

Winter Columbia Quarterly 2019



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Mayor Kevin Hutchinson

It is very important to us at the City of Columbia to provide communication options for emergency notifications as well as general City information. The Columbia police & public works departments and city staff are fine-tuning our options to send this information via phone call, text message and/or e-mail. I encourage each citizen of Columbia to visit our website (see directions below) and sign up for the items that are important to you. Categories have been added, so if you have already signed up, please review/update your account.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com, (O) 281-7144 x 109 or (H) 281-5199. Wishing you all of the joys of the upcoming holiday season!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: How to sign-up for CodeRED and Notify Me



1. Visit www.columbiaillinois.com
2. Click "City Alert Systems - CodeRed/Notify Me"
3. Follow prompts to sign up for both CodeRED and Notify Me.
4. Check categories for alerts you would like to receive.



NOTIFY ME

CodeRED

An ultra-high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications from your local emergency response team. You will receive EMERGENCY health, safety & weather notifications including:

- Boil Orders
- Chemical Spills
- Evacuation Notices
- Missing Person(s)
- Weather Emergencies

We encourage all residents to add their cell phones and choose the text message options for the alerts that you would like. Text message notifications are faster than the calling features. Standard text messaging fees from your carrier may apply.

Notify Me

The City also allows residents to sign up for additional notifications through our website Notify Me alerts. It sends text/email notifications for the following:

- **City Calendar:** Public hearings/notices, special meetings, City special events
- **City of Columbia Job Postings**
- **Emergency Alerts:** Boil orders
- **General City Information:** Road construction/closures, trash & recycling, leaf & limb pick-up, Columbia Quarterly newsletter



ALREADY PREPARING FOR SNOW REMOVAL

The Department of Public Works is already thinking about winter weather and snow removal activities. There are certain things to keep in mind about the Public Works Department performing their snow removal activities. Here are a couple of highlights:

- ▶ When snow is forecasted, if at all possible please remove vehicles from the streets and roadways. In some areas with parked vehicles on the streets and roadways, attempting to navigate a large truck with a snow plow and salt spreader is nearly impossible. The more working room allowed for the trucks and equipment, the faster the snow removal activities can take place.
- ▶ Please do not push or throw snow from drives and walks into the street. This is just extra snow to manage. It may result in calls to the Public Works Department to remove a potential hazard in the street or roadway causing other snow removal activities to be put on hold to take care of the potential hazard.
- ▶ During a heavy snowfall event the Public Works Department's first priority is to keep the more heavily traveled streets and roadways open. Secondary and subdivision streets will be cleared as snow removal activities continue and the rate of snowfall starts to subside. Plowing and removing snow in cul-de-sac areas is time consuming and tedious and takes away from other snow removal activities. Cul-de-sac areas are one of the last areas to be fully cleared of snow.

Thank you for your cooperation!



News from Columbia CUSD 4

The school district would like to introduce a new vision statement to the community. Columbia 4 — A Culture Committed to Character, Citizenship, College and Career Readiness. All Aspects of education revolve around the 4 Cs! Along the lines of college readiness, students in Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 take the state assessment (IAR and SAT) in March of each year. The results are used to determine a final rating for every public school in Illinois. With the school district facing some scrutiny with a lower rating for CMS last year, this year's results have surpassed expected outcomes. The Illinois State Board of Education just released the 2019 "summative designation" rating for each school with Eagleview, Parkview, and Columbia High School earning the highest rating of "EXEMPLARY," and Columbia Middle School earning a "Commendable" rating, just 7.7 points shy of exemplary. This is a perfect farewell gift for retiring superintendent, Dr. Gina Segobiano, who will be leaving the school district a semester early to embark a new position at the college level beginning December 2nd. The school board will be selecting an interim superintendent to fulfill duties for the rest of the school year and is expected to employ a permanent superintendent in January who will begin July 1, 2020.

Welcome New City Staff Member



Please join us in welcoming our new Accounting Specialist Kristen Schaefer. Kristen has joined our Finance Department and will be handling a variety of day-to-day accounting and financial functions for the City of Columbia.



2020 Library Crawl January 10-27, 2020

Road trip! Travel to five local participating libraries. See what makes them unique, pickup mementos, make memories and share stories. More details coming soon!

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

A Fresh Look! By Cynthia LLC

114 W. Liberty

Resale Shop

Cabinet, Granite, Quartz, Marble Sales

(Coming Soon)

Frontenac Engineering Group, Inc.

