



COLUMBIA QUARTERLY

CITY OF COLUMBIA

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Fresh air, warmer temperatures and blooming flowers are right around the corner, so let's get ready to SPRING into action! This colorful season gives us renewed energy to be productive or simply get out and enjoy what our great city has to offer. As always, we have a lot of options to choose from in both categories.

There is a great sense of accomplishment in spring cleaning by purging unwanted household items and donating/recycling at our annual recycle event. Or, if you're feeling really ambitious and want to make a little extra cash, take advantage of our City Wide Yard Sale, which attracts a lot of bargain hunters — seeking to repurpose your unwanted treasures and give them new life.

Our local businesses take pride in offering a variety of shopping, wining & dining experiences, and our city staff does an excellent job providing nice parks and an wide range of special events for all ages. Be sure to check the website calendar for more options — we couldn't fit them all on the back page.

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



Mayor Hutchinson



REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE EVENT APRIL 8TH (10 am—2 pm) COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

NICE TWICE: Gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys and household items.

COLUMBIA LIBRARY: Gently used books. Not accepting encyclopedias or text books.

RELIABLE SANITATION: Glass, plastic, cardboard, aluminum and large non-recyclable items (not larger than a recliner).

RNA WORLDWIDE: Computer & audio/video equipment, flat screen TVs & monitors, lawn equipment, appliances, & electronics. **Tube TVs and monitors will not be accepted.**

SECURE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION SERVICES: Shredding paper documents while you wait. We added a second truck this year! 5 box maximum please. Thanks to Columbia National Bank and Midland States Bank for sponsoring this service.



APRIL 7 & 8

A "Yard Sale Directory/Map" (listing yard sale, time, location and items for sale) will be available on the city's website or a copy can be picked up at the Clerk's Office on April 5, 6 or 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To be listed on the directory, complete the "Directory Form" (available on the city's website www.columbiaillinois.com) and return it to the Clerk's Office or e-mail the form to Sue Spargo spargo@columbiaillinois.com.

**Forms must be turned in by
Wednesday, March 22
to be listed on the directory.**

GET SOCIAL WITH US

Are you following us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter? Be sure to find us @knowcolumbia to keep up with all the latest news in the community. Learn what businesses are opening, share your input on certain issues, or find out what's going on with road construction. It's a great way to "knowcolumbia"!





NEWS FROM COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 4



A year ago March, the voters in Monroe County approved the \$.01 School Facility Sales Tax which provides Columbia, Waterloo, and Valmeyer School Districts a funding source for maintaining and improving school facilities. Columbia began receiving the monthly payment in November of 2016 which generates an average of \$65,000 per month for the school district. Facility needs were quickly identified and planning began on how best to utilize the facility sales tax receipts for building improvements. Thus far, the school district has been able to replace windows at Columbia Middle School, install energy efficient gymnasium and cafeteria LED lights at Parkview School, and purchase bleachers for the softball field that were assembled by the construction class. In addition, the facility sales tax revenue will fund a larger Health Life Safety HVAC project at Parkview School with a new energy efficient geo thermal heating and cooling system being installed over the summer. Proceeds from the sales tax will be allocated to fund the new debt required for this capital project. The Rest Room/Concession Stand project that was not completed last year due to bids coming in higher than budgeted should also be moving forward pending new bid results this March or April. The school district is extremely thankful for the passing of the facility sales tax which allows much needed improvements to become a reality.

Columbia CUSD 4 is also celebrating the great success of Columbia High School's cheerleading squad and boys' bowling team. Both teams competed at the highest state level and earned top honors. The Girls' Cheerleading Team earned the title of State Runner-Up by placing 2nd place in the medium division at state in Bloomington. The boys' bowling team also competed at the bowling state tournament with Justin Budde finishing 25th overall in the entire state of Illinois.

Lastly, the school district is now registering new kindergarten students at Eagleview Elementary. Please stop by the school or contact the school office at 281-4995 to complete enrollment information. We look forward to meeting our new 2017-2018 kindergarten class!



LIMB REMOVAL SERVICE

Limb removal service for the spring will be scheduled for one week in early April. Limb removal service for the fall will be scheduled for two weeks in early October. The schedule for limb removal service is subject to change and will be firmly set as we get closer to those months. Please watch for notices concerning the limb removal services as the dates for the service become closer.

LANDSCAPE WASTE REMOVAL

Curbside landscape waste removal will be every Tues. beginning March 7.
Set landscape waste bags out
at the curb by 6 a.m.



The City of Columbia has begun the process of updating its zoning code. The zoning code is a document that contains rules and regulations pertaining not only to how property in the City is *used*, but also to its *form* – things like height, setback from property line, and building material.

Over the next few months, we will be using social media to ask residents and business owners how they feel about certain aspects of our community. For example, you may see questions asking you about the importance of maintaining the historic character of downtown, or your favorite aspects of your neighborhood. The responses we receive will help shape our updated code and the future of our community. If you have questions, email or call Emily Fultz, Director of Community Development, at efultz@columbiaillinois.com or 281-7144 x 118.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @knowcolumbia. We thank you for your participation!

Message from Columbia Police—Preventing Thefts from Automobiles



The Columbia Police Department would like to prevent their residents from becoming victims of avert-able crimes. Stealing property from vehicles is a crime of opportunity. If residents remove the opportunity by locking their doors and removing items from sight, they significantly reduce their chances of being victimized. Crime statistics indicate that vehicles with items of value left in plain view are prime targets for theft. Criminals are ransacking unsecured vehicles for items such as radar detectors, mobile phones, small electronics, briefcases, purses, gym bags, and laptops.

