

Columbia Quarterly

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There have been some amazing ways to create lasting memories in 2016 with the Monroe County Bicentennial activities, Columbia's summer concerts and movies at the park, fall fun and festivals, but hold on — there is more to come! November and December are chock-full of events to spend quality time with family and friends and I hope you don't miss out! Check out the event calendar on the back of this newsletter or our website for more details.

Columbia was recently featured on Channel 2 morning news highlighting some of the great things our city has to offer. With the holidays quickly approaching, I'd like to encourage you to shop at our local retail businesses and unique shops first — they are anxious to help you with your holiday shopping list. Planning a Christmas party and need catering services or a location to host your party? Check out our website ... Resource Directory—Restaurants for a list of excellent options ready to give you a hand.

I welcome your concerns and comments, so please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 281-7144 ext. 109, at home at (618) 281-5199 or khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com.

Sending heartfelt best wishes to you and yours for the upcoming holidays & new year!



Mayor Hutchinson

HISTORIC MAIN ST. STREETSCAPE- PHASE 2

The City of Columbia has been awarded approximately \$1,000,000 from an Illinois Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant to complete Phase 2 of the Main Street Streetscape Project. The project includes the removal and replacement of deteriorated sidewalks, the construction of ADA compliant intersection curb ramps, ornamental street lights and signs, and the addition of trees from Whiteside Street to Oak Street. The project is consistent with the City of Columbia's Master Plan to, "achieve the preservation and enhancement of Main Street as a vibrant commercial and historical center of the City with a variety of activities and a selection of goods and services where people can walk, ride bicycles or drive to take advantage of these amenities." Design of the project should begin in 2017 with construction in late 2018. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Chris Smith, City Engineer at (618) 281-7144 ext. 107 or via email at csmith@columbiaillinois.com.



OUTSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments presented an Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award to the Kaskaskia Cahokia Trail on November 10 during its 51st annual meeting, recognizing area governments and officials for the achievement in the areas of public service, leadership and productive collaboration among local governments. The City of Columbia works in partnership with leaders of St. Clair County, Randolph County and Monroe County to research, preserve and promote the historic Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail, which was designated a State Historic and Scenic Route in 2014. For more information on the Trail, visit www.kctrailillinois.org. You may be surprised at the amount of history you'll find right in your own backyard!



Columbia Police Department

The Mission of the Columbia Police Department, in cooperation with our community, is to protect life and property, and enhance the quality of life for all our citizens.

Columbia Police Drug “Take-Back” A Continued Success

In July of 2012, the Columbia Police Department placed a container donated by the Illinois American Water Company and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the lobby of our police department to “Take-Back” medication.

The goal of the prescription drug take-back program is to make it easier for the public to drop off unused, out of date, or unwanted prescription drugs and keep them from unintended use.” This also keeps people from flushing harmful medication into our water system.

To date we have collected and incinerated 1,524 pounds of drugs from the Columbia Police take-back box.

No forms or additional information is required and the disposal box is easily accessible for drop-offs in the lobby of the Columbia Police Department.

No cost!! No questions asked!!!



**Chief Jerald D. Paul
Deputy Chief Jason P. Donjon**

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LANDSCAPE WASTE REMOVAL—REMINDER

The last day for curbside leaf removal will be Friday, December 2.
There will be no landscape waste removal during the months of December, January and February.



CONSIDER HOLIDAY GIVING TO LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION



Restricted Gifts

You may have an interest in an area of the City and choose to give a restricted or designated gift whose purpose is to strengthen a particular program, department or capital need. A restricted gift, if approved by the City Council, is used solely for the projects that you specify.

Unrestricted Gifts

An unrestricted gift allows the City to address its areas of greatest need. This type of gift provides the most flexibility when distributed. Such gifts may be combined with other funds to permit the City to initiate major institutional goals. Donations may be made any time through checks made out to, “Columbia PLAY Foundation” and gifts are deductible under the Internal Revenue Code

Memorial and Commemorative Gifts

A thoughtful way to honor a loved one, friend or colleague is through a memorial/commemorative gift. Contributions may be made to any area of the City. The individual being honored or family of the deceased individual will be notified of the contribution and a permanent record of such gift will be maintained in the official records of the City. Items available for contribution include: Memorial bench or table, Welcome Center paver or a Metter Park commemorative brick.

