



# Fall Columbia Quarterly 2019

## MAYOR'S MINUTE



Census workers will begin their in-field canvassing to compile an accurate list of the residential addresses in the City of Columbia to assist in the nation's 2020 Census. April 1, 2020 is Census Day. Field work canvassing will begin on Monday, August 19th and is expected to be completed no later than October 4th. Census workers will be present throughout the city during daylight hours and will be carrying a laptop. Census workers will have a picture badge for identification purposes.



Officially updating our population with the U.S. Census Bureau means that the City will see an increase in certain tax revenues that are distributed based on population. Your participation will result in increased funding for improvements within our community. Please give census workers your full cooperation when they visit so Columbia can get an accurate count of its residents at next year's census.

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## CITY OF COLUMBIA ANNOUNCES NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS R. BRIMM

We are pleased to announce that Douglas "Doug" Brimm has been selected by the Mayor and City Council to be Columbia's next City Administrator with an anticipated starting date of September 9th.

Brimm, a Dupon native, brings 10 years of local government management experience to the City of Columbia. For the past 7 years, he has served as the first City Administrator for the City of Trenton, Illinois where he worked to oversee construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, revitalized the City's economic development efforts, and modernized City government. He previously held the position of Management Analyst for the City of Collinsville, Illinois. Brimm holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Master of Public Administration and Policy Analysis Degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.



Currently, he resides in Trenton with his wife, Alicia, and three children, Leah, Charlie, and Hannah. They plan to relocate to Columbia.

Statement from Doug Brimm: I am grateful to Mayor Hutchinson and the City Council for this opportunity to join the City of Columbia. The Mayor, City Council, Department Heads and City Staff all exemplify the City's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Columbia's residents and creating an inviting business environment. I plan to work with the City's leadership team to ensure Columbia continues trending in a positive direction. My family and I look forward to joining the community.



## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in your City? Do you have expertise or a special talent you can share that might be helpful in advising our City Council on matters that affect the City? If you have the time, the interest and the "know-how," we would like to hear from you. The City accepts applications on a rolling basis to fill vacancies on boards, commissions and committees. Applicants may complete and submit an online application directly from the internet or complete the application online then print, sign, and submit the required documents by mail to the City Clerk's office for processing. Mayor Hutchinson will make appointments as necessary. For more information and to learn more about various opportunities available, please visit our website at [www.columbiaillinois.com/21/Boards-Commission-and-Committees](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/21/Boards-Commission-and-Committees).



## Distracted Driving Penalties Enforced

A law that was recently passed increased all minor traffic offense fines to \$164 under the Illinois Vehicle Code effective July 1, 2019. This includes speeding and disobeying traffic control devices. This new law includes harsher penalties for using electronic control devices while driving. Previously, "distracted driving" was only a non-moving violation offense; however, under the new law it is now a moving violation.

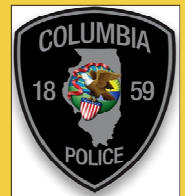
Furthermore, if a driver receives three violations, it results in an automatic driver's license suspension.



Traffic crashes are rarely random or chance incidents and occur because of identifiable sequences of behavioral activities. Distracted driving is a major cause of traffic crashes. The top five major distracted driving events are:

- 1) Generally distracted or "lost in thought"
- 2) Cell phone or electronic device usage (e.g. sending text or emails, searching online resources)
- 3) Other person or object inside the car with the driver such as people passengers, pet passengers, or unsecured objects
- 4) Reaching for items (e.g. radio controls, in-car electronics, sunglasses)
- 5) Eating or drinking while driving

**By staying focused on the roadway, you ensure a safer route for yourself, your passengers, and fellow motorists.**



# YARD SALE

## Reminder

City residents may now register for yard and garage sales online at [www.columbiaillinois.com/yardsales](http://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 are 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.

Anyone can check online 24/7 to see and print a list of upcoming sales at the same link found above.

## LIMB AND LEAF PICK UP

The limb pick up service for Fall 2019 will take place the weeks beginning October 7 and October 14. If you have limbs to be picked up, please have them by the curb in front of your residence by 6:00 a.m. on either Monday, October 7 or Monday, October 14. The service **will not** pick up piles that contain honeysuckle, vines, or landscape waste such as grass clippings or bushes.

The leaf pick up service will begin in October and continue into December (exact dates TBD). You may place your leaves by the curb, but not in the street at any time. Continual sweeps will be made through the city to pick up the leaves. It is recommended (if possible) you cover the pile(s) of leaves so they do not get wet which makes the leaves difficult to pick up. Piles of leaves shall be free of honeysuckle, grass clippings, limbs, branches and twigs, acorns, gumballs or anything other than leaves. The leaf vacuums cannot pick up these types of items. As we get closer to these dates, additional reminders and information will be posted on the City website, City's Facebook page, at City Hall, and on utility billing notices.

If you have any questions about the leaf and limb pick up service, please contact City Hall at 281-7144.



## Columbia Unit School District News



Please welcome our newest members of the administrative team: Dr. Courtney Castelli, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Angela Huels, Principal of Columbia Middle School, and Dr. Scott Kuse, Assistant Principal of Columbia High School. In addition to our new administrators, the district has employed an amazing group of new staff members throughout the district that are highlighted on the district webpage.

