



### City Meeting Information

- **City Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chamber at City Hall.**
- **Aldermanic Committee meetings are typically held on the second, fourth, and occasional fifth Mondays of the month.**
- **Information regarding other boards, commissions, and committees and their meeting dates and locations can be found on the City's website or obtained through the City Clerk's office.**



## From the desk of Mayor Hutchinson

The fall season is full of fun and excitement for Columbia! A Day to Play at the Park, Movies at Metter, Art On The Bluffs—Art Walk on Main Street, the Festifall, folks from Gedern, Germany will be in town, Halloween Hi-Jinks, Scare Square and Pumpkin Glow and more. Information on these and other happenings in Columbia can be found in this news letter, the City's web site, at the library or at City Hall.

**Community involvement** is a great barometer to a strong community. Columbia is blessed to have volunteer community involvement. There are numerous social, fraternal, veteran, and athletic groups, volunteer opportunities and services for people of all ages. From the planting and maintaining of beautiful gardens to improvements in the parks, from events for the children to music and art, we have it all. How does it get better? You ... yes you can make it better by volunteering or joining a civic club;

you live in the community so get out and be a part of it.

**The Columbia Community Center and Senior Nutrition** site has a new home next to Traube Tent. Due to school expansion needs, we moved from the old middle school to a new location at 510 DD Road. A big thanks goes out to all who worked hard to keep this service operational.

**Parkview Drive and Edelweiss Drive to become Veterans Parkway.** On August 17th the City Council passed an ordinance to rename Parkview Drive and Edelweiss Drive as Veterans Parkway. This change will occur on November 11, 2009 (Veterans Day) in conjunction with a dedication ceremony unveiling a bronze statue (donated by the Sophia and Elmer Oerter Foundation) with City Officials, American Legion Post 581 and the Oerter Foundation honoring the veterans and U.S. Armed Forces for

their sacrifices. Please join me in thanking all veterans for their unselfish service to our country!

**Water, water everywhere!** So how do I get reasonable flood insurance coverage? FEMA has new standards and is changing the flood maps in the bottoms. Local government officials, along with state and federal legislators, are trying to soften the blow of higher flood insurance rates. Congressman Costello's bill will keep the old rate maps in effect while we work on meeting the new FEMA regulations. Finally some good news.

As the President of the Southwestern Illinois Mayors Association, Board Member of the East West Gateway Council of Governments, and Member of the Illinois Municipal League's Legislative Committee, I am working hard to keep Columbia well represented.

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### Columbia's Sesquicentennial Celebration 2009 October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities

#### Art on the Bluffs Art Walk Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 4 pm

Businesses on Main St. will host over 60 artists displaying and selling their works, ranging from photography, watercolor, jewelry, mixed media, oil & acrylic, pottery, drawings and more. Many arts will be represented at this event including a variety of musical artists and dance & drama performers taking place at four venues along Main St. In addition there will be a children's art show, kid's activities, food featuring local flavor and wine tasting.

#### Celebrate an Authentic German Oktoberfest! Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 – 11:00 pm

Sister Cities of Columbia is hosting this event at Turner Hall to celebrate our Sesquicentennial year, our German heritage, and to welcome our visitors from Gedern, Germany! Dinner is served at 6pm and music by the Spitzbuam Band will begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and must be purchased by September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a memorable evening of food, fun and gemütlichkeit as we celebrate 150 years and a visit from our friends. For more info call 618/281-5555.

#### Columbia Festifall & Heritage Celebration Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 6:00 pm

The Festifall celebration has even more entertainment in store this year. Performances are planned by the Kahok Indian Dancers, and the Thunder and Lightning Cloggers. The high energy Smash Band will be back playing popular tunes for the crowd. Metter Park promenade will be lined with various businesses and vendors offering food & drinks, wine tasting, unique merchandise and services. Activities planned for the kids include pumpkin painting, games, the YMCA bounce house & climbing wall and much more!

## A DAY TO PLAY, DISCOVERING COLUMBIA'S PARKS



2009

A scavenger hunt discovering Columbia's parks, a variety of games, and kids' art projects are just a few of the hands-on interactive activities planned for Play Day 2009 in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park (known to many residents as the "city park") on Saturday, September 19th. Visitors will enter the park and rediscover play.

Created and hosted by the Columbia Play Commission, in collaboration with KaBOOM!, and with funding from the Columbia Kiwanis Club, the Monroe County YMCA, the Columbia Rotary Club, Columbia Market, Traube Tent Company and the City of Columbia, this free event is designed to discover the fun, education and recreation available in the city's many public recreational areas and play spaces.

Envisioned as a day to play by organizers, the event will feature interactive stations that will introduce visitors to the themes and activities found in Columbia's parks, many of which are little known--or completely unknown--to many residents.

Events run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that day. Admission is free, and this is a rain or shine event.

"It's really just a fun afternoon to get out and discover our parks," states John Traube, Chair for the Play Commission. "Our hope is that families and kids of all ages will come for the fun and leave with a better appreciation for where to spend unstructured afternoons year-round."

KaBOOM! recognized Columbia this year as a "Playful City USA," a national recognition honoring cities and towns across the nation committed to taking action for play. Columbia was the only community in the St. Louis metropolitan area so honored.

More details on this event are available via the Play Commission's blog:  
<http://playingaroundcolumbia.blogspot.com/>

## LARGE ITEM PICK-UP

On Tuesday, September 29, 2009 there will be a large item pick-up for City of Columbia residents. The pick-up will be for large items that are not included in our regular trash pick-ups. Items should be placed next to the curb by 6am.

