



COLUMBIA QUARTERLY

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Quarry Road Roundabout is Complete

The Quarry Road Roundabout and Resurfacing Project is complete and open to traffic! A couple of reminders regarding Columbia's first roundabout. When you approach a roundabout you should slow down, look for signs and pavement markings prohibiting certain movements, and enter the roundabout by turning right when safe to do so. When exiting the roundabout, use your right turn signal to let other drivers know in advance.

It is hoped that the residents of the City of Columbia will enjoy these additions to our transportation and trail network. The city would like to thank the residents, businesses, and motorists for their cooperation and patience during construction. The city also wants to thank Baxmeyer Construction for their willingness to work with the city and residents during the project. Then finally a big thanks to the Department of Public Works, Columbia Police Department, and Assistant City Engineer Tim Ahrens for their work on the project.



EMS Celebrates 50 Years

Long gone are the days when funeral homes and volunteers operated the ambulance service. In 1972, Columbia began staffing ambulance systems with the latest life-saving equipment running a mere 200 calls a year on a miniscule \$25,000 budget. Here we are in 2022... with our 6 full time, 18 part-time expertly trained Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians handling a projected 1,650 calls. We are fortunate to have a 2008, 2019, and 2021 ambulances and now a 2021 Tahoe. This newest addition is a fully stocked advanced life support vehicle staffed with a paramedic to provide a quick response to patient's needs when the ambulances are out on calls.

The Tahoe will add more resources to Columbia during the day as well as providing advanced care at our city's special events. Thanks for your support Columbia!

Mayor's Message



Mayor Bob Hill

The last couple of weeks have been fabulous for the City of Columbia and its residents!

The end of summer was marked by our annual Columbia Days Parade followed by an incredible festival at Turner Hall. Thank you to all those who planned and participated in the event!

Fall started with a bang this past weekend at our 9th Annual Songs4Soldiers concert. Dustin and his amazing group of volunteers delivered another epic year of festivities and continue to give back to our combat veterans year after year. I am humbled and proud of our community's involvement ensuring the success of Songs4Soldiers.

Please continue to shop and dine locally this fall, as it provides jobs, tax revenue, and tourism opportunities. Speaking of tourism, we have some exciting events, such as the Scarecrow Crawl, FestiFall, and Witches Night Out coming up in the next couple of months.

Another accolade and thank you goes out to the Women's Club, which has proudly served Columbia for 100 years. They have consistently made a commitment to the beautification of our parks, municipal buildings, and green spaces. Please contact Gaylene Everts at 618-363-0269 if you are interested in volunteering.

Having open communications is important and something I care very deeply about. You should always be able to reach out to your elected officials and ask questions about what is happening in your city. On that note, I'm sure you have heard over the last several months that Columbia is planning for its future and we need your help! If you haven't already, please get registered with ColumbiaConversations.com and fill out the surveys! The more we know what is important to you, the better we can provide for you in our plans. Be a part of where Columbia is headed.

School Safety

Stay Safe This Fall

The Columbia Police Department would like to wish our local students and school staff an amazing 2022-2023 year. Pictured is our new School Resource Officer Joe Roach, who will be rotating through the different schools maintaining close partnerships with school administrators, staff and students in order to provide a safe school environment. Additionally, our department would like to remind new and seasoned drivers of a few school safety tips to help everyone stay safe throughout the school year.



1. Be aware of our designated school zones.
2. Expect increased traffic in school zones and plan to leave early to your destinations on time.
3. Always reduce your driving speed in school zones.
4. Remember that cell phone use is not allowed in school zones. Phone calls or texts can wait.
5. Be aware of our pedestrian crosswalks. Stop your vehicle and allow pedestrians to safely cross.
6. Be cautious and courteous to our bus drivers. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus that has a stop sign extended and their lights on. Stop your vehicles an appropriate distance away during loading and unloading of school buses.



Planning Beyond the Horizon

Columbia is Developing a Comprehensive Plan

The City of Columbia continues to look Beyond the Horizon as we plan for the next 25 years. In doing so, we are developing a Comprehensive Plan which establishes a community vision, goals, policies, and local actions related to our quality of life, residential growth, economic prosperity, community improvements, and development opportunities.

Take Our Surveys!

Share your ideas! Visit www.ColumbiaConversations.com to participate in various online engagement activities. This online platform provides a quick, safe, and convenient way to share your thoughts and ideas on a range of topics throughout the process!