For more information: visit columbiaillinois.com, (How do I...) or contact Sue Spargo at (618) 281-3345 or email sspargo@columbiaillinois.com.



HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!

Santa will make his grand entrance this season at the Bright Night Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3. This year's parade theme is, "An Old Fashion Christmas." Santa and Mrs. Claus will follow the lighted floats down Historic Main Street and make their way to Turner Hall to meet the good little girls and boys at the Turner Hall Christmas Social which runs from 5 p.m.—10 p.m. Families will enjoy food, fun and entertainment all evening. Turner Hall will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank.

Santa will also visit with the kids on weekends at the Welcome Center (Shoemaker School House) located at 600 Gall Road. He will be visiting from the North Pole from 1—4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, December 4 through December 18. Bring the kids to share their Christmas lists with Santa, register for a letter from him, make a craft and enjoy a treat!



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

College Preparation Station

(618) 978-4731

207 N. Main Street, Suite 107

Professional college preparation tutoring
high school students

Global Green Insurance

(618) 281-9080

207 N. Main Street, Suite 103 F

Insurance broker

Prairie Engineers of Illinois, P.C.

(217) 605-0403

107 N. Main Street, Suite C & D

Consulting engineering & land surveying



HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular Friday (Nov. 25) trash and recycling removal will be on Saturday (Nov. 26).

LARGE ITEM TRASH REMOVAL

The next large item curbside trash removal is Tuesday (Nov. 29).

CHRISTMAS

Trash removal for Tuesday (Dec. 27) and Friday (Dec. 30): 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

After New Years, Tuesday (Jan. 3) and Friday (Jan. 6) trash & recycling removal has not changed. 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 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.. until 12:00 noon. Any questions, call the City Clerk's Office at (618) 281-7144 ext. 100.



DID YOU KNOW ...

Kaskaskia, which had served as the territorial seat of government since 1809, became the first Illinois State Capital? Founded in 1703 by French Jesuits, this city had long played a prominent role in the history of the Illinois country and was one of the most important settlements in the territory.





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Upoming Events

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2ND SAT. ELEC. RECYCLING

**Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11
8 a.m.—Noon:** - Public Works Parking Lot Drop off electronics, appliances, batteries & more. Tube monitors/TVs and light bulbs not accepted.

C.R.O.W.N. SPARKLEFEST

Nov. 17, 6-9pm

Turner Hall:

Vendors offering great gift ideas and attendance prizes.



HOLIDAY HUNT

Nov. 19 & 20: Deer hunting weekend for the guys ... Holiday Hunt weekend for the girls! Shop for gifts at Historic Main St.—aim for great deals and nice prizes!!



**ICS
CRAFT FAIR**
**Dec. 3,
9am—3pm**
ICS Gym

Christmas Parade

BRIGHT NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec. 3, 5pm — Historic Main St.: Bundle up for a festive night of bright lights, festive floats and holiday cheer!

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Dec. 3, 6pm — Keep the holiday spirit flowing at Turner Hall after the parade. Santa and activities—great fun for the kids, chili, hotdogs, drinks & more!

SANTA AT WELCOME CENTER

Dec. 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18 1-4pm

Avoid the mall traffic and crowds and stop by a cozy setting in the old Shoemaker School House/Welcome Center. Kids enjoy a treat and craft.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER FUN

Dec. 8, 5-9pm: Wear your ugly Christmas sweater, have some fun and wrap up those final items on your gift list on Historic Main St.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Jan. 7, 10am—noon City Park near Parkview Elementary

LIBRARY EVENTS

Food for fines—during the month of Nov. bring in a nonperishable food item for every \$1.00 you owe towards fines.

CHESS FOR FAMILIES*

Nov. 12, 10am-noon: Join us to play or learn how to play. Ages 11—adult.

DIY ESSENTIAL OILS*

Nov. 26, 10am: Learn to make synthetic-free cleaners, fizz bombs and hand cleaner. Great idea for Christmas gifts.

SANTA

Dec. 3, 10am-noon: Stories, crafts and fun with the jolly man himself.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE*

Dec. 10, 2 sessions 10am & 1pm: Design your own gingerbread house. Have the fun without the clean-up. Free, seating limited.

BEATLES & ROLLING STONES

Jan. 17: An hour-long multimedia presentation that compares the Beatles and the Rolling Stones through their music and interviews. Presented by the nation's only full-time Beatles scholar, Aaron Krerowicz.

* Registration Required

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

