

Columbia Quarterly

Summer 2011



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Mayor Hutchinson



CITY OF COLUMBIA

School's out; let summer begin!!! Looking for something to do around town? Let's see ... the Music at Metter Concert series starts June 12th and there are camps for the kids through the YMCA and other local groups. The library has activities all summer, plus they have Wi-Fi so you can still get a little work done. The American Legion Park will be the home of baseball, fun, and the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration. Take the family out for a picnic at one of our many parks or get some exercise and see some great scenery by going for a bike ride in Columbia's bottoms area. Columbia Daze is in August and if that is not enough the Humane Society of Monroe County is always looking for people to play with and walk their furry friends. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs sponsor and participate in events throughout the summer. There are craft opportunities at Glazy Daze Pottery and other local businesses. Local churches, civic groups and organizations could always use your talents.

Check out upcoming events on your utility billings, as well as the City website. Need to promote an event? Let us know and we will help get the word out.

So, don't sit around bored this summer -- have fun and get involved in your community. You won't regret it.

If you have any questions or concerns, give me a call, or zip me a note or email. I would love to hear from you. Have a great summer, be safe, plan ahead and have fun.

Sincerely, Kevin Hutchinson, Mayor

City Meeting Information

- City Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of every month at 7 pm in the 2nd floor Council Chamber at City Hall.
- Aldermanic Committee meetings are typically held on the second, fourth, and occasional fifth Mondays of the month.
- 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.



News from Columbia School District



Greetings from Columbia Unit School District! The school district works hard to offer the best educational opportunities for the students of Columbia and thanks all community members for their continued support of our initiatives. The following are highlights from the 2010-2011 school year:

- Congratulations to the 143 students who graduated from Columbia High School on May 22nd and to valedictorian Emily Brutton and salutatorian Lainie Ungerer. Best of luck, Class of 2011 graduates!
- The school district opened the doors at the newly renovated Eagleview Elementary on Rapp St. for our preschool students through Grade 1. The parents, students, and faculty love the new facelift and revitalization of downtown Columbia. The learning environment is refreshing!
- Eagleview Elementary has a new principal for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Brad Landgraf, the former Assistant Principal of Parkview and Eagleview, has been named as principal of Eagleview. Dr. Beczkala will continue to be principal of Parkview School.
- Parkview School was recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education for receiving the Academic Excellence Award, 2010 Illinois Honor Roll for Schools. This award was based on three solid years of meeting and exceeding state standards at a 90% or above level. Great job to all!
- Due to funding from the Whitey Herzog Foundation, individual contributors, and business donations, the school district was able to construct a new baseball facility and upgrade the softball field behind Eagleview. For the first time in history, the school district has its own baseball field, thanks to community members and business support.

At Columbia High School, the Student Council received a prestigious national award called 2011 National Gold Council of Excellence. Only 159 student councils across the country received this award with only three schools in Illinois. The varsity cheerleading squad earned two state championships (IHSA and ICCA) for two consecutive years which has never before been achieved. The varsity boys' soccer team also finished 3rd at the state tournament which is also the highest level reached in school history.

CUSD #4 KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION. Columbia School District is currently registering all kindergarten students and any new students who have moved into the district for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents of kindergarten and new students are asked to not wait for the annual district wide Student Registration scheduled for July 26, 27, and 28. It is important to obtain enrollment projections sooner than later for staff assignments. Please contact the respective school (Eagleview K-1; Parkview 2-4; Columbia Middle School 5-8, and Columbia High School 9-12) to obtain registration information.

All school news and information can be accessed from the district's website at www.chseagles.com. Please contact Superintendent Gina Segobiano or the building principals for any school district questions, comments, or suggestions. **Go Eagles!**

2011 LARGE ITEM PICK-UP INFORMATION

June 7, September 13 &
December 6

Five large items allowed. No trash stickers are needed for the first two large times. The next 3 large items will need three \$1.00 trash stickers attached to each item. See City website for more details.

UTILITY BILL 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.