Preventative measures to be taken:

- Do not keep valuables in your vehicles – if unavoidable, store the items out of plain view or lock them in your trunk.
- Secure your vehicle by locking the doors and rolling up the windows.
- Turn your vehicle's alarm on if applicable.
- Do not store spare keys on the automobile's outer perimeter.
- Park your vehicles in a well-lit area.

If you see suspicious activity occurring around parked vehicles, we ask that you call the Columbia PD immediately. Once connected to our dispatcher, you should be ready to give pertinent information such as a physical description, direction of travel, vehicle description of suspect if used, and vehicle license plate number.

BUDGET TIME

The City is in the process of preparing the budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. At Committee of the Whole meetings from now until mid-April, City Administrator, James Morani and Accounting Manager, Linda Sharp will discuss various components of the budget. Topics covered will include projected revenue, projected expenditures, capital projects, equipment purchases, cash flow projections and fee schedule adjustments. The budget will be posted for public inspection in early April.



Illinois Poison Prevention Month (IPPM) March 1-31, 2017

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Put the Illinois Poison Control number, (800) 222-1222 in your mobile phone and display it in your home and at work in case of emergency, or if you have questions. Calls are free, confidential, and answered by experts, 24/7, 365 days a year.

PRACTICE SAFE STORAGE HABITS

Ideally, the following things should be stored in their original containers, away and out of sight of children. All medications and pharmaceuticals, tobacco and e-cigarette products, alcohol, laundry and cleaning supplies, pesticides and insect repellents, oil and lubricants, and personal care products. Proper storage 101 video please visit <http://illinoispoisoncenter.org/videos/ProperStorage>

READ AND FOLLOW LABELS AND DIRECTIONS

Make a habit of reviewing the label on any potentially hazardous substance or product prior to use, especially before administering medications. Take care to follow not only usage directions, but the directions provided for safe storage and disposal as well.



BUSINESS UPDATES

Gateway Urgent Care

1000 Eleven South 1A (*now open*)
Urgent Care

KAT Jewelry Boutique & Gifts

223 N. Main St. (*new location*)
Boutique—clothing & jewelry sales

RBPC/Progressive Family Care

1000 Eleven South, 2E (*new location*)
Doctor's office (family practice)

Proving Ground Café

180 Columbia Centre (*opening soon*)
Coffee & café

Quantum Solutions, Inc.

504 DD Road (*new location*)
Electrical engineering

Roseberry Farms

115 W. Gundlach (*new location*)
Antiques, home décor, gift shop

Ultima Disaster Restoration

119 Southwoods Center (*now open*)
Fire, water & storm restoration



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Upcoming Events

LUCKY LADIES NIGHT OUT

March 16, 5—9 pm
Historic Main Street



EPPINGER FOUNDATION CONCERT
March 25, 7:00 pm: Music by
Mariachi Azteca Nueva
—American Legion



CITY WIDE YARD SALE
April 7 & 8:
Approx. 100 yard sales.

RECYCLE EVENT

April 8, 10am—2pm:
Accepting gently used household
items, recycling appliances/electronics,
paper shredding & more—HS parking lot.



CENTURY 21 EASTER EGG HUNT
April 8, 10:00am: Bolm-Schuhkraft Park



A CAUSE FOR PAWS
April 8, 5-11pm:
Helping Strays Dinner Auction
—The Falls

ROTTEN EGG HUNT

April 21, 8—10pm:
Adults 21 & up, Sponsored
by Historic Main Street
at the American Legion Park
www.mymainstreetcolumbia.com



EPPINGER FOUNDATION CONCERT
April 30, 7:00 pm: Dixieland
tunes by Red Lehr and the
Rivermen—American Legion

KENTUCKY DERBY MOUSE RACES

May 6, 6-10pm:
Sponsored by the Rotary Club
—ICS Gym



RELAY FOR LIFE May 13, 3-11pm:
Gather a team; come out to support,
honor and remember those affected by
cancer. Sponsored by the American
Cancer Society—Metter Park

TICKET TO THE BEATLES

May 20, 3-8pm: Sponsored
by Historic Main Street;
Beatles tribute, food &
Vendors—Metter Park



LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK-UP

May 30: Residential curbside pick up.



MUSIC AT METTER

June 11, 6pm:
Music by Waterloo German Band
Sponsored by Reliable Sanitation,
1st National Bank of Waterloo,
Columbia Chamber of Commerce

MOVIES AT METTER

June 17, dusk:
Featuring Star Wars -
The Force Awakens



**MONTHLY ELECTRONICS &
APPLIANCES RECYCLING**
March 11 & May 13, 8am—Noon:
Public Works Parking Lot
Tube TVs & monitors not accepted.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Babygarten *
Meets every Tues.,
10am: Ages 4—18 months

Library Friends Pre-K *
Meets every Wed.,
9:30-11am: Ages 3—5

Movers & Shakers *
Meets every Fri.,
10am: Ages 19 months—3 yrs.



Tech Time
March 14, April 11 & May
9, 2-4pm: Instructions on
E books / audio books

A Glance At The Past
March 31, 1-3pm: Columbia historian
Gene Haller sharing stories & knowledge.

CPR Training
April 27, 6pm &
29, 9:30 am

* Registration Required



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