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Know Columbia

# Columbia Quarterly 2018

## Columbia, Illinois



**Mayor Hutchinson**

I always look forward to our spring CQ; it means warmer weather is right around the corner. I'm ready to get outside and enjoy all of the great things about this season and I'm sure you are too!

There is a lot going on in Columbia ... are you in the "KNOW?" Be sure to find us @knowcolumbia on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to keep up with all the latest news in the community. Learn what businesses are opening, share your input on certain issues, find out what's going on with road construction and hear about what special events are scheduled. It's a great way to "knowcolumbia."

As always, 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.



### MAXIMIZE YOUR SAFETY WITH CodeRED

In an effort to warn citizens of oncoming emergencies we would like to once again remind and encourage everyone to sign up for the CodeRED system. CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to City of Columbia / Monroe County residents. This system will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

The City of Columbia public safety officials encourage you to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so be sure to register today to receive the information you need, when it matters, regarding events such as:

- Inclement Weather Warnings
- Missing Persons / Children
- Road Closures / Traffic Alerts
- Shelter in Place / Lockdowns
- Evacuation Notices
- Boil Water Advisories
- Criminal Activities
- Natural Disasters

Don't wait! Start receiving notifications that could save your life. Sign up today. Go to [www.columbiaillinois.com](http://www.columbiaillinois.com) and click on the "Alert—CodeRED" tab in the left column of the home page to enroll, or download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app available in the App Store or Google Play.

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING IMPORTANT REMINDER



Please make sure ONLY recyclable materials are placed in the recycle totes. If unaccepted items are included in your tote, the recycle plant may reject the entire truck load of recyclable items.

#### Accepted items include:

**Paper:** Including catalogs and telephone books.

**Glass Bottles:**\* No need to remove labels or rings around neck.

**Single Ply & Corrugated Cardboard:** Please break down boxes.

**Tin, Steel & Aluminum Cans\***

**Plastics:**\* Only household plastic containers #1 –7, look on bottom of container for #.

\*Please rinse containers thoroughly.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**  
Light bulbs or window glass,  
Styrofoam, bubble wrap,  
plastic grocery bags and  
newspaper wrappers.

## Upcoming Road Projects for 2018



- **IL Route 3 and Gall Road Intersection Improvement Project:** The proposed project consists of widening Gall Road for a new left turn at IL Route 3 with new hot mix asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewer, and traffic signals. The intersection will be closed for approximately 6 weeks during the summer.
- **South Main Street Resurfacing Project:** 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.
- **Main Street Streetscape Project—Phase 2:** Design has begun and should take approximately one year to complete. 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."

### BUDGET TIME



The City is in the process of preparing the budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019. At Committee of

the Whole meetings from now until mid-April, City Administrator James Morani and Accounting Manager Linda Sharp will present to the City Council 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, prior to its adoption on April 16.

### Avoid Sewage Backups In Your Home

Just like your drain pipes, your main sewer line can become clogged, which can cause sewage backups in your home. If it is just one toilet, sink or tub that seems to be giving you a problem, it may just be a clog in the drain. If, however, every flush creates a sewage backup in your home, you likely have a blockage in your main sewer line.

Most sewer clogs can be prevented with regular maintenance and proper use of your drains. Here are a few tips that will help keep your sewer line clear.

- ◆ **Don't use your toilet as a trash can.** Flushing facial tissues, napkins, diapers and other waste down your toilet creates clogs.
- ◆ **Use your garbage disposal wisely.** Avoid dumping large quantities of anything down your garbage disposal that can become lodged within your sewer line.
- ◆ **Don't pour grease down your drain.** Grease and fat, although liquid when poured down your drain, can harden within your plumbing, collecting debris and creating a stubborn clog.



### News from Columbia CUSD 4

Two exciting honors have recently been presented to Columbia CUSD 4! First, Parkview School has been nominated as one of sixteen schools in Illinois to receive the National Blue Ribbon School recognition. The United States Department of Education identified Parkview School as a school that continually maintains top state test scores compared to other schools in Illinois. In addition, Columbia High School has been placed on the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual A.P. (Advanced Placement) Honor Roll by the College Board who oversees the national program. This honor recognizes Columbia High School for continually increasing A.P. course opportunities and having students who excel on the A.P. exam. Currently, the high school offers 7 A.P. courses and 24 dual credit courses partnering with SWIC and SLU whereby students can earn college credit prior to entering college.

Columbia CUSD 4 is also celebrating the great success of teams and individuals who advanced to state competition which is an extremely difficult task to accomplish. Congratulations to the Boys' Cross Country Team, the Boys' Bowling Team, the Girls' Cheerleading Team, and chorus students Sarah Grindstaff and Sienna Haubein who all qualified to compete at the state level.

Lastly, the school district is now registering new kindergarten students and tuition preschool 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 2018-2019 kindergarten class!



## Car and Booster Seats

Car seats and booster seats provide protection for infants and children in a crash, yet car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. That is why it is so important to choose and use the right car seat every time your child is in a vehicle. Visit [www.safecar.gov](http://www.safecar.gov) for tips on selecting the most appropriate seat for your child's age and weight.

