

# Columbia Quarterly

CITY OF COLUMBIA

# Summer 2010



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## From the desk of Mayor Hutchinson

April showers brought May flowers and now it's summer time. Children are out of school, families are going on vacation, there is bike riding, summer camps and so much more. Starting June 13<sup>th</sup> the Music at Metter summer concerts are scheduled on the first and third Sundays of June and July as well as the first Sunday of August. There is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the American Legion, and don't forget Columbia Daze in August. The Kiwanis car show is scheduled for the Saturday before Labor Day. This year it will be held at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park. Check out the City website and the paper for upcoming events and don't miss out.

The Columbia Library got a makeover. You have to come by and see it. They have a computer center and WIFI, a children's area and yes, they have lots of books and movies. On those hot days remember they also have air conditioning. Go to the

Library and thank our Friends of the Library, the Library Board and the staff for a great place to read and relax.

We will not let the economy get us down this year. Do more with less is our motto and the department heads are doing a great job. We will continue to apply for grants and other funding. We are constantly seeking and finding other revenues to help relieve your tax burden.

Public safety ... I tip my hat to the Columbia Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments. Budget cuts hit them hard and they still do a stellar job. The next time you see a police officer, fire fighter or emergency medical service person give them a big THANK YOU!

Speaking of safety be safe this summer when you are on vacation. Prepare for your trips, bring a first aid kit, pack an auto emergency kit and have your car safety inspected. Water safety is even more important,

wear your life jackets, familiarize yourself with the areas where you are swimming or boating and don't forget the sun screen.

When riding a bike, scooter, skateboard or anything with wheels wear your helmet, respect other people's property and do not ride where it is posted or prohibited. If you need a helmet stop by the Columbia Police Department or talk to Dr. Cangas with Helmets First.

So have a great time on vacation and hurry back home so you don't miss out on the fun in Columbia.

If you have any questions or concerns, give me a call, or zip me a note or email. I would love to hear from you. Have a great summer, be safe and have fun.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Hutchinson, Mayor

## THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW LOOK!

The Columbia Public Library recently underwent renovations, thanks to the generous donations made by the Friends of the Library and the Ruth E. Kuergeleis Estate. We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Friends, and Ms. Kuergeleis's generosity will never be forgotten.

Our newly refurbished library now boasts a new circulation desk, new public computer desks with new monitors and three added computers, new lounge and study furniture, all new offices, and a break room for the staff. Additionally, the library has an all new layout, featuring a larger children's room and a rearrangement of the adult collection. The new Library is more efficient and welcoming to our patrons, and finding what you need has never been easier.

On May 3, we held a Grand Reopening, welcoming our patrons to our new and improved facility. A very special thanks to all who came and helped us break in the new digs!

We would also like to recognize the hard work put in by the Department of Public Works. Without their support, this renovation simply would not have been possible. The staff also worked very hard to complete the changes during the few short days we were closed. While the Library staff is always a hard-working bunch, they really shone during the renovation. Finally, we'd like to recognize our volunteers, who worked tirelessly to bring the vision to reality.

If you haven't done so already, please stop by the Library to see the changes that have been made. We're very excited to serve the community better, and we can't wait to share the excitement with you!



### City Meeting Information

- **City Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chamber at City Hall.**
- **Aldermanic Committee meetings are typically held on the second, fourth, and occasional fifth Mondays of the month.**
- **Information regarding other boards, commissions, and committees and their meeting dates and locations can be found on the City's website or obtained through the City Clerk's Office.**

### BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE SURVEY

Every two years the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires the City of Columbia to survey its water customers about backflow prevention devices. The survey is to determine if a water customer has or needs a backflow prevention device on their distribution system. Some items that may require backflow prevention devices are boilers and irrigation systems. At commercial establishments some specialty equipment may require a backflow prevention device.

In an effort to make this survey as convenient as possible the City will allow the survey to be completed online. Follow the directions in the notice to access the survey online. If you do not have a backflow prevention device you will just need to note such. The IEPA requires a participation rate of at least 90% for this survey. Your cooperation in participating and quickly completing the survey would be greatly appreciated. The City will have to continue to seek participation in the survey until the 90% participation is achieved.

