

Columbia Quarterly

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We are always looking for ways to improve our community and quality of life in Columbia. Soon, you will see improvements at the intersection of Gall Road and Route 3, additions to the Main Street streetscape, and a new pedestrian and bike trail connecting Main Street to Bolm-Schukraft Park. In the last two years, we have secured over \$2.3 million in Federal Grants for community improvements. The offices at City Hall will also be getting a much needed update. New offices will be added and the Building & Zoning and Clerk's office will have a totally new layout. Please be patient in the next few months when visiting City Hall during the construction process. Once complete, we anticipate the new layout will be more convenient for our customers.



Mayor Hutchinson

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.



**EMS STRONG
STRONGER
TOGETHER**

In celebration of EMS Week during the month of May, EMS hosted its first annual Public Safety Open House at the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department. Many residents and their families attended in spite of the rain and weather conditions. This year's event was a huge success, with the support of vendors who provided educational materials and free items to those in attendance. On site, we had the following entities: St. Louis Children's Hospital, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis University Hospital, Memorial Hospital/BJC, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, MOCO/Columbia EMA. St. Louis Children's Hospital brought out their Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance and ILEAS brought out their Bearcat vehicle for viewing. Columbia Police, Dispatch, EMS and Fire had representatives on site to answer any questions regarding the services provided to the residents of our community. A special thanks to Dr. Cangas at Ideal Pediatrics for attending and handing out bicycle helmets to all the children present. EMS Week this year was May 21-25, with a theme of EMS Strong: Stronger Together. This is the belief of all of the City of Columbia's Public Safety Departments; we all work together for the betterment of our community and our residents.

Follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaEMS/>

SAFETY TOWN RETURNS

The Columbia Police Department will be hosting Safety Town again this summer for two weeks during the month of June. During the last 13 years, over 1,200 local children have participated. The five-day program will be held at Eagleview Elementary and teaches children a wide range of safety topics including: stranger danger, water safety, internet safety, how to be safe around medications, and many other important safety topics. Special presentations will be made by Columbia EMS, Columbia Volunteer Fire District, Project Skipper, Columbia Transportation Department, Ameren, Columbia Bath & Tennis Club, Patti London, Dr. Joseph Cangas and Paul Khoury. The Columbia Police Department would like to thank the local businesses and organizations who donate to this program annually such as Budnick Converting, Columbia Kiwanis Foundation, Columbia Rotary Club, Crowder & Scoggins, Dairy Queen, Dr. Casimiro Garcia Foundation, HTC, Joe Boccardi Ristorante, Joe's Towing, Knights of Columbus, Midland States Bank, State Farm - Mitch ESSERT, The American Legion Auxiliary, Quality Collision, and Too Blue Boutique.





News from Columbia Unit School District 4



The faculty and staff at Columbia CUSD 4 would like to thank the parents, students, and entire community for making the 2017-2018 school year a success. We appreciate your continued support!

SCHOOLYEAR SUCCESS: The 2017-2018 school year finished with many highlights to share with the community. Parkview School was nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School and Columbia High School was recognized on the 8th Annual College Board AP Honor Roll. The Air Force JROTC unit earned the prestigious Distinction Award, and our special education department held the best ACE Olympics with special thanks to Columbia Police and Columbia Fire Departments. Our extra-curricular accomplishments include state qualifying success from the cheerleading squad, boys' cross country team, boys' bowling team, Math team, along with the Student Council earning the 8th Annual National Gold Student Council Award. Finally, our culinary arts program earned 1st Place Overall at the Platinum Chef competition. We are very proud of our students and teachers!

RETIREMENTS: The school district celebrates two teachers who retired at the end of the school year. Congratulations to special education teacher, Cindy Groce, and sixth grade social studies' teacher, Patrice Bain. Both teachers worked at Columbia Middle School and touched many students throughout the years. Also retiring is long time secretary, Patti Unnerstall. CUSD 4 thanks our dedicated retirees for their service.

ON-LINE STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS: The school district will be registering students for the 2018-2019 school year via the On-Line Student Registration program through Skyward. Parents with returning students will be able to completely enroll their child/children on-line by updating enrollment information, uploading residency and physical items, paying school fees, and obtaining all necessary handouts for the school year. On-line registration will be open for parents beginning July 9 and on-site registration is scheduled for July 17 and July 24 at the respective schools. Please refer to the district's home page for 2018-2019 Student Registration.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION: New students residing in Columbia School District should register at the respective school office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The secretaries will provide assistance with the paperwork and required documents.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION: A new effort is being made by the foundation to acquire Columbia High School alumni contact information in order to disseminate school district news and updates periodically throughout the year. Please contact Jana Eytchison at the district office if you could help with this endeavor.

For school district information, please access the district's website at www.columbia4.org. Have a great summer!

ILLINOIS ROUTE 3 AND GALL ROAD PROJECT

Route 3 and Gall Road intersection improvements will begin this summer. The project consists of the addition of a left-turn lane on Gall Road, new asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewer, and new traffic signals. Gall Road will be **closed** during the construction of the intersection. The closure will last no longer than 6 weeks.

There will be a marked detour route to get traffic from Gall Road to Route 3 via Steppig Road, D Road, and Valmeyer Road. As we get closer to construction, additional information will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page. As always, your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated during construction.

