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Many events and activities are in store for 2016 in the Monroe County area as we honor its Bicentennial Celebration. That's right, Monroe County will be turning 200 years old! To observe this milestone, on January 1 we will kick the year off with church bells ringing in unison throughout the county. Other events include a Bicentennial Birthday Bash, scavenger hunt, museum displays, bus tours, Bicentennial Palooza, and a gala to name just a few. Check the calendar on our website for details and join us in honoring our county's rich history and significant progress.

A suitable state budget is vital to Columbia, and I will continue to work closely with our state leadership - working together to reach this goal.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me at 281-7144 ext. 109 (office), 281-5199 (home) or khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!



Mayor Kevin Hutchinson

New Professional Center Rises at City Entrance



A new professional center, the "11 South" medical office building, has begun rising at 247 Sand Bank Road, in Columbia, near the north entrance to the city. The \$12 million, five-story glass and steel building, pictured here, will offer sweeping views of downtown St. Louis, Clayton the Jefferson Barracks Bridge and surrounding areas of the American Bottom.

"11 South" will house physicians and medical professionals from Progressive Family Care, ATI Physical Therapy, Quantum Vision Centers, Community Health Systems, and an urgent care facility, an investment firm and other professionals, as well as the headquarters for Admiral Parkway Development. The building is the first of four anticipated for the site by developer Joe Koppeis, principal in Admiral Parkway.



For more information regarding the project, please contact Admiral Parkway Development at 281-3400.

The ABC's of Safe Sleep

Infants and babies should always sleep:



ALONE

on their **BACKS**

in a safe **CRIB**



October is Appointed as Safe Sleep Awareness Month

The Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) has selected the month of October as Safe Sleep Awareness month. As Commander of the Child Death Task Force, I would like to promote safe sleeping for infants and children throughout the year. According to DCFS statistics, sleep suffocation is the leading cause of reported child deaths in Illinois. It is unsettling the number of child deaths reported due to

co-sleeping, a factor that is completely avoidable. As a parent or guardian to an infant or small child, you are primarily responsible for ensuring a safe environment while they sleep. Most importantly do not place your infant or small child in harm's way by allowing them to sleep in your bed. Please follow the ABC's of safe sleeping – Alone on my Back in my Crib.

The Child Death Task Force investigates every child death in the southern 34 counties of Illinois, thoroughly, to ensure justice for the children who no longer have a voice. They utilize prior knowledge, training, and experience to hold negligent caretakers accountable for their actions. The parents, guardians and caregivers who have endangered a child's life by carelessly placing them in a deadly environment to sleep will be held liable by the Child Death Task Force.

DCFS and Child Death Task Force have united to educate the public about the dangers of co-sleeping and the importance of safe sleeping. Your baby should sleep in a crib with a firm mattress covered by a tightly fitted sheet. Babies die every week in Illinois while sleeping on adult beds, couches, pillows, blankets and other soft surfaces as well as in car seats, bouncy seats and infant swings. Additional safety tips:

- 1) Keep stuffed animals, toys, pillows, blankets, quilts, and crib bumpers out of your baby's crib.
- 2) Don't smoke before or after your baby is born, and don't let others smoke around your baby.
- 3) Try using a pacifier when placing your baby to sleep, but don't force it. If you are breastfeeding your baby, wait until he is one month old or is used to breastfeeding before using a pacifier.
- 4) Don't let your baby overheat during sleep. Dress her lightly for sleeping, and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult.
- 5) Your baby needs plenty of supervised "tummy time" when he is awake to help build strong neck and shoulder muscles. Don't let your baby spend too much time in car seats, carriers and bouncers.
- 6) If you are having difficulty getting your baby to sleep, contact your pediatrician or the Fussy Baby Network at 1-888-431-BABY (2229).
- 7) Visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Crib Safety Information Center at www.cpsc.gov for sleep safety tips and a list of recalled products. Additional information is available on the DCFS website www.DCFS.illinois.gov.

Respectfully, Col. Joseph A. Edwards



FINANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As part of our plan to be more transparent, the Finance Department is now placing the Vouchers to be Paid list on the City's website. You can also find the current Budget document, the latest Financial Statement and Employee Compensation document.

To find:

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW CITY ENGINEER

Please join us in welcoming our new City Engineer, Chris Smith. Chris brings a valuable skill set to the City of Columbia. In addition to his 11 years of experience as a consulting engineer, Chris spent the previous six years as a Trustee for the Village of Marissa, overseeing its water, sewer, and street infrastructure. Chris possesses IDOT certifications and has extensive experience in grant management.



Refuse and Recycling Services

The City has signed a five-year agreement with our current vendor, Reliable Sanitation Services, Inc. of Waterloo, Illinois, for refuse and recycling services. We were successful in negotiating a slightly lower rate for our residents.



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Warm & Cozy Quilting

235 N. Main Street

Retail shop selling fabric and quilting materials

Columbia Rehab Specialists

(new location) 100 N. Main St.
Outpatient Physical Therapy

E.H. Nolkemper Agency

808 S. Main St.
Insurance Agency

Miller-Fiege Home Auction Items and Family Mementos

Family history enthusiasts and auction goers unite! The Columbia Historic Preservation Committee would like to spread the word that we are in search of items that may have been purchased at either the 1993 or the 2008 Miller-Fiege Home auctions. While a great portion of the furniture displayed in the home is original, there is a desire to display the everyday items that would have belonged to the family. If you are interested in donating items or loaning treasures to display that were original to the home, please contact Beth Kutterer-Sanchez (CHPC Chair) at bethkutterer@gmail.com or at 618-791-6895.

Stay tuned for upcoming dates where the home will be open for community enjoyment! Scheduled tours for groups are always welcome. Call us today to make an appointment! Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the happenings of the home; just search 'Miller-Fiege Home'



Miller-Fiege Home (right) Circa 1890



Miller-Fiege House 2015



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Upcoming Events



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Electronics & Appliances Recycling
3rd Sat. - Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20
(8am-Noon): DOPW Parking Lot, collecting electronics, appliances, batteries & more!

SPARKLE FEST

Nov. 19, 6-9pm
Turner Hall:
Vendors offering great gift ideas & attendance prizes.



HOLIDAY HUNT

Nov. 21 & 22: Deer hunting weekend for the guys ... Holiday Hunt weekend for the girls! Shop for gifts at Historic Main St. —aim for great deals and nice prizes!!

BRIGHT NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec. 5, 5pm
Historic Main St. (Rueck Rd to Cherry St.):
Bundle up for a festive night of bright lights, festive floats and holiday cheer!



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

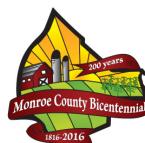
Dec. 5, 5:30 pm—Turner Hall:
Let's keep the holiday spirit going after the parade. Kids can visit with Santa, enjoy face painting, balloon twisting and see some amazing card tricks. Chili, hotdogs, drinks and more available.

VISIT SANTA

Dec. 6, 12 13, 19 & 20 (1-4 pm):
Santa will be at the Monroe County Welcome Center for kids to visit and share their Christmas wish list.

MONROE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH

Jan. 16, 5pm
Hecker Com. Club:
Kicking off Monroe County's 200th birthday at this celebration with dinner, music, history & fun!



RIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jan. 25, 7 pm—Library:
Our organization provides an important source of assistance to enhance the library. To find out more, feel free to join us at any of our quarterly meetings. New members are always welcome.



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