

Winter Columbia Quarterly 2017

CITY OF COLUMBIA

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Mayor's Minute

I am happy to report the City's finances are in good shape again this year. A big thanks to our top-notch department heads for doing a great job with responsible, conservative spending.

It seems hard to believe the winter holidays are right around the corner. The Columbia business community is ready to help you with your holiday shopping. Please think local when making your purchases. Our small businesses do so much to help our community so let's show our appreciation for all they do.

Be sure to check out our annual Christmas parade and other upcoming family fun events right here in town.

Wishing you all happy, healthy and peaceful holidays!

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Updated Columbia Population — 10,868

Results from the special census conducted over the summer resulted in an increase of 1,161 residents.

Due to the increased number, an estimated \$180,000 to \$190,000 will be received by the City of Columbia each year in additional revenue. The City will receive nearly \$1.7 million annually in state revenue to help fund public services such as street maintenance, police and emergency medical services. While the City spent \$105,000 to conduct the special census, we will net more than \$500,000 in additional revenue over the next several years.

The next decennial census, which counts the entire city population, will be in 2020.

Seasonal Smile Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get? A: Page 2



Welcome New EMS Chief

Please join us in welcoming our new EMS Chief,

Kimberly Lamprcht. Kim has over 13 years experienced as a paramedic supervisor; she brings a vast array of experience and education to the CEMS department. Prior to being hired by the City of Columbia, she was employed by the City of O'Fallon-Shiloh. Kim has over twenty-one years experience in the EMS field and has held a paramedic license for over eighteen years. Kim is currently on staff as an Associate Adjunct Instructor with Southwestern Illinois College teaching at the Paramedicine level. Kim is finishing a B.S. in Public Safety Management at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The City of Columbia is excited to bring Kim into our organization as EMS Chief.



DID YOU KNOW ...

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce has purchased every Christmas light on Main Street and Veterans Parkway lamp posts? They recently purchased another fifteen new snowflake lights, which will be added to the section of snowflakes displayed on Historic Main Street. The City would like to thank the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for their continued generosity; creating a festive environment and helping spread the holiday cheer in our community.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Ace's Wild

208 N. Main St., Suite G
Video Gaming Parlor

Associated Physicians Group

1000 Eleven South, Suite 3B
Physicians Office

Edward Jones—Alicia Oglesby

104 Veterans Parkway
Financial Planning / Investments Services

Omega Auto Service

880 Columbia Centre
Marketing Business for Dealerships

St. Clair Pediatrics

1000 Eleven South, Suite 4G
Pediatric Office

CONSIDER HOLIDAY GIVING TO

P.L.A.Y. COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

The P.L.A.Y. Foundation is a non profit organization seeking to enhance Columbia's park system while working in conjunction with the City of Columbia. The Foundation accepts donations for restricted, unrestricted and memorial & commemorative gifts.

Restricted Gifts: You may have an interest in an area of the City and choose to give a restricted or designated gift whose purpose is to strengthen a particular program, department or capital need. A restricted gift, if approved by the City Council, is used solely for the projects that you specify.

Unrestricted Gifts: An unrestricted gift allows the City to address its areas of greatest need. This type of gift provides the most flexibility when distributed. Such gifts may be combined with other funds to permit the City to initiate major institutional goals. Donations may be made any time through checks made out to, "P.L.A.Y. Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation" and gifts are deductible under the Internal Revenue Code.

Memorial and Commemorative Gifts: A thoughtful way to honor a loved one, friend or colleague is through a memorial/commemorative gift. Contributions may be made to any area of the City. The individual being honored or family of the deceased individual will be notified of the contribution and a permanent record of such gift will be maintained in the official records of the City. Items available for contribution include: park benches, picnic tables, trees or commemorative brick pavers.

For more information: visit columbiaillinois.com, (How do I...) or contact Sue Spargo at (618) 281-3345 or email sspargo@columbiaillinois.com.



A: Missletoe!



Here Comes Santa Claus!

Santa will make his grand entrance this season at the Bright Night Christmas Parade on Saturday December 2. This year's parade theme is: "Christmas Through a Child's Eyes." Santa and Mrs. Claus will follow the lighted floats down Historic Main Street and make their way to Turner Hall to meet the good little girls and boys at the Turner Hall Social which runs from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Families will enjoy food, fun and entertainment all evening.

