



# Columbia Quarterly

## City of Columbia



**Mayor Hutchinson**

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We made it through a tough winter lets hope for a mild summer. Are you heading out of town this summer? If so, stop your mail and the paper, notify the police to check on your house, shut off the water to various appliances and get your vehicle safety checked at one of our local repair shops — tires, breaks, wipers, air conditioning, etc. My grandma said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." You do not want to be on the road and have car troubles.

Don't forget Columbia has a great deal to offer. The Music at Metter Concert series starts June 8th and local restaurants and bars have music and great outdoor seating areas. Camps are available for the kids through the YMCA, the library has activities all summer, plus they have air-conditioning and Wi-Fi so you can still get a little work done and stay cool. The American Legion Memorial Park is the home of baseball, fun and the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration; and our many parks offer great places for summer picnics and gatherings.

Check out the volunteer website and meet some new friends. Whatever you do this summer be safe and have fun. Check out upcoming events on your utility billings, as well as the city website. Need to promote an event? Let us know and we will help get the word out. So, don't sit around bored this summer — have fun and get involved in your community. You won't regret it.

If you have any questions or concerns, give me a call (office: 281-7144 ext. 109 or home: 281-5199), or zip me a note or email ([khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com](mailto:khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com)). I would love to hear from you. Have a great summer, be safe, plan ahead and have fun!

Sincerely, Kevin Hutchinson, Mayor



### "THE FATAL FIVE "

The traffic violations that result in the majority of traffic crash injuries and fatalities are often referred to as "The Fatal Five." Using funds awarded to us by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the officers of the Columbia Police Department are going to focus on "The Fatal Five" traffic violations to help promote traffic safety throughout the City of Columbia.

The Columbia Police Department has identified our "Fatal Five" violations as:

- Speeding
- Distracted Driving
- DUI
- Traffic Light Violation
- Failure to Wear A Seatbelt

Through March of this year, traffic crashes are already up by 30% (54 in 2013 compared to 70 in 2014). On a daily basis, approximately 90,000 cars travel through the City limits. The officers are tasked with ensuring the safety of the individuals using our roads. We are asking our citizens to assist us with reducing the number of traffic violations. Please comply with our traffic laws and report those that you observe not complying. If you have young drivers in your family, remind them each and every time they leave about the importance of traffic safety and obeying traffic laws. Year after year the leading cause of teenage deaths continues to be traffic crashes. Together we can make a difference. The men and women of the Columbia Police Department hope that together we can reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities throughout the summer months and remainder of the year.

Joseph A. Edwards, Chief of Police



## News from Columbia Unit School District



Columbia Unit School District #4 is proud to announce various accomplishments during the 2013-2014 school year.

- Columbia High School celebrates many academic accomplishments. Four students earned valedictorian honors from the graduating class of 2014. Please congratulate Ian Boyer-Edwards, Nicholas Busch, Jacob Rein, and Brian Spargo. Also congratulations to salutatorians, Katherine Grindstaff and Nicholas Kirpatrick.
- The school district congratulates Mr. Dan Young (Columbia High School's Vocational Education Teacher) who retired from CUSD4 this year. Mr. Young and his students are responsible for constructing many buildings on campus to include: Press Box, Concession Stand, Brown Storage Garage, bleacher assembly, and multiple storage sheds. Mr. Young will be greatly missed!
- The CHS Student Council once again earned the National Gold Student Council Award for the fifth consecutive year. This honor recognizes student councils across the country that have exemplary programs that serve the student body, the community, and various philanthropies. Also, congratulations to Addy Shaw for the first student from Columbia High School to be elected to the IASC Student Council Executive Board as secretary of the state board.
- The school district, in partnership with the Agriscience Association, completed the construction of an educational greenhouse to provide an outside classroom for our science and agricultural education courses. The new program is in its second year of operations. This inaugural class was the first to grow plants in the greenhouse with its first community plant sale.
- A new entry was constructed at the Multi-Purpose Field which recognizes those individuals and businesses who contributed toward the field project. Over \$400,000 was raised and an additional \$175,000 of in-kind labor and contributions were donated. The Multi-Purpose Field has proven to be a huge asset to the school district by fully supporting CMS and CHS physical education classes, daily marching band use, and after school and weekend sporting events.
- **STUDENT REGISTRATION:** All parents will need to register their student for the 2014-2015 school year. Entering kindergarten students should register at Eagleview as soon as possible. District wide Student Registration dates are July 23, July 24, and July 28. Student registration information and paperwork can be accessed on the district's website. Parents can copy and complete in advance. All parents must show one proof of residency (utility bill – water, gas, electric) when registering to verify continued residency within CUSD4 boundaries. For school district information, please access the district's website at [www.chseagles.com](http://www.chseagles.com). Have a great summer!