**SHOEMAKER SCHOOL HOUSE
WELCOME CENTER**



The former Shoemaker School at the corner of Gall Road and Illinois Route 3 will be opening this month as the new Monroe County Welcome Center. The building will be open to the public as both a visitor information center and a museum, recalling the days of the one-room school; and the grounds include park space and a public plaza commemorating the 60 schools operating around Monroe County in 1900. Watch the City website and utility bills for information about the gala grand opening on July 23rd!

EMISSIONS TESTING

Save time and gas! Did you know that Royal Gate Dodge Chrysler Jeep of Columbia can do emissions testing on your vehicle? By appointment only, you will be scheduled Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 am to 3 pm. Just call Royal Gate at (618) 281-3000.

They are located at 500 Admiral Weinel Boulevard in Columbia.

MEET YOUR NEW ALDERMEN!



Steven Reis
Ward 1



TJ Mathews
Ward 2



Jeff Huch
Ward 3



John Piazza
Ward 4

DID YOU KNOW ???

Keeping local businesses strong helps reduce your individual property tax burden.



- Illinois became the 21st state on Dec. 3, 1818.
- Area—57,918 sq. miles—Illinois is the 25th biggest state in the USA.
- Population as of 2010 was 12,830,362.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Jonny's Pizza & Pasta

117 N. Main St.
Pizza, Pasta, Appetizers & Subs

Audio & More

960 Columbia Centre
Stereo Equipment, Home Theaters,
Buy/Sell & Repair Speakers

AC Stone Auto Glass

208 N. Main St.
Auto Glass Repair & Installation

Dollar Tree

1100 Columbia Centre
Retail Variety Store

Elected Officials



- Mayor: Kevin Hutchinson
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Visit www.columbiaillinois.com/ward_map or stop by the City Clerk's Office to obtain a copy of the City ward map!



A Message from the Columbia Police Department



Summertime Safety For Children From the Columbia Police Department

Summertime is here! One of the most common sights around the City of Columbia during the summer months is children riding bikes, skateboards, and rollerblading. The Columbia Police Department would like to remind everyone to use caution when riding anything with wheels and remind everyone to respect other people's property and not ride where it is posted or prohibited. It is our goal to reduce the number of injuries to children in our community by encouraging them to wear helmets anytime they ride anything with wheels on it.

With the assistance of local pediatrician Dr. Joe Cangas and his Helmets First organization, the officers of the Columbia Police Department will be looking for children riding bikes and wearing their helmets. When officers locate these children they will give them a reward from Dr. Cangas and Helmets First. The rewards include baseball or football tickets, amusement parks tickets, as well as free food and desserts from local businesses in Columbia. If you have a child who needs a helmet, you can go by the office of Dr. Cangas, 107 North Main Street, Suite 2B in Columbia or call him at 281-4325.

The Columbia Police Department would like to thank Dr. Cangas and Helmets First for their dedication to the safety of children. We look forward to giving away a lot of rewards this year. Have a safe summer!

Joseph A. Edwards, Chief of Police

BUDGET INFORMATION

On April 18 the City of Columbia passed a budget for the upcoming fiscal year of a little less than \$14.2 million.

As part of the budget process the City establishes the fee ordinance. Understanding that these are hard economic times for everyone, the only fee that will increase this year is the trash collection fee which increases by \$.35 with your first bill in May. This fee is only increased by the amount of increase from the vendor. (Sanitary Sewer connections increase by 2% every year per City Code.) The City also decreased the returned check fee from \$30.00 to \$10.00.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

For your convenience, utility bill payments & other city correspondence/payments (**no cash please**) may be placed in our drive-up utility box any time of the day/night. The box is located in front of City Hall in the parking lot. Please enter from the Cedar Street side. The box is emptied daily.

IT'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Kunz Street between Legion and Main Street is currently under construction. Access is limited to local traffic only until the pavement has been constructed. Concrete work on Milton Street from Rapp to the dead end will begin soon. Watch for barricades and closures where work is taking place. The intersection improvement of South Main and Illinois Route 3 will be on the IDOT June letting with construction taking place in the late summer into fall. The Main Street Streetscape project between Cherry and Cedar will be on the IDOT August letting with construction taking place in fall. Please watch for detours, lane or street closures and most of all workers on the roadway. Thank you for your understanding and patience as the roadway improvements take place.