Check out our many surveys and activities concerning different aspects of Columbia:

- Community Vision Survey
- Library Services Survey
- Columbia Mad Lib Survey
- Neighborhoods and Housing Survey
- Mapping Activity: Pin Your Favorite Place
- Environmental Resource Survey
- Cultural Amenities Survey
- Multimodal Transportation Survey
- Public Safety Survey
- Infrastructure & Utilities
- Parks & Recreation Survey
- Resilient Economy



Help Spread the Word & Follow Us

We need and value your input throughout the process. We also ask you to continue to encourage your family, friends, neighbors, employees, and coworkers to participate! If you see a post on the City of Columbia's Facebook or Instagram, help us out by sharing it to spread the word to your friends and family. Snap a photo of yourself, tag us, and use the hashtags to show your participation! Remember, we want to hear from you!

#Columbia Conversations #ColumbiaLBeyondTheHorizon #ColumbiaLCompPlan #ColumbiaLHorizons



Leaf & Limb Pickup

Limb Pickup - October 3rd & 10th

Must have piles of limbs-no whole trees, free of grass, acorns, and gumballs placed by curb by 6 am.

Leaf Pickup - mid-Oct. through mid-Dec.

Continual sweeps will be made during period.

Place leaf piles (free of grass clippings, gumballs, limbs acorns) by the curb.

Welcome New Businesses!

Fit Factory Columbia

237 N Main St.

Holistic Collective of Columbia

268 Southwoods

Homestead Financial Mortgage

134 S Main St.

K.A. Aesthetics

220 Admiral Trost

Makers on Main Street, LLC

115 W Gundlach

Metro East Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

1000 Eleven South, Ste. 3B

Natural Ashthetic LLC

538 S Main St.

Kodiak Hollow

127 N Main St.

YGD's Aquatics, LLC

1005 S Main St., Ste. A

Rankings.io

207 N Main St., Ste. 108B

KJY Logistics, Inc.

207 N Main St., Ste. 213

The Truck Stop

613 N Main St.

Did you know?

The street address must be displayed in at least 4-inch tall numbers on the front of every main building so that it is clearly visible from the street.





City of Columbia
208 S. Rapp Avenue
P.O. Box 467
Columbia, IL 62236

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 5584
St. Louis, MO

Know Columbia



Upcoming Events & Services

September 9 & 10 **Songs4Soldiers:** Concert benefiting combat veterans. Rock & roll and country music acts. Tickets and info at www.songs4soldiersstl.org
Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

October 1-31 **Scarecrow Crawl-**Stroll down Historic Main Street to see decorated scarecrows. Vote on favorites by QR code.
Historic Main Street

October 2 **FestiFall:** Celebrate Fall with your family! Z-band, kids activities, unique merchandise, food & drink.
Metter Park 1-6 pm

October 13 **Witches Ghoulish Night Out:** Food, Brew, shopping & fun for witches and warlocks. Contest and prizes. Tickets go on sale 9/1 at mymainstreetcolumbia.com.
Historic Main Street 5-9 pm

October 29 **Halloween Hi-Jinks:** 10 am- noon. Trick or treat at Historic Main Street businesses!
Activities and costume contest at City Hall at noon

November 26 **Small Business Saturday Gift Card Giveaway:** Shop local for a chance to win gift cards. Main Street retailer discounts and food & drink specials. 9am-2pm.



Details at www.columbiaillinois.com/citycalendar or
call (618) 281-7144



Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri: 9 am - 5 pm
Sat: 9 am - 4 pm
Phone: (618) 281-4237

For event details and registration, call or
visit www.columbialibrary.org

September Library Card Sign up Month
New patrons are entered to win a \$50
restaurant gift card

Chair Yoga with Lisa Fox (Adult)
Saturdays, Sept. 10, 24 & Oct. 8, 29 10am

The Golden Gamers (Adult 45+)
Thursdays, Sept. 8, 22 & Oct. 13, 27 10am-
12pm. Socialize and play games. Snacks
and drinks provided.

Illinois Treasurer's I-CASH Event (Adult)
Wednesday, Sept 28, 10am-2pm
Find out if the state owes you any \$\$\$

October is Food for Fines
Receive \$1 off fines with donation of a
non-perishable food item

Document Shred Event (5 box limit)
Sat., October 1, 10am-12pm Turner Hall

Friends of the Library FestiFall Book Sale
Metter Park and Library Basement
Sunday October 2, 1-6pm

Halloween Hoopla (18 mos. to 5 yrs)
Saturday, October 15, 10am-12pm