Columbia Unit School District #4 would like to welcome returning and new students and families to the 2019-2020 school year! District information and a schedule of events can be accessed on the district's new website at [www.columbia4.org](http://www.columbia4.org) as well as posted on multiple social media accounts per school building, activity, or sport.



## In Memory of Michelle Brown



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of City Accounting Specialist Michelle Brown on July 30, 2019 from breast cancer.

Michelle worked at Columbia City Hall for over eight years.

She was a dedicated and hardworking employee who will be remembered for her quick humor, contagious laugh, love of Christmas and amazing fried chicken. She will be sorely missed by those who knew and had the opportunity to

work with her. We extend our sincere condolences to her daughters, Taylor, Sammi and Shelby and her extended family members.



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Columbia Coaching & Hypnosis Center  
207 N. Main St., Suite 103C

Mercy Clinic Primary Care  
1019 Valmeyer Rd.

Vasquez Pharmacy  
134 S. Main St.

## YARD OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

The newly blossomed Yard of the Month program has already awarded 12 homeowners with special recognition for their efforts in maintaining their property and making a positive contribution to the overall appearance of our City. The winners listed below received a, "City of Columbia Yard of the Month" sign to display in their yard and received special recognition by their aldermen at a City Council meeting. Congratulations to our winners! The program will run each year from April until September.



	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
June	Fred & Chris Stumpf	Marvin & Sandra McMichael	James & Sandra Hurst	Michael & Vivian Budde
July	Johnny & Cynthia Love	Beth Luhr	Gary & Theresa Hart	Paula Schlecht
August	Thomas & Ingrid Soraghan	John & Betty Moll	Donald Schult	Arlin & Diane Stechmesser



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## Upcoming Events

For more info call 281-7144 or visit  
[www.columbiaillinois.com-calendar](http://www.columbiaillinois.com-calendar)

### Songs4Soldiers — 2 Day Event

Proceeds benefit combat veterans.  
Bolm-Schuhkraft Park - no coolers or pets.  
Food & beverage vendors.



**Sept. 6:** Featuring Jordan Davis,  
Chris Shiflett and Alexandra Kay



**Sept. 7:** Music by 38 Special, Miles  
Nielsen and the Rusted Hearts, Joe  
Dirt and the Dirty Boys, Kim  
Massie, Dazed 'n Confused STL,  
That 80's Band and Trixie Delight.  
Kids zone open.

### Columbia Trails Homebrew Festival

**Sept. 14, Noon-4pm:**

Come out to Metter Park and  
celebrate hand crafted brews  
with passionate homebrewers!



### FestiFall Oct. 6, 1-6pm:

Smash Band, food, wine  
tasting, unique merchandise. Rock climbing wall,  
inflatables, pumpkin & face  
painting, balloon artist and  
more fun for all - Metter  
Park.

### Tree Limb Pick-Up

**Weeks of Oct. 7 & 14:**

Place limbs near curb by 6 am  
(see page 2).



### Leaf Pick-Up Oct. through Dec.:

(Exact dates TBA). Place leaves by curb (not  
in street). Continual sweeps will be made.

### \* Witches Ghoulish Night Out

**Oct. 10, 5-9pm:** Food, brew, shopping &  
fun for witches and warlocks. Con-  
tests and prizes. Free! VIW info &  
tickets at [mymainstreetcolumbia.com](http://mymainstreetcolumbia.com) beginning Sept. 6th



### Halloween Hi-Jinks

**Oct. 26, 10am-noon:**

Participating Main St. businesses  
welcome trick-or-treaters. Trunk-  
or-treating & activities at City Hall  
parking lot.



**Veteran's Day Nov. 11, 11am:**  
Ceremony at American Legion.

### \* Holiday Hunt

**Nov. 23, 11am-4pm:**

While the guys are hunting,  
ladies have their own fun.  
Food specials & retail discounts.



### \* Small Business Saturday

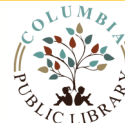
**Nov. 30, 8am-5pm:** Shop local for  
specialized service. Pre-game breakfast  
with giveaways.

\* Sponsored by Historic Main St. Columbia  
[Mymainstreetcolumbia.com](http://Mymainstreetcolumbia.com)

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### Weekly / Monthly Programs

- Babygarten (6-18 mos.)
- Tot-Time (19 mos.-3 yrs.)
- Story Hour (3-5 yrs.)
- Wiggle Worms (0-5 yrs.)
- STEAM Explorers (6-12 yrs.)
- LEGO Club (4-12 yrs.)
- Teens Advisory Board (12-17 yrs.)
- Novels at Night (Adults)



**\*\* Intro to Knitting: Part 1 & 2**  
Sept. 5 & 12, 6:30pm (Teens/Adults)

**\*\* Superhero Story Time**  
Sept. 25, 4pm (Birth-10years)



**Grow Solar Metro East**  
Sept. 30, 6:30pm (Adults)



**\* Career Fair**  
Oct. 5, 10am-noon  
(All job seekers welcome)

**Document Shred Event**  
Oct. 5, 10am-noon

**\*\* Haunted House**  
Oct. 18, 5pm (Family Night)  
Oct. 19, 4pm (Scary Night - Teen / Adult)



**\*\* Halloween Hoopla**  
Oct. 28, 10am-noon (19 mos.-5 yrs.)

\* Call 618-281-4237 to register for event.  
[www.columbialibrary.org](http://www.columbialibrary.org)

