

Heights Happenings

RECREATION SUMMER 2013

Columbia Heights

2013 JAMBOREE EVENTS

The 57th Annual Columbia Heights Lion's Club Jamboree & carnival will be held from Wednesday, June 26th - Sunday, June 30th at Huset Park.

Sunday, June 23 - • CH Queen Candidates Meet & Greet 1 - 3 p.m. @ Tasty Pizza

Wednesday - • Tasty Pizza Medallion Hunt - 1st clue posted 4 p.m. @ Tasty Pizza. \$1,000 prize! Clues daily.

Thursday - • Youth Fishing Clinic & Tournament at Silver Lake Beach @ 5:45 - 8 p.m.

- Lion's Beer Garden 5 p.m. - close
- Carnival 5 p.m. - close

Friday - • Jamboree Parade 6 - 8 p.m., The Parade begins at 45th & Central Ave., and proceeds south to 40th Ave., ending at 5th St.

- Lion's Beer Garden 5 p.m. - 12 midnight
- Carnival 1 p.m. - close

Saturday - • Adult Softball Tournament all day & the Home-Run Derby @ 7 p.m.

- Athletic Boosters Heights Hustle 5K Run/Walk 7 a.m. check in @ CHHS Track - register at www.active.com
- Women of Today Craft Show 1 - 5 p.m. @ Huset Park
- "Bikes4Kids" special event @ 4 p.m. on the Heights Idol Stage outside of Murzyn Hall
- Prizes for Kids Fishing Tournament @ 5 p.m. on the Heights Idol Stage outside of Murzyn Hall
- Erverators (Local Band) 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Heights Idol Stage (if inclement weather, inside Murzyn Hall)
- Heights Idol @ 6:30 p.m. outside of Murzyn Hall
- CH Queen Coronation @ 8:30 p.m. on the Heights Idol Stage (if inclement weather, inside Murzyn Hall)
- Lion's Beer Garden 12 noon - 12 midnight
- Carnival 1 p.m. - 12 midnight
- Fireworks dusk (if rain, Sunday at dusk)

Sunday - • Adult Softball Tournament

- Carnival 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Lion's Beer Garden 12 noon - 6 p.m.

JAMBOREE Hotline 763-706-3789

7th Annual Jamboree Kids Fishing Tournament & Clinic

Sponsored by **OUTDOOR KNOWLEDGE**, the CH Recreation Department and the CH Activity Fund. Outdoor Knowledge Prostaff are Professional Fisherman, Multi-Specie Anglers, Specialists, and Guides.

3rd Annual Jamboree Youth Fishing Tournament. Check in 5:45 p.m. at Silver Lake Beach Park 43rd & Stinson Blvd. Fishing will be held off of the pier at Silverwood Park, Three Rivers Park District. Parent or Guardian must accompany youth for the duration of the tournament. **Pre-registration required by June 12th for tournament preparation.** Prizes presented on Sat. June 29th, 5 p.m. at the Heights Idol Stage outside of Murzyn Hall.

What: Kids Fishing Tournament & Clinic

Where: Silver Lake Beach Park, 43rd & Stinson Blvd. Fishing from Silverwood Park, Three Rivers Park District.

Who: All Youth 4 yrs old - 15 yrs old

When: Thursday, June 27 **Time:** 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5 for kids, adult must accompany participant

***Bring your own equipment, bait will be provided. If you do not have equipment please indicate it on the registration form.**

Session # 1590



**FOOTBALL & SOCCER SIGN UP
Now!!! PAGE 7 & 10**

C.H. Recreation Department
 530 Mill Street N.E.
 John P. Murzyn Hall
 763-706-3730
 Office Hours:
 Monday through Friday,
 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 The office will be closed on
 May 27 & July 4, 2012

Recreation Hotline

To better serve the residents of Columbia Heights, the Recreation Department maintains an information and weather phone line. Call (763) 706-3737 anytime, twenty-four hours a day, for a recorded message regarding recreation programs and activities. In the event of inclement weather, facility closure and program cancellation information will also be presented. A decision will not be made for evening programs until 4:30 p.m. Call our information line at (763) 706-3737.

Park & Recreation Commission

Chair: Eileen Evans

Commission Members:

Sean Clerkin, Jr., Tom Greenhalgh,
 Stan Hoium, Kevin McDonald,
 David Payne, Marsha Stroik

Council Representative:

Gary Peterson

Summertime

Photo Policy:

Photographs and videos are periodically taken of participants while they are engaged in programs, special events, or enjoying the parks. Please be aware that these photos may appear in the local newspapers, on local cable television, and/or Recreation Department publications.



