

Columbia Quarterly

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Mayor
Kevin Hutchinson

The elected officials and I take great pride in our efforts to make Columbia a great place to live and raise a family. Our schools, churches, parks, civic organizations, service clubs and commercial climate all contribute to a quality of life that is second to none.

Columbia is a long-standing community proud of its heritage and confident about its future. Planned residential and commercial growth is essential to our continued success. With this in mind, Columbia will continue to be a premier location to live, play and do business.

The fall season is a favorite time of year for many. We would like to invite you to step out and enjoy some of Columbia's great annual events including — Songs4Soldiers, FestiFall, Witches Night Out and the Hi-Jinks to name a few.

Enjoy this beautiful fall season, and remember, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at: 281-7144 ext. 109 (office) or 281-5199 (home) or khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

New Director of Community Development



Emily Fultz

The City of Columbia is pleased to announce its new Director of Community Development, Emily Fultz. Most recently, Emily worked as Sustainability Coordinator for Madison County, and prior to that, she was the Director of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning for the City of Belleville. As a certified planner with years of economic and community development experience, Emily brings a valuable skill set to the City of Columbia.

Emily enjoys working to revitalize downtowns, create and maintain strong neighborhoods, and support new development that enhances community character. She was awarded the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association's Emerging Planner Award in 2014 for her work on the City of Belleville's Comprehensive Plan.

Emily has both a bachelor's and master's degree in Geography from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, pottery, baking, and outdoor activities.

SPECIAL CENSUS



Later this fall, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting a Special Census in some parts of the City of Columbia. During the Special Census, population will be counted in certain neighborhoods that have grown since the 2010 Census. 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. Most of the areas that will be counted in the Special Census include the following residential subdivisions: Brellinger, Briar Lakes, Columbia Lakes, Country Crossings, Fox Run Estates, Franke Farms, Gedern Estates, Joyview Acres, Milestone Manor, and Village of Wernings. If you live in or near these subdivisions, it is important that you participate in the Special Census. Your participation will result in increased funding for improvements within our community. Periodic updates will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page.



The Village of Wernings Phase IV is now open for sales and construction. This is the final addition to the Village of Wernings Subdivision. Phase IV consists of nineteen single-family residential zoned walkout lots. The development offers very attractive and generous sized partially wooded lots that back up to a tributary of Palmer Creek. The development is located at the intersection of Quarry and Rueck Road with great access to the surrounding St. Louis attractions. Other subdivisions that have several lots remaining for new construction homes are Fox Run Estates, Brellinger, Joyview Acres, and Country Crossings.

NORTH MAIN RESURFACING PHASE 2

The North Main Resurfacing Phase 2 construction project is substantially



complete. The project consisted of the resurfacing of North Main Street from Crestview Drive to IL Route 3. The project also involved pavement widening from Veterans Parkway to Midwest Petroleum. The pavement widening to 13 foot lanes meets IDOT's minimum criteria for a shared-use lane for bicycle accommodations. The project also included the addition of a sidewalk from Veterans Parkway to Midwest Petroleum. Side road entrances along Main Street were updated with concrete to provide an ADA compliant route across the side roads. The City now has pedestrian and bicycle accommodations along the entire length of Main Street. It is hoped that the residents of the City of Columbia will enjoy this addition to our sidewalk and trail network. Big thanks to the residents and motorists for their cooperation and patience during construction.

Hi-Jinks = Scare Square & Pumpkin Glow

Halloween Hi-Jinks will be bigger and better than ever this year as we **combine** our Saturday **Hi-Jinks** and **Halloween night Scare Square and Pumpkin Glow** into **one grand event**.



Bring the kids to trick-or-treat at Historic Main Street businesses and be sure to visit the City Hall parking lot for games, food and fun sponsored by local organizations and businesses! The new Halloween Hi-Jinks takes place Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Sirens in the City of Columbia

The emergency sirens are activated as follows:

- Fire Emergencies: sirens will sound four blasts between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day of the week during a fire callout.
- Tornado Emergencies or Other Disasters: sirens will sound one blast for three consecutive minutes, 24 hours a day, warning residents to immediately seek shelter.
- Testing Purposes: sirens will sound one blast, approximately 15 seconds in length, at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.



It should be noted that sirens sound one short blast at noon and 6 p.m. daily, except Sundays, out of tradition.

We ask that you please do not call the Communications Center dispatcher for updates on the tornado disaster siren. When that particular siren is going off, the storm is coming overhead and you should be taking cover at that point in time.

We recommend every household purchase a battery powered weather radio for weather updates. You can listen to the weather radio for information on the progress of the storm front as well as when the storm has cleared. It is also recommended that citizens register for emergency phone notifications on Code Red which can be found on our website: www.columbiailinois.com—Weather Alerts.

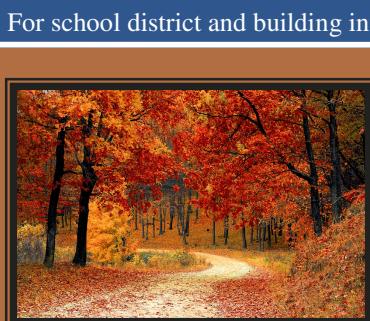
Emergency situations and critical community alerts will be received for instances such as evacuation notices, boil water notices and missing children alerts.

News from Columbia Unit School District



Columbia Unit School District #4 would like to welcome returning and new students and families to the 2016-2017 school year! CUSD 4 currently serves roughly 2,000 students in Grades K-12.