Santa will also visit with the kids on weekends at the Shoemaker School House located at 600 Gall Road. He will be visiting from the North Pole from 1:00—4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays December 3 through December 17. Bring the kids to share their Christmas lists with Santa and a camera to snap a picture. Kids will make a craft and enjoy a special treat!



HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE



THANKSGIVING: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, November 25.

LARGE ITEM CURBSIDE REMOVAL: The next large item (i.e. appliances, furniture, etc.) curbside removal is Tuesday, November 28. Bags of trash will not be accepted.

CHRISTMAS: Regular Tuesday trash and recycling will be on Wednesday, December 27. Regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, December 30. Reliable Sanitation will allow three (3) additional 30 gallon containers / bags of trash in addition to the one (1) trash tote. No extra \$1.00 trash stickers are needed.

NEW YEARS: Regular Tuesday trash and recycling will be on Wednesday, January 3. Regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, January 6. Extra trash will require the \$1.00 per container trash stickers.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Live Christmas tree recycling drop off will be held at the Bolm-Schuhkraft City Park parking lot next to the Parkview School on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Any questions, call the City Clerk's Office at (618) 281-7144 ext. 100.



LANDSCAPE WASTE REMOVAL—REMINDER

The last day for curbside leaf removal will be Friday, December 1.

There will be no landscape waste removal during the months of December, January and February.



ADMIRAL WEINEL BOULEVARD PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Admiral Weinel pavement replacement project is scheduled to start construction the beginning of November. The existing concrete pavement will be removed and replaced from Illinois Route 3 to Admiral Trost Road. There will be a marked detour route getting vehicular traffic from Illinois 3 to Admiral Weinel Boulevard via Valmeyer Road and Admiral Trost Road. The project is anticipated to last approximately six weeks. As always your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated as the roadway improvement project is performed.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

CROWN SPARKLEFEST

Nov. 16, 6-9pm: Vendors offering great gift ideas and attendance prizes at Turner Hall.

HOLIDAY HUNT

Nov. 18 & 19: 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!!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Nov. 25, 11am-5pm: Shop local for specialized service.



ICS CRAFT FAIR

Dec. 2, 9am-3pm:
ICS Gym

BRIGHT NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec. 2, 5pm:

Bundle up for a fun night of bright lights, festive floats and holiday cheer on Historic Main St.!



For more event information go to www.columbiaillinois.com - Calendar or call 281-7144

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Dec. 2, 6pm-9pm: Keep the holiday spirit flowing at Turner Hall after the parade. Santa and activities—great fun for the kids, chili, hot-dogs, drinks & more!



IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Dec. 3, 12-4pm: Kids purchase gifts for \$10 & under at participating Main St. member businesses.

VISIT SANTA

Dec. 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17, 1-4pm: Avoid the mall traffic and crowds and stop by a cozy setting in the old Shoemaker School House, 6 Gall Road. Kids enjoy a treat and craft.



UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Dec. 14, 5-9pm: Christmas shopping on Historic Main St. with a twist. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater to win prizes & refreshments.

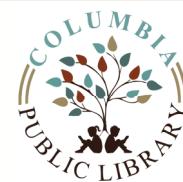


LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Jan. 13, 10am-noon:
Bolm-Schuhkraft / City Park
near Parkview Elementary

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Nov. 15, 6pm:
All ages



SANTA'S VISIT

Dec. 2, 10am:
Families welcome

UGLY SWEATER WORKSHOP *

Dec. 7, 6pm: All ages

GREETING CARD WORKSHOP *

Dec. 12, 4pm: 5 - 12 years

ARCTIC STORY TIME *

Dec. 14, 10am: 1 - 5 years

LAST MINUTE DIY GIFT *

Dec. 19, 6pm: Adults

WINTER SPARKS READING PROGRAM

Dec. 18 - Jan. 31: All ages

NOVELS AT NIGHT BOOK CLUB *

Jan. - Apr. 1, 6:30pm: Adults

BASIC KNITTING *

Jan. 13, 9:30am: Adults

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY *

Feb. 3, All day: Families welcome

INTERMEDIATE KNITTING *

Feb. 10, 9:30am: Adults

* Registration Required - 281-4237