Recreation Information

Columbia Heights Recreation Mission Statement

The mission of the Columbia Heights Recreation Department is to provide recreational and service opportunities for all ages.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

***New Online Registration at www.chreconline.org.** Registrations accepted in person or via mail at Columbia Heights Recreation, John P. Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street N.E., Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Drop box for after hours on east side of building. You may also register over the phone for most activities with a Discover, Visa, or Master Card payment by calling 763-706-3730.

•Please fill out a separate registration form for each participant.

•Please make checks payable to: City of Columbia Heights.

•Confirmation: Assume registration is confirmed. You will be notified only if the class is cancelled or already filled.

Participants Scholarship:

Apply at the office for assistance if unable to pay for an activity. The scholarship will cover 75% of the program fee (maximum discount is \$25); the remaining 25 percent needs to be covered by the participant's parent or guardian. Please bring a copy of your Federal income tax or school district free lunch form for verification. Only one scholarship per child per newsletter.

John P. Murzyn Hall Rental Information

John P. Murzyn Hall (JPM), operated by the Recreation Dept., is available for rental by the general public during non-programmed times. Reserve JPM for wedding receptions, meetings, parties, banquets, etc.

Our facility offers a spacious banquet hall that comfortably accommodates groups of up to 375 people. Several meeting rooms are also available for rentals. See more photos of Murzyn Hall on our website at:

www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us.



Also located at JPM is the C.H. Senior Center and Recreation Office.

We invite you to tour our facility or call 763-706-3737 for the Murzyn Hall information line. Reservations may be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at 763-706-3734, or in person at the Recreation Office located in Murzyn Hall.

Recreation Programs

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HYLANDER CENTER City Fitness Facility



WHAT: The exercise room contains 2 treadmills, 3 elliptical machines and various weight machines. Open gym when not in use for programming.

WHO: Adults & Youth, Residents/Non-Residents

WHEN: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Mondays - Thursdays 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Sundays 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Closed if hosting a tournament and on holidays*

Calendar available at www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us

WHERE: Hylander Center - East Door #38
1300 49th Avenue, located on the North side of the swimming pool at the CH High School.

COST: \$1 Daily drop in
\$10 monthly pass for adult Residents
\$20 monthly pass for adult Non-Residents

Calendar available at www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us,
the Hylander Office 763-528-4495 & CH Recreation Dept., 763-706-3730.



FREE - Youth After School Open Gym

MONDAYS: COLUMBIA ACADEMY 3:30-5:30 P.M.

****ENDS MONDAY JUNE 3**

THURSDAYS: CH HIGH SCHOOL 3:30-5:30 P.M.

****ENDS THURSDAY JUNE 6**

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Prohibition of Tobacco Product Usage in Youth Activity Areas

In order to protect the health and welfare of our children, the Columbia Heights City Council and the Columbia Heights Park & Recreation Commission unanimously approved a tobacco free park policy.

No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any City-owned or operated recreational facilities during a youth activity.

6th Annual HEIGHTS IDOL

Join the Heights Idol Round 1 participants for a FREE performance on **May 16th** at Murzyn Hall-please be apart of our audience! Cheer on your favorite contestant.

HEIGHTS IDOL JAMBOREE Round 2

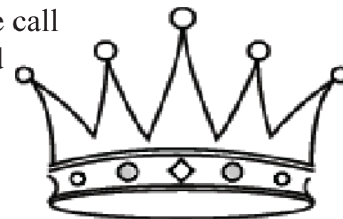
Saturday June 29 at 6:30 p.m., FREE
performance on the outdoor stage @ Murzyn Hall.

New youth & adult acts are welcome! Cash Prizes & Trophies will be awarded. More info, call 763-706-3730.



Miss Columbia Heights 2013

It could be you!! The Columbia Heights Royalty Program is back. We will be participating in local parades this summer, come join the fun. Applications are now being accepted for young ladies between the age of 17-21 who live or work in Columbia Heights School District Boundaries. Please call Sue at 763-789-2334 or find an application on the City Web site. Applications due by May 31st.



Tobacco-Free Facilities

1. Youth playgrounds, volleyball courts and beach property to include sand area.
2. Ball fields and spectator areas during youth events.
3. Picnic shelters, park buildings, BBQ areas.
4. Sliding hills and skating rink areas.
5. Wading pools and surrounding deck areas.

Policy Enforcement

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above areas.
2. Youth activity organizations will be encouraged to promote the Tobacco-Free Policy. The City also would like residents to help encourage park users to follow the policy.