As a reminder all backflow prevention devices need to be tested annually and certified they are properly working. If you have any questions concerning the survey or backflow prevention devices you may call the Public Works office at 618-281-4264.

### Welcoming New Businesses to Columbia

- Glazy Daze Pottery: 235 N. Main (paint-your-own pottery studio)
- Sandra's Art Depot: 207 N. Main, Ste. 108 (art studio & gallery, adult & children's painting classes, art sales & consignments)
- Sun Comfort Tinting: 119 Southwoods (auto, residential & commercial window & glass tinting)
- Schlemmer Automotive: 305 N. Main (auto mechanics shop)



**FYI! PHONE BOOKS CAN BE PLACED IN RECYCLE BINS!**



### 2010 LARGE ITEM PICK-UP DATES & INFORMATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 8  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

FIVE (5) LARGE ITEMS IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED. NO TRASH STICKERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FIRST TWO (2) LARGE ITEMS. THE NEXT THREE (3) LARGE ITEMS WILL NEED THREE (3) \$1.00 TRASH STICKERS ATTACHED TO EACH ITEM.

*Stickers are sold at the Market Place, Columbia Market, Ace Hardware of Columbia and the Clerk's Office at City Hall.*

**LARGE ITEMS INCLUDED:** Appliances, (Doors, compressors, and electric motors must be removed from appliances. Compressors and electric motors may then be discarded in the regular trash), furniture, televisions (no big screen televisions), hot water heaters, mattresses, box springs, treadmills (no need to remove motors), swing sets (have to be disassembled and no concrete attached to bottom of the legs) and push lawn mowers. (Push lawn mowers must have all fluids drained and tires removed.)

**LARGE ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:** Construction materials (i.e. glass, carpeting, wood, doors, paneling, drywall, windows, shutters, siding, concrete, porcelain fixtures, bath tubs, toilets, cabinets, counter tops, sinks), landscape waste, tires, big screen televisions, hot tubs, riding lawn mowers, gas tanks, mirrors, pianos, organs, swimming pools, pool tables, arcade games, portable basketball hoops and camper shells.

Questions? Call the City Clerk's Office at 281-7144, ext. 100.

### Elected Officials

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## Summertime Safety For Children From the Columbia Police Department



Summertime is here! One of the most common sights around the City of Columbia during the summer months is children riding bikes, skateboards, and rollerblading. The Columbia Police Department would like to remind everyone to use caution when riding anything with wheels and remind everyone to respect other people's property and not ride where it is posted or prohibited. It is our goal to reduce the number of injuries to children in our community by encouraging them to wear helmets anytime they ride anything with wheels on it.

With the assistance of local pediatrician Dr. Joe Cangas and his Helmets First organization, the officers of the Columbia Police Department will be looking for children riding bikes and wearing their helmets. When officers locate these children they will give them a reward from Dr. Cangas and Helmets First. The rewards include baseball tickets, football tickets, tickets for free stays at vacation spots, as well as free food and desserts from local businesses in Columbia. If you have a child who needs a helmet, you can go by the office of Dr. Cangas, 107 North Main Street, Suite 2B in Columbia or call him at 281-4325.

The Columbia Police Department would like to thank Dr. Cangas and Helmets First for their dedication to the safety of children. We look forward to giving away a lot of rewards this year. Have a safe summer!

Joseph A. Edwards, Chief of Police

### PLEASE HELP KEEP CFL LIGHT BULBS AND BATTERIES OUT OF THE LANDFILLS



- Residents can take used CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs to Cotton's Ace Hardware located at 229 N. Main Street and they will dispose of the bulbs properly. Thanks to Cotton's for this great community service!
- Small alkaline batteries, such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt can be brought to City Hall for proper disposal. There will be a recycle bin available for your convenience.



### Heart Attacks & Time Critical Diagnosis - What this means to you!

Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD) is a commonly used phrase when referring to time-sensitive medical conditions. Today we will discuss how this affects the heart attack victim; as well as the team-based approach developed to help ensure a positive outcome.