274 Southwoods Center Dr.

Engineering Consulting Firm

Renew Mind and Body Wellness

210 W. Sandbank Road

Wellness center with massage, health counseling/fitness, float tanks, sauna, cooking classes

(Coming Soon)

The Hope Collective Psychotherapy Services

808 S. Main St., Suite C

Psychotherapy Services



HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE



THANKSGIVING: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, November 30.

LARGE ITEM CURBSIDE REMOVAL: The next large item (i.e. appliances, furniture, etc.) curbside removal is Tuesday, November 17 if you have Tuesday trash pick-up or Friday, November 22 for Friday trash pick-up. Bags of trash will not be accepted.

CHRISTMAS: Tuesday trash and recycling will still be on Tuesday, December 24. Regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, December 28. 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: Tuesday trash and recycling will still be on Tuesday, December 31. Regular Friday trash and recycling will be on Saturday, January 4. 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 11, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Any questions, call the City Clerk's Office at 281-7144 x 100.

Visit with Santa Change of Location



The location for "Visit with Santa" has been changed from the Miller-Fiege House across from City Hall to the Columbia Public Library located at 106 N. Metter Ave. Santa will visit with children and pose for pictures (bring your own camera). Children can make a craft and enjoy a snack. December 8, 15, and 22 from noon until 5 pm.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE COLUMBIA LIBRARY

Columbia Public Library has a lot of great changes! The building has a brand new sign that lights up at night. Inside there is a new phone charging station for the convenience of library visitors. Beyond books and media, library staff have become creative with the latest items purchased for the collection. Patrons can now checkout S.T.E.A.M. kits, educational games, a light up dance mat, a tennis racket, beginner knitting kits, exercise program kits (e.g. Zumba, Focus T25, and CharLEAN), and some Wifi Hotspots. Remember a library card gives you access to materials in all libraries throughout Illinois.

Columbia Public Library will be open for special business hours on Sundays, December 8, 15, and 22 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the City of Columbia's Visit with Santa!





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UPCOMING EVENTS

POP-UP SHOP

Nov. 21 - Dec. 1:
Ever-Vi Boutique
Dec. 5 - Dec. 29:
Linda J. Paintings

Columbia welcomes two great vendors for the holiday season. For more info: popupshopcolumbiaillinois.com Shoemaker School House, 6 Gall Rd.



Holiday Hunt

Nov. 23: Historic Main Street Assoc. businesses invites you to enjoy food specials and hunt for retail discounts.



Small Business Saturday

Nov. 30, 9 am - 5 pm:

Shop Local! Pregame breakfast 7-9am at Café on the Abbey to get shop local swag and gift cards to local businesses.



BINGO

Designer Bag Bingo

Dec. 6: Doors open at 6 pm; Bingo at 7 pm. Win designer bags in time for Christmas. Turner Hall. Tickets at: mymainstreetcolumbia.com

Bright Night Christmas Parade & Christmas Social

Dec. 7, 5 pm: Parade—Historic Main Street Temple to Cherry. Head to Turner Hall after the parade - great fun for the kids, chili, hotdogs, drinks & more!

 **Visit Santa (New Location)**
Dec. 8, 15 & 22, Noon - 5 pm: Stop by the Columbia Library where kids can visit with Santa, do a craft and have refreshments.

Live Christmas Tree Recycling

Jan. 11, 10 am - Noon: Bolm-Schuhkraft / City Park near Parkview Elementary



Library Events

Chair Yoga *
Nov. 9, 10 am

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's *
Nov. 19, 6:30 pm:
Families welcome (2 sessions)



DIY Illumination *
Nov. 20, 6:30 pm: 12-17 yrs.

Family Reading Night
Nov. 21, 6:30 pm: Families

Healthy Living for Your Brain *
Dec. 4, 6:30 pm: Teen/Adults



Santa's Visit
Dec. 7, 10-12 pm

Last Minute DIY Gifts *
Dec. 12, 12 pm: Families

Cram for Exams Lock-Ins *
Dec. 13 & 17, 4:30-9:00 pm: 12-17 yrs.

Last Minute DIY Gifts *
Dec. 19, Times Vary: 3-12 yrs.

Winter Sparks Reading Program
Dec. 9 - Feb. 28

* To register call 281-4237 or to go to www.columbialibrary.org



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