Installing a car seat for younger children and babies can be a challenge. The City of Columbia Emergency Medical Services is proactive in ensuring your child's safety while riding in a vehicle. We provide, to our residents, free car seat checkups or installation by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. We will also teach you how to use and install your car seat on your own. Please contact Columbia EMS at 281-4163 to set up an appointment.



# City Wide YARD SALE

### APRIL 13 & 14

A "Yard Sale Directory/Map" listing yard sale, time, location and items for sale will be available on the city's website beginning Tuesday, April 10 or a copy can be picked up at the Clerk's Office on April 10, 11, 12 or 13 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](http://www.columbiaillinois.com)) and return it to the Clerk's Office or e-mail the form to [yardsales@columbiaillinois.com](mailto:yardsales@columbiaillinois.com).

**Directory forms must be received by Wednesday, March 22.**



## 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 scheduled dates.

### REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE EVENT

APRIL 14 (10 am—2 pm)

### COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:



REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

**Nice Twice:** Gently used clothing/shoes, furniture, toys & household items.

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

**CJD E-Cycling:** Computer & audio/video equipment, flat screen TVs & monitors, rechargeable batteries, lawn equipment, appliances, & electronics. Small fee to recycle CRT, projection, plasma and console TVs based on size.

**Secure Document Destruction Services:** 5 box maximum please. Thanks to Columbia National Bank and Midland States Bank for sponsoring this service.

#### NOT ACCEPTING:

Paints, light bulbs, alkaline batteries, smoke detectors, DVD/VHS/CD or Cassette Tapes, household chemicals and tires.

**For a complete list of accepted items go to [columbiaillinois.com](http://columbiaillinois.com).**

### LANDSCAPE WASTE REMOVAL

Curbside landscape waste removal will be every Tuesday beginning March 6 through November. Set landscape waste bags out at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

Innovative Movement Dance Company  
116 W. Locust  
Dance studio

### WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Just Fakin' Tans  
207 N. Main St., Suite 103E  
Sunless spray tan

LaRencontre Gifts and Antiques  
538 S. Main St.  
Home décor, antiques, vintage items, furniture, jewelry & clothing

Burger King  
360 Columbia Centre  
Fast food restaurant

Chelsy Lyn Hair & Makeup  
207 N. Main St., Suite 103D  
Bridal & special event hair styling & makeup artistry



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## Upcoming Events

### Sweetheart Cabaret—City of Stars

March 9 & 10, 7 pm,  
March 11, 2pm

Columbia Junior High

### Big Muddy Dance Company

March 10, 7 pm  
American Legion



### Daylight Saving Time

March 11—Spring ahead one hour

### Lucky Ladies Night Out

March 15, 5—9 pm  
Historic Main Street



### Century 21 Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, 1:30 pm  
Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

### Human Support Services Trivia Night

March 24, 7 pm  
American Legion

### Rotten Egg Hunt (Adults 21 & up)

April 6, 6:30 pm  
Bolm-Schuhkraft Park

### City Wide Yard Sale

April 13 & 14 Approx. 100 yard sales.



### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event

April 14, 10 am—2 pm: See page 3  
High School Parking Lot



### A Cause For Paws

April 14  
Dinner Auction —The Falls

### Red Lehr and the Rivermen

April 22, 7 pm  
American Legion



### Monroe County CEO Trade Show

April 25, 4 - 7 pm: 11 South, 5th Floor

### Sweetie & The Toothaches Concert

May 12, 3 - 8 pm: Jump blues band, retail and food vendors, sponsored by HMSCA Metter Park

### Movies at Metter Park

May 18, dusk  
Featuring Moana



### Large Item Curbside Pick-Up

May 29: Residential curbside pick up.

### Wednesday Workout Series

June & July, 7 pm Free Wednesday workouts with modifications for all ages

Metter Park

### Music at Metter Park

June 10, 6 - 8 pm:  
Music by Waterloo German Band

### Music at Metter Park

June 24, 6 - 8 pm:  
Music by Brother Wailin'

### Weekly / Monthly Programs

- Tot-Time (0-2 yrs.)
- Story Hour (3-5.yrs.)
- Wiggle Worms (18mo - 5 yrs.)
- LEGO Club (kids)
- STEAM Explorers (6-12 yrs.)
- Teens Advisory Board (12-17 yrs.)
- Pizza & Paperbacks (Teens)
- Novels at Night (Adults)
- Free Tax Help with AARP (Adults)



### Teen Job Readiness Workshop

March 3, 1 pm (14-19 yrs.)

### \*How to Find Your \$ for College

March 5, 6 pm (Teen / Adults)

### 2018 Teen Job Fair

March 10, 1 pm (16-19 yrs.)

### \*Sahaja Meditation—Meditation

March 12 & 27, 6:30 pm (Adults)

### Medicare 101

March 20 & May 15, 6:30 pm (Adults)

### \*Basic Knitting

April 7 & 28, 9:30 am (Teen / Adults)

### \*Empower Yourself Financial

April 19, 6 pm (Adults)

### \*Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

April 19, 6:45 pm (Adults)

\* Registration Required - 281-4237