COLUMBIA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTION

In an effort to conserve tax dollars as well as "Think Green" by limiting the number of "hard copies" of the Columbia Quarterly printed every three months, we would like to offer the following option. We would like to urge everyone with internet access to take advantage of viewing the Columbia Quarterly online on the City's website. If you are currently not signed up for the City's E-News Flashes, please visit the City website at www.columbiaillinois.com click on the "E-News Sign Up" and follow the simple directions to be included on all future City notifications, which will include a link to the Columbia Quarterly every three months. If at anytime you change your mind about receiving the e-mail notifications, simple follow the directions on the e-mail received, which allows you to remove your name from the distribution list.

In addition, if you would prefer to have your address eliminated from the newsletter mailing list, please contact Jackie Hausmann to have your address removed from the distribution list. You can reach Jackie at jackie@columbiaillinois.com or (618) 281-7144 ext. 106.

RECYCLING

The City of Columbia now has a monthly electronics and appliance drop off location available at the Department of Public Works parking lot, located at the corner of Route 3 and Sand Bank Road. This recycling opportunity will take place the third Saturday of every month (except for January and December) from 10 am until 4 pm. Visit the City website at www.columbiaillinois.com for more information!

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ELECTRONICS/APPLIANCES



City of Columbia
208 S. Rapp Avenue
P.O. Box 467
Columbia, IL 62236

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 5584
St. Louis, MO

LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK UP

June 7: Residential curb side pick up

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

June 18, July 16, Aug. 20:
10 am - 4 pm



DOPW Parking Lot—110 W. Sand Bank
Collecting electronics, appliances, etc.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 4: 11 am—American Legion
Concessions, Legion bingo, washers & Kloepper tournaments & fireworks.

LUPUS BIKE RIDE

August 6: Bolm-Schuhkraft Park
Long-distance (56 & 112 mile),
non-competitive bicycle ride.

NIGHT OUT IN C-TOWN



August 11: 5-8 pm

Starting at Fashion Attic—nice prizes!!!

COLUMBIA DAZE

August 19 & 20: 4 pm-midnight
Carnival rides, games, music & food
at **Metter Park**. Parade Saturday at
5 pm on Main Street.

KIWANIS CAR SHOW



Sept. 3: 9 am—3:30 pm
Bolm-Schuhkraft Park (Rain date 9/4)

MOVIES AT METTER

Sept. 9: starting at dusk
Free movie featuring “The Rookie.”



Upcoming Events

For more details on listed items
visit the city website “Calendar”
at www.columbiaillinois.com
or call 281-7144

COLUMBIA LIBRARY EVENTS

MAD SCIENCE MONDAY

June 20 & 27: 10:30 am—Noon

Mad Scientist Marilyn Frasure demon-
strates fun and interesting science magic.

SWORDS N’ ROSES

June 21: 11 am

Swashbuckling silliness with pirates as they
bring to the ship some fun family entertain-
ment. Great for ages 4 and up.

MAGIC SHOW

June 28: 11 am

Motivational, fun magic show! Inspires
children and teaches the fun and impor-
tance of reading.

INCREDIBLE BATS

July 15: 10—11 am

Educational program with live Egyptian
fruit bats. Information on bats of
the world as well as local Illinois
bat species. Ages 4 and up.



**MUSIC AT METTER
CONCERT SERIES:**

**June 12: Butch & the Polka Kings
German Heritage Week**

(Polkas, Country & More)
Sponsored by: HTC & First National
Bank of Waterloo

June 26: Second Sojourn

(Acoustic Harmony, Country Rock &
Blues) Sponsored by: George Weber
Chevrolet

July 10: Randy Webb Band

(Classics—a great variety)
Sponsored by: Reliable Sanitation &
Crown Linen Services

July 24: Dynamic Combo

(Big Band, Jazz, Easy Listening & More)
Sponsored by: Maverick Technologies &
George Weber Chevrolet

August 7: Silverback

(Acoustic, Bluegrass & Classic Rock)
Sponsored by: Midland States Bank &
Columbia Dairy Queen

Gather your family and friends for a
relaxing evening of music at **Metter
Park from 6-8 pm**. Bratwurst, hot
dogs and ice cold refreshments available.

**A special thanks to our sponsors
who make these concerts possible.**



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