Road
Work



• HISTORIC MAIN STREET •

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The Historic Main Street Association is ready for amazing summer events! With monthly activities for different audiences, you are sure to find entertainment for the whole family. Check out www.mymainstreetcolumbia.com or @mymainstreetcolumbia on Facebook for event details, the new main street pole banners, volunteer opportunities, and information on becoming a business or individual member of this growing organization.



Welcome New Businesses

Blush Bridal and Tuxedo

128 S. Main St.

Consignment bridal dresses & veils,
first communion dresses, tuxedo
rental and invitations

Café on the Abbey

322 S. Main St.

Café & coffee house

Fit Body Boot Camp

150 Columbia Centre

High intensity interval workouts

Hair by Bail

207 N. Main, Suite 103B

Hair Salon

JLP Homes

301 S. Main St.

General contractor

Mish-Mash Theater Workshop & Youth Academy

318 N. Main St.

After school, evening and weekend
theater classes for kids 5 & up.

Pair of Dice

105 W. Kunz St.

Video gaming parlor

Quest Diagnostics

1000 Eleven South, Suite 2H

Draw station for clinical laboratory

Raven ACD

1000 Eleven South, Suite 5C-5G
Parts distributor

Three Tails Parlor and Pantry

117 W. Locust

Pet retail & grooming

24/7 Onsite Cameras, Inc.

319 N. Main St.

On-site camera sales

COLUMBIA LIBRARY SUMMER UPDATE

This summer at Columbia Public Library, reading takes us everywhere! We have an action packed summer of events for all ages! Kick off the summer at Metter Park on Friday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., where Miss Jubilee will take you back to the Hot Jazz & Blues from the

1920's to 1940's. Led by powerhouse vocalist Valerie Kirchhoff (aka, Miss Jubilee) backed up by an amazing band, their sound is guaranteed to make you want to dance, shimmy, shake, or at the very least tap your feet! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Kids can play yard games, get their faces painted, and enjoy hotdogs, nachos and cheese, and water, all provided by the library.

Throughout the summer, kids will explore the different worlds from familiar books such as the Magic Tree House Books by Mary Osborne, Disney, and the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

Take a look at the calendar of events the
Columbia Public Library website
www.columbialibrary.org.

Event registration begins Monday, May 14
and the Reading Program registration
begins May 21 and ends Saturday, June 16.



Clerk's Office Information

Utility Bill Payment Options:

Did you know there is a drive up utility bill (water, sewer and trash) drop box in front of City Hall for payments? This is only for payments made with a check, money order or cashier's check. No cash please. City Hall correspondence may also be dropped off. Enter from the Cedar Street side of City Hall. The box is emptied daily, Monday through Friday.

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 or on our website at www.columbiailinois.com under Applications and Permits or at the Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Street Lights: If a street light is burned out in your area, please call the Clerk's Office to report it at 281-7144 x 100.

Postage: For your convenience, the Clerk's Office at City Hall sells postage stamps - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. As a reminder, postage stamps increased from \$0.49 to \$0.50 for a first class mail letter (1 oz.); postcard stamps increased from \$0.34 to \$0.35. This went into effect January 21, 2018.





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Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Workout Series

Wednesdays in June and July
(except July 4), 7-8pm:
Free workouts in Metter Park



Music at Metter

June 10, 6-8 pm:
Waterloo German Band

Music at Metter

June 24, 6-8 pm:
Brother Wailin'

Music at Metter

July 1, 6-8 pm:
Silverback

4th of July Bike Parade

July 4, 10am—noon:
Starting at ICS



4th of July Celebration

July 4, 11am—11pm:
American Legion

Music at Metter

July 15, 6-8 pm:
Fanfare

Music at Metter

July 15, 6-8 pm:
Sofa Kings

Taste of Columbia

August 4, 11am-5pm:

Sample the best food
and drinks Columbia has to
offer on Historic Main Street



Heart & Stroke Education

August 15, 6-9 pm: This class will
include free hands only CPR, by Columbia
EMS and Memorial Hospital at the Library.

Columbia Days

August 17 & 18, 4-11pm:
Turner Hall / Metter Park



Columbia Days Parade

August 18, 4 pm:
Main Street

Movies at Metter

August 24, Dusk: Beauty and the Beast Sing-a-long

Large Item Curbside Pick-Up

September 4

Arts & Artisans on Main

September 15



FestiFall

September 30

Songs 4 Soldiers

October 5 & 6

Witches Ghoulish Night Out

October 11

Weekly Programs

*Baby Time (4 -18 mos.)



*Tot-Time (19mo. - 3yrs.)

*Story Hour (3 - 5 yrs.)

*Wiggle Worms

(Birth - 5 yrs.)

Summer Reading Kick-off

June 1, 11 am (Family)

* Tales to Tails

June 6, 20 & July 11, 10:30 am (2-12 yrs.)



* Egyptian Belly Dance Class

June 16, 10 am (Adults)

* Disney Princess Storytime

June 19, 10 am (Birth - 10 yrs.)

Wild Time Exotics

June 21, 1:30 pm (Family)

The Glen Foster Show

June 22, 10 am (Family)

* Family Science Night

June 26, 6 pm (Family)

* Pieces Game Night

July 12, 6 pm (Teen/Adults)

* West Coast Swing Dance Class

July 14, 9 am (Adult Couples)

* Harry Potter Party

July 24, 6 pm (8-14 yrs.)

Bubble Bus

July 28, 2 pm (Family)

* Registration Required - 281-4237