- The school district would like to welcome Mr. Kevin Moore who is the new principal at Columbia High School. Mr. Moore previously served as Assistant Principal at Chatham Glenwood High School. He has been busy meeting students, parents, and staff members. Mr. Moore is excited to be in Columbia.
- Many new teachers have been added to the CUSD 4 family. Please welcome: Kyle Stumpf (CMS Social Studies), Tyler Oberkfell (CHS Industrial Arts), Bethany Grandt (CHS Math), Megan Reddick (2nd grade), Lynn Webb (4th grade), Sarah Chudd (Kindergarten), and Kristen Miesner (Speech Pathologist.)
- The school district will be utilizing a new student management system called Skyward. Each parent and student will receive an email and password with directions on how to log on to the Family Access portal. The Family Access link will increase parent engagement, and provide grades, announcements, calendar, lunch menus, fees, absence notification, and more.
- The Columbia School District Foundation would like to celebrate the introduction of its new website - www.csdf4.org. The Foundation website showcases various needs of the school district and would like to spread the word to community members, family members, and CUSD 4 alumni to consider making a tax exempt charitable donation to fund one or more of the projects or to honor an individual. For more information, visit www.csdf4.org.
- Parents Wanted! CUSD 4 is looking for interested parents to join one or more of the parent associations that support students and programs. Please consider becoming a member of: PTA (Parent Teacher Association), Ag Science Association, Music Boosters, and Sports Boosters. Contact information for each association can be found on the district's website or call the district office at 281-4772.
- For sport fans in the community, a family season pass can be obtained at the high school office. The cost for the season pass is \$100.00 which will allow family entry at all CMS and CHS athletic events. Go Eagles!



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Debbie's Specialties

319 N. Main St.

New & pre-owned furniture and décor

Lee Lee Nail

318 N. Main St., Suite B
Nail Salon

Massage Kneaded

207 N. Main St., Suite 103C
Massage Therapy

Triada Advisors

1003 N. Main St.
Financial Broker

LIMB AND LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM FOR 2016

The limb pick up service for Fall 2016 will take place the weeks beginning on October 3 and October 10. If you have limbs to be picked up please have them by the curb in front of your residence by 6 a.m. on either Monday, October 3 or Monday, October 10.

The leaf pick up service will begin on Monday, October 17 and continue until Friday, December 2. 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 grass clippings, limbs, branches and twigs, acorns, gum-balls or anything other than leaves. The leaf vacuums cannot pick up these types of items.

If you have any questions about the leaf and limb pick up service please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 281-7144.





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Upcoming Events

For more info call 281-7144 or visit www.columbiaillinois.com—calendar

Electronics & Appliances Recycling

(2nd Sat.) - Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 8am-noon DOPWV
Parking Lot, collecting electronics, appliances, anything with a cord, batteries & more! NOTE: Tube TVs/monitors are NOT accepted.

Songs4Soldiers

Sept. 10, 2-11pm: Featuring performances by ClusterPluck, The Dave Glover Band (all Beatles set), PettyCash Junction, Joe Dirt, Where's Charlie? and Superjam. Kids' zone, food & beverage vendors—benefiting combat veterans at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park. (Rain date 9/11)

Kiwanis Fishing Derby: Sept. 24:

Columbia Sportsman's Club

FestiFall Sept. 25,
1-6pm: Smash Band, food, wine tasting, unique merchandise. Rock climbing wall, inflatable, bubble bus, pumpkin and face painting, balloon artist and more fun for kids - Metter Park.



Kiwanis Radtour - Bicycle Ride

Oct. 1, 8am: 7 mile fun ride or 25, 40 & 60 mile scenic routes
Schnucks Market Place

Tree Limb Pick-Up

Weeks of Oct. 3 & 10: Place limbs (only) near curb by 6 am.



Witches Ghoulish Night Out

Oct. 13, 5-9pm: Adult witches costume contest, shop, food & brew on Main St.

Leaf Pick-Up Oct. 17 through Dec. 2

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

Halloween Hi-Links & Scare Square

Oct. 22, 10am-12:30pm: Participating businesses welcome trick-or-treaters. Trunk-or-treating & activities—Main St. and City Hall parking lot.

Veterans Honor-Que Nov. 4 & 5:

BBQ competition Fri. & Sat.; BBQ & Beer dance Fri. night—American Legion

Bicentennial Gala Nov. 5, 5-11pm:

Dinner, Bob Kuban Band—Turner Hall. Tickets on sale 9/6 (8am) at City Hall or at www.columbiaillinois.com.

Veteran's Day Nov. 11, 11am:

Ceremony at American Legion.

Holiday Hunt Nov. 19 & 20:

Aim for great deals for the holidays; chances to win nice prizes too!

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Babygarten *

Meets every Tues., 10am:
Ages 4—18 months (begins Sept. 13)



Lego Story Time *

Meets every Tues., 4pm:
All ages. (Begins Sept. 13)



Library Friends Pre-K *

Meets every Wed., 9:30-11am:
Ages 3—5 (begins Sept. 7)

Movers & Shakers *

Meets every Fri., 10am:
Ages 19 months—3 yrs. (begins Sept. 9)

DIY Essential Oils 3 Part Series *

Sept. 3, Oct. 1 & Nov. 26, 10 am:
Fizz bombs, hand cleanser & house cleaner

Dog Tag Design

Oct. 6, 10am—Noon: Ages 10 & up
Design one with your name.

Halloween Hoopla

Oct. 20, 11am: Halloween stories, fun & games. Costume welcome. Ages 3-5

Food for Fines

Nov. 1—30: For every dollar you owe in fines, you can pay with a canned good. Restrictions apply.

Chess for Families * Nov. 12, 10am:

Learn how to play or just come if you want to play. 11 & up are welcome.

*Registration Required