**NO TRASH STICKERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FIRST 2 LARGE ITEMS. THE NEXT 3 TO 5 LARGE ITEMS WILL NEED THREE (3) \$1.00 TRASH STICKERS ATTACHED TO EACH ITEM. FIVE (5) LARGE ITEMS IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED.**

Large items include appliances, (Doors, compressors, and electric motors must be removed from appliances—compressors and electric motors may then be discarded in the regular trash), furniture, televisions (**no big screen televisions**), hot water heaters, mattresses, box springs, treadmills (no need to remove motors), swing sets (have to be disassembled and no concrete attached to bottom of the legs) and push lawn mowers (push lawn mowers must have all fluids drained and tires removed).

Items **not** included are construction materials (i.e., glass, carpeting, wood, doors, paneling, drywall, windows, shutters, siding, concrete, porcelain fixtures, bath tubs, toilets, cabinets, counter tops, sinks), landscape waste, tires, big screen televisions, hot tubs, riding lawn mowers, gas tanks, mirrors, pianos, organs, swimming pools, pool tables, arcade games, portable basketball hoops and camper shells.

Stickers are sold at the Market Place, Columbia Market, Ace Hardware of Columbia and the Clerk's Office at City Hall. Any questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 281-7144, ext. 100.

## Elected Officials



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Visit [www.columbiaillinois.com/wardmap](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/wardmap) or stop by the City Clerk's office to obtain a copy of the City ward map!



## Halloween Safety Tips from the Columbia Police Department

- Wear costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.

- Use flashlights with fresh batteries or light sticks for all children and their escorts.
- Always trick-or-treat in groups, never trick-or-treat alone.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Remind your children not to eat any candy or other treats until you have had a chance to inspect it.

Whether you're going to trick-or-treat in the City of Columbia or in another city, parents should visit the Illinois State Police

website at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us) to review the location of sex offenders.

The Columbia Police Department would like you to report any suspicious activity that you observe. This can be done by calling 281-5151 or in an emergency 911.



## LIMB AND LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM FOR 2009

As the days become shorter and cooler it is once again time for the City to provide limb and leaf pick up in the fall of the year. This year the program will have a specific schedule in order to continue to provide the services, while keeping the cost to the City in check and ultimately for the residents who pay for these services in their trash fees.

The LIMB PICK UP service will take place the weeks beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have limbs to be picked up, please have them by the curb in front of your residence by 6am on either Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> or Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. By having the limbs by the curb on Monday, one trip can be made through the City, eliminating the need to backtrack to certain areas. Since the service is paid by the hour, we hope to limit the total amount of hours needed to perform the service.

The LEAF PICK UP service will begin on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and continue until Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You may place your leaves by the curb, not in the street, at any time. Continual sweeps will be made through the City to pick up the leaves. If you find it necessary to collect leaves prior to the October 26<sup>th</sup> start date, you may certainly do so. It is recommended you cover the pile(s) of leaves so they do not get wet, which makes the leaves difficult to pick up. No leaf pick up will be done prior to October 26<sup>th</sup> or past December 4<sup>th</sup>. Like the limb pick up service, the leaf pick up service is paid by the hour. With a set schedule, the service can still be provided and the costs can be better controlled.

If you have any questions about the leaf and limb pick up service, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 618-281-7144 ext. 100.



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## Upcoming Events

Columbia has a lot of FREE fall fun planned for the family. For more details on the events listed below go to our website [www.columbiaillinois.com](http://www.columbiaillinois.com) or call 281-7144 ext. 106.

### A DAY TO PLAY

**September 19, 1—4pm:**

A scavenger hunt discovering Columbia's parks and a variety of FREE games and interactive activities are planned for the Play Day 2009 at Bolm-Schuhdraft Park.

### MOVIES AT METTER

**September 25, Dusk:**

Bring the kids to Metter Park for this FREE outdoor movie under the stars featuring "Evan Almighty" Rate PG.



### KIWANIS FISHING DERBY

**September 26, 10am—2pm:**

You can't beat a FREE day of kids fishing, BBQ, attendance prizes and trophies. This event is limited to the first 200 kids who register.



### LARGE TRASH ITEM PICK-UP

**September 29**—Residential pick-up.

### ART ON THE BLUFFS/ART WALK

**October 3, 10am—4pm:**

Presenting over 60 artists on Main St., kid's activities, music, food and more!



### OKTOBERFEST

**October 3, 5:30 pm:**

Columbia Sister Cities welcomes our German visitors and the public to this festive dinner & dance.

### COLUMBIA FESTIFALL & HERITAGE CELEBRATION

**October 4, 1pm—6pm:**

Music by the Smash Band, performances by the Kahok Indian Dancers and the Thunder & Lightning Cloggers, food, wine tasting, unique merchandise and many fun activities for the kids!



### HALLOWEEN HI-JINKS

**October 31, 10am—1pm:**

Participating businesses on Main Street welcome trick-or-treaters followed by a kid's parade sponsored by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.



### SCARE SQUARE & PUMPKIN GLOW

**October 31, 5:30—8:30pm:**

Stop by City Hall fountain park for some free hot chocolate, hot dogs & special treats. Enter or vote for your favorite carved pumpkin.



### VETERAN'S DAY

**November 11 — 11am**

Dedication ceremony, corner of Veterans Parkway & McDannold St.



### DAY LIGHT SAVINGS

**November 1, 2:00 am:**

Set clocks back one hour.



Save the date for these Holiday Events!

11/29: Christmas Cruise & Scavenger Hunt

12/05: Christmas Parade on Main Street

12/06: Columbia Holiday House Tour



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