Numerous technological and procedural improvements have been made in the last few years in the area of cardiac care. A crucial pre-hospital advancement was training and equipping EMS personnel with 12-lead cardiac monitoring devices. By doing this, your EMS paramedics are able to better diagnose a heart attack early on in the event. These EKG's are then transmitted from the scene to the hospital and a full assessment is given to an awaiting cardiac team. This gives nurses and Cardiologists a "head start" in preparing the cardiac catheterization lab for your arrival.

This team-based approach called "E2B" is a 90-minute targeted approach where the clock starts running at the time the first EMS 12-lead EKG is completed ("E"), until the balloon is inflated in your coronary artery in the catheterization lab ("B"). This 90 minutes is broken down by the "30-30-30" goal for E2B. EMS, E.R. & cath lab each have 30 minutes to perform their specific duties.

Research has proven the "E2B" 90-minute window has dramatically improved patient outcomes! With this in mind, our latest goal is to improve our 90-minute window to include **"onset of pain to balloon"**. This is where you, the potential patient, or the public gets involved. Early recognition of the problem and early activation of the 911 system seems to be the weakest link in the chain of survival. In referring to heart attack victims, a commonly used phrase is: *"Time is Muscle"*! Delaying the call for help or driving yourself to the hospital with chest pain could dramatically worsen the damage to your heart muscle and possibly prove fatal. Calling 911 for EMS and initiating the E2B team-based approach is your best chance of survival and quality of life.

If you have any questions or would like more information about your EMS team's capabilities, feel free to drop by our station or call us at 281-4163.

Chief Ken Buss EMT-P, Columbia EMS





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## Upcoming Events



Columbia has a lot of great family activities planned for the summer. For more details on events listed below, call 281-7144 ext. 106 or visit the City website at [www.columbiaillinois.com](http://www.columbiaillinois.com).

### Recycling Event

**June 5: 9am-3pm—Columbia HS**  
Collecting electronics, gently used items, toys, clothing, books & more.

### Large Item Pick Up

**June 8** (See page 2 for details)

### Night Out In C-Town

**June 10; July 8; August 12: 5-8pm**  
The second Thursday of every month - dinning, shopping & fun with friends ... opportunities to win fabulous prizes from 8-10 different participating businesses! Check out local options for pampering yourself, home décor, gifts & much more. Pick up a game sheet on the day of the event at the location listed on the City website.

### Library Car Show

**June 11: 6:30-8pm**  
Fun family event — free food, games & prizes at the Library parking lot.

### Safety Town

**June 14–18 and 21-25: 9am-noon**  
A child accident prevention program for children 5-7 years of age, presented by the Police Department. Registration required.

### Magic Show

**June 17: 11am-noon**  
Magic show at the Library.

### Clerk's Office Closed

**July 3 & 5 (4th of July)**  
**September 4 & 6 (Labor Day)**

### 4th of July Celebration

**July 4: 11am**  
Music, food & fireworks at dusk at the American Legion park. Bingo at 1:00, washer tournament at 1:30 & Kloepper tournament at 4:30.



### Columbia Daze

**August 20 & 21: 4pm-midnight**  
Carnival rides, games, music, food & more at Metter Park. Parade on Main Street—Saturday at 5:00 pm.



### Kiwanis Car Show



**September 4: 9am-3:30pm**  
At Bolm-Schuhkraft Park (September 5 rain date)

## Music at Metter Summer Concert Schedule



**Metter Park: 6-8pm**  
Columbia is proud to continue the popular Music at Metter summer concert series. We strive to provide a variety of music for all ages to enjoy. So grab your lawn chair & gather your family and friends for a pleasant Sunday evening at Metter Park – kids love this event! All concerts are free; refreshments available.

### **June 13:**

Music by Waterloo German Band  
Sponsored by First National Bank of Waterloo and HTC

### **June 27:**

Music by Second Generation Swing  
Sponsored by Ron's Pharmacy

### **July 11:**

Music by Midlife Crisis  
Sponsored by George Weber Chevrolet

### **July 25:**

Music by The Sofa Kings  
Sponsored by Reliable Sanitation & Crown Linen Services

### **August 8:**

Music by Fanfare - Sponsored by PSC and Midland States Bank



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