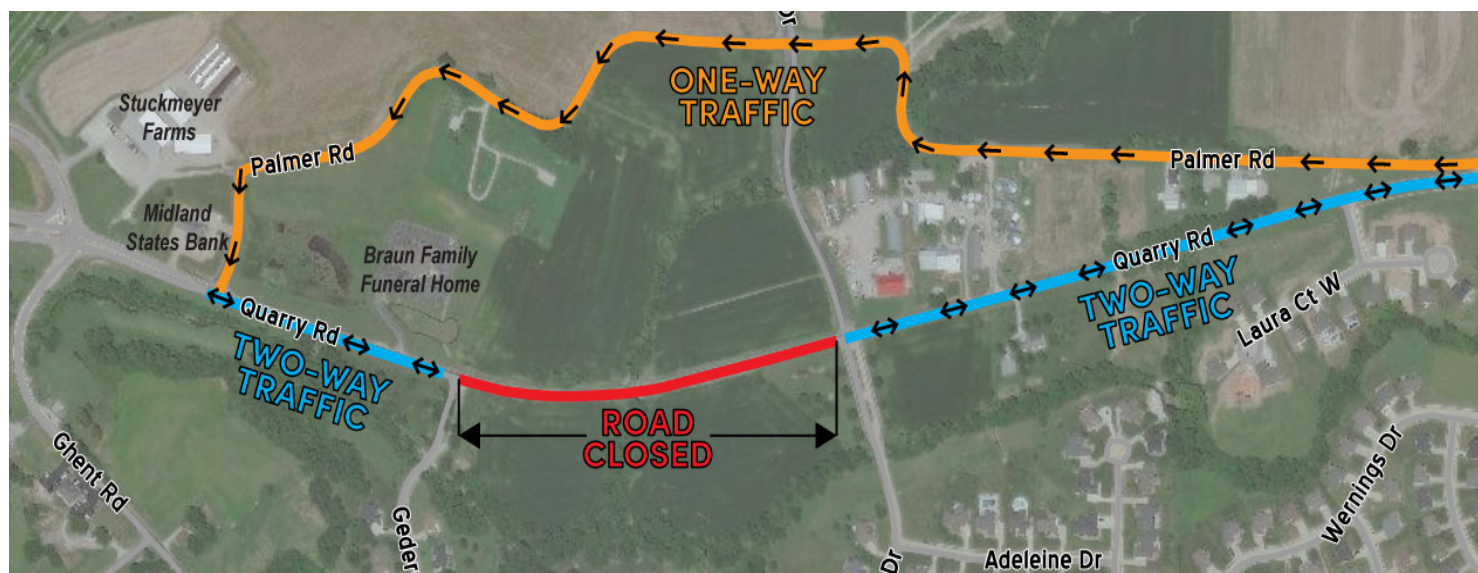


Mayoral Candidate
Wes Hoeffken



Quarry Road Resurfacing Project

Phase 1



The Quarry Road Resurfacing Phase 1 project will consist of the resurfacing of Quarry Road from Ghent Road to approximately 400 feet west of Palmer Creek Drive. The project also includes patching, replacing existing culverts

at Palmer Creek, and a shared use path on the south side of Quarry Road. Quarry Road will be closed at times to facilitate construction. During closures, residents and motorists should use alternate routes such as Rueck, Ghent, etc. Palmer Road will

be signed as a one way street from Rueck Road to Palmer Drive. As always your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated as the roadway improvement project is performed. Expected completion date is set for May, 2021.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes

Each year, yard waste collection begins the first Tuesday in March and continues every Tuesday through the last week of November. Collection will resume this year on March 2.

Yard waste must be set out by 6 a.m. Brown landscape waste paper bags require one yellow Reliable Sanitation waste sticker per bag. Stickers may be purchased at Ace Hardware or City Hall.



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Upcoming Events & Services



Mar. 17 - 27 **POP-UP SHOP** welcomes Fashion Attic Paint it Beautiful Paint & Furnishings
Wed. - Sat.

Mar. 26 & 27 **City-Wide Yard Sale:** 100+ sales!

Mar. 27 **Early Voting** at City Hall 9 a.m. - noon

Apr. 2 **City Offices Closed** to observe Good Friday

Apr. 5 - 9 **Spring Limb Pick-Up:** Limbs out by 6 a.m. on Mon., Apr. 5

Apr. 6 **Consolidated Election:** Vote for mayor, city clerk & aldermen

Apr. 9 **Rotten Egg Hunt:** www.mymainstreetcolumbia.com

Apr. 9 - 18 **POP-UP SHOP** welcomes Creative Designs for You. Shop hours are Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

May 3 - 9 **Small Business Week:** Daily events promoting Columbia small businesses & thanking customers for their support

May 22 **Household Hazardous Waste Event** at the Monroe County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 25 **Large Item Curbside Removal - Tuesday Trash Customers**

May 28 **Large Item Curbside Removal - Friday Trash Customers**

May 31 **City Offices Closed** in observance of Memorial Day

June & July **Wednesday Night Workout Series:** 7 - 8 p.m. at Metter Park

June 13 **Music at Metter** proposed event. Check website for details



Hours:
M-Th, 9 am-8 pm
Fri., 9 am-4 pm
Sat., 9 am-3 pm
281-4237

Details at: www.columbialibrary.org

Virtual Story Time e/o Tues. 10 a.m.

Arts & Crafts e/o Thurs. at 2 p.m.

3/11: How to Code a Sandcastle?

3/23: How to Cook a Book from Scratch

3/29: Virtual Author: Patrice Bain

4/1: Artist's Passport-Imperial Jeweled Eggs of Russia

4/5-4/10: National Library Week-Peeps Diorama Contest

4/6: The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen

4/9: Nancy Drew: History of America's Favorite Teen Sleuth

4/12: Erin Yun's Pippa Park Writing Workshop

For more specific details, visit www.columbiaillinois.com/citycalendar or call 281-7144