### CREDIT CARD ACCEPTANCE

The City of Columbia offers credit and debit payment options through GovPayNet which accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover cards for payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week online ([www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com)) or by phone (1-888-604-7888). You may also make payments at various City offices or through the

City's website; click on the GovPayNet logo and follow the instructions. A service fee to GovPayNet is assessed on each transaction.



### **UTILITY BILL DIRECT DEBIT**

Don't forget you can sign up for direct debit payment of your monthly utility bill. This is a free service and can be initiated by completing a direct debit form which is available at City Hall.

### FREE LUNCH PROGRAM AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

Children of all ages in Columbia will now have FREE lunches available during the summer provided by TWIGS, a charitable non-profit organization partnering with Bethany United Methodist Church. Lunches will be distributed June 2 through August 15 (Monday—Friday) at the following locations:

- Meadow Ridge Park: 11:30—11:55 a.m.
- Metter Memorial Park: 12:05—12:30 p.m.

The TWIGS organization has been providing free summer lunches throughout the Metro-East since 2011. Learn more about TWIGS and this lunch program at [twigsforkids.org](http://twigsforkids.org).



### NORTH MAIN RESURFACING TO OCCUR IN SUMMER 2014

The City will be undertaking the resurfacing of North Main from Whiteside to Crestview in Summer 2014. Bids will be received on June 13, 2014 with construction work expected in July, August and September of 2014. The project will remove the existing asphalt surface, have repair work performed on the underlying concrete pavement and replace the asphalt surface. The work will also include having all sidewalk curb ramps brought up to current accessibility standards. Project side road entrances onto Main Street that are not concrete at this time will have concrete entrances constructed. Residents and motorists are cautioned to watch for detours and lane closures during the construction work. As always your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated as the roadway improvement project is performed.

## COLUMBIA RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE WASTE REMOVAL

Landscape waste removal is every Tuesday for the entire City from March thru November. Set bags out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. The landscape waste will be picked up by a separate truck.

Bags for removal of the landscape waste may be purchased from Reliable Sanitation. They are also sold at Columbia Market and Schnucks grocery stores at a cost of \$1.25/bag.

You may also purchase your own landscape waste bags, however a \$1.00 Reliable Sanitation trash sticker must be attached to each bag. These stickers are sold at Columbia Market, Schnucks, Columbia Ace Hardware and the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**Please be advised there is no landscape waste removal during the months of December, January and February.**

Questions? Call the City Clerk's Office at 281-7144, ext. 100.

J. Ronald Colyer  
City Clerk



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP COLUMBIA'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION ALIVE!**  
Please send a donation (payable to Columbia, IL July 4th Committee) to  
501 West Legion Ave., Columbia, IL 62236.  
Your support is greatly appreciated!

### WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

<b>The Hearing Hub</b> 634 N. Main St. Hearing health care-audiometric testing, hearing instruments, fitting & repair	<b>Jacob Psychotherapy (new location)</b> 310 Wedgewood Square Psychotherapy—individual & family counseling & consultation
<b>Doyle Orthodontics</b> 107 N. Main St., Suite 2B Orthodontics Office	<b>Art 2 Go Studio</b> 318B N. Main St. Art Parties & Studio
<b>Ross &amp; Baruzzini</b> 1180 Admiral Weinel Blvd. Engineering Services	<b>Marie's Ice Cream Shoppe</b> 1220 Columbia Centre Ice Cream Shop
<b>China Star</b> 1240 Columbia Centre Chinese Cuisine	<b>Too Blue Boutique</b> 212 Locust On-line clothing boutique (by appt. only)
<b>Disaster Restoration Pros</b> 212 W. Locust Fire, Water & Mold Restoration	<b>Midwest Carpet Cleaning</b> 212 W. Locust Carpet & Duct Cleaning
<b>Osterhage—Schwartz Farmers Insurance</b> 278 Southwoods Center	<b>Crawford Butz Insurance Agency</b> 212 Locust
<b>Main Street Barber &amp; Beard (opening soon)</b> 113 W. Gundlach Barber shop	<b>rabbits &amp; rags (new location)</b> 223 N. Main St. Vintage lifestyle boutique
<b>Curtis Jewelers, Floral &amp; Design (new location)</b> 110 Columbia Centre Jewelry, engraving, floral & gifts	<b>Please remember to support our local businesses when shopping throughout the year.</b>

### LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Lego Story Time**  
June 11—10:30 am  
July 16—1:00 pm

**Babygarten**  
9:30 am  
June 3, 10, 17, 24  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
Ages 4—18 mo.

**Tweengarten**  
4:00 pm  
June 11, 18, 25  
July 9, 16, 23  
Ages 19—36 mo.

**Story Time**  
10:00 am  
June 12, 26  
July 10, 24  
Ages 2—4

**Animal Tales Book Club**  
2:00—3:30 pm  
June 5, 12, 19  
For family with kids 10 and under

**Call 281-4237 to register.**



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## COLUMBIA LIBRARY EVENTS

June 11, 11 am  
**Magic withy Chris Egelston**



June 16, 1 pm  
**Edible Creations \***



June 17, 11 am  
**Tye Dye Iguana Reptiles**



June 19, 5:30-7:30 pm  
**Bunko Family Fun Night \***



June 23, 10-11:30 am  
**Tales to Tails \***



June 25, 11 am  
**K9 Police Officer Demonstration**



July 7, 10:30 am  
**Fred and his exotic birds  
(at Garden Place)**



July 9:  
**Field trip, dog agility  
training \* (Caseyville, IL)**



July 14, 10-11:30 am  
**Tales to Tails \***



July 21, 1 pm  
**Edible Creations \***



July 23, 10 am-noon  
**Monroe County Animal Shelter**



July 31, 11 am  
**Farmer Minor and his  
reading pig Daisy**



\* Registration Required



## Upcoming Events

More details — 281-7144 or  
[www.columbiaillinois.com](http://www.columbiaillinois.com)

June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, 8 am-1 pm:  
**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**  
drop-off at DOPW parking lot



June 21:  
**RADTOUR & HISTORIC MAIN ST.  
SCAVENGER HUNT** 25, 40 or 60  
mile scenic rides starting at City Hall  
PLUS discover some interesting finds at  
Historic Main Street merchant locations!

July 4:  
**4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**  
Bike Parade starting at ICS (down Main  
St.) to Metter Park: Decorate your bikes  
& show your patriotic spirit. Free games,  
music, and refreshments after the  
parade—prizes for best decorated bikes.



**American Legion**  
Bingo, Kloepfer, washers  
tournament, music,  
food, drinks, family fun &  
FABULOUS FIREWORKS!

**August 15 & 16, 4 pm-Midnight:  
COLUMBIA DAZE** - Games, rides,  
music & food at Metter Park.  
Main Street parade Saturday at 5pm.



## MUSIC AT METTER SUMMER CONCERTS

Gather your family and friends for a  
relaxing evening of music at **Metter  
Park from 6-8pm**. Brats, hot dogs and  
ice cold refreshments available.

**June 8: Highway 15**  
(Vintage Country & Upbeat Bluegrass)  
Sponsored by: George Weber Chevrolet  
And Maverick Technologies

**June 22: Waterloo German Band**  
(Songs of German American Heritage)  
Sponsored by: Reliable Sanitation and  
First National Bank of Waterloo

**July 6: Fanfare**  
(Motown, R&B, Country & Big Band)  
Sponsored by: Royal Gate & Mozel

**July 20: Waterloo Municipal Band**  
(Tribute to Hometown Team Exhibit &  
Performance by MASC) Sponsored by:  
HTC and Garden Place Senior Living

**August 3: Cactus Moon Band**  
(Classic Country & Mild Classic Rock)  
Sponsored by: Columbia Centre Market  
Place, Inc. and Bob Brockland Buick GMC

Thanks to our sponsors,  
all performances are  
**FREE** to the public!



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