Summer Theater & Park Programs

- **Mini Safety Camp - Kids Summer Spectacular!**
- Kick off the start of summer, come hang out with your friends & meet the summer park program leaders! Join us for a great day with CH Police & Fire safety camp, an obstacle course, lunch provided by Rec Dept., and soccer fun with the Sanneh Foundation. Canceled if inclement weather.
- **Who:** Youth entering 1st thru 8th grades
- **Where:** Check in at Murzyn Hall at 9:30
- **When:** Friday, June 7th
- **Time:** 9:30-3:00 p.m. outside in Huset Park
- **Fee:** Only \$5.00 !! Preregistration is required
- **Session # 1144**



The Glitter-Bugs

Children 4 yrs old & Kindergarten
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
June 10 - August 2

Spend the summer in this exciting summer playground program for children 4 years old & entering Kindergarten. Children will participate in games, arts & crafts, music, storytelling and special events! Fee includes supervision, supplies and equipment. Min 6/Max 15. **Register early - sessions fill quickly!**

Who: Children 4 years old & entering Kindergarten

When: Mon., Tues., Thr. & Fri.

Time: 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. **Fee:** \$35 per session

***Sign up for both sessions by May 24th for only \$65

Dates: No session July 4th

Session I: June 10 - July 5

Location: Session #

Ostrander Park- # 1105

Ramsdell Park- # 1106

Session II: July 8 - Aug. 2

Location: Session #

Ostrander Park- # 1107

Ramsdell Park- # 1108

Dyno-Hites

1st - 3rd Grade

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
June 10 - August 2

*This fun-filled summer playground program is offered to children entering 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. Activities include arts & crafts, group games, swimming, sports, Blooming Hites edible garden and special events! Fee includes supervision, supplies & equipment. Min 6/Max 20. **Register early - sessions fill quickly!**

Who: Youth entering 1st - 3rd gr.

When: Mon., Tues., Thr., & Fri.

Time: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Fee:** \$35 per session

***Sign up for both sessions by May 24th for only \$65

Dates:

Session I: June 10 - July 5 * No session July 4

Location: Session # Huset Park- # 1109

McKenna Park- # 1110

Session II: July 8 - August 2

Location: Session # Huset Park- # 1111

McKenna Park- # 1112

Puppet Wagon Puppeteers 4th - 8th Grade

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

*Do you like to entertain children, make people laugh and have fun? Do you want to be a puppeteer? The puppet wagon is for you! Monday & Tuesday rehearse for the puppet show. Thursday & Friday you will perform the puppet show for the kids at local parks. Min 3/Max 5. You may sign up for one or more weeks based on registrations. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the week(s) of choice.

Who: Youth entering 5th - 8th gr.

Fee: \$5 per week

Dates: Week 1 June 17 - 21 Session # 1160

Week 2 June 24 - 28 Session # 1161

Week 3 July 1 - 5 *No July 4 Session # 1162

Week 4 July 8 - 12 Session # 1163

Week 5 July 15 - 19 Session # 1164

Week 6 July 22 - 26 Session # 1165

Week 7 July 29 - Aug 2 Session # 1166

Time: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at Murzyn Hall, Preschool Room (use back entrance)



S.P.A.R.K.S (Summer Parks & Recreation Kids Spectacular)

4th & 5th Grade

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays
June 10 - August 2



*The S.P.A.R.K.S program is full of fun, excitement, adventure and friends! This afternoon program for youth entering 4th & 5th grade includes participation in all types of sports, group games, arts & crafts, community service projects, swimming, frequent **DAY TRIPS** and more! **Back for the 8th year Tag Rugby on Tuesdays & Open Gym Time at the City Gym. FREE Lunch Fridays at Community United Methodist Church.** Fee includes supervision, supplies & equipment. Min 8/Max 20. **Register early - sessions fill quickly! ***Sign up both sessions by May 24th \$80*****

Who: Youth entering 4th & 5th grade

When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: McKenna Park

Fee: \$45 per session

**SUMMER
ADVENTURE**

Session I: # 1115

Dates: June 10 - July 5 *No July 4

Session II: # 1117

Dates: July 8 - August 2



T.N.T. (Teens-N-Togetherness) 6th - 8th grade

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
June 10 - August 2

*T.N.T. youth entering 6th, 7th & 8th grades will enjoy afternoons filled with all types of sports, group games, arts & crafts, community service projects, swimming, **FREQUENT DAY TRIPS** to near by beaches and more! We strive for a positive environment incorporating sportsmanship, teamwork and an appreciation for diversity. **Back for the 8th year Tag Rugby on Tuesdays & Open Gym Time at the City Gym. FREE Lunch Fridays at Community United Methodist Church.** Special canoe day at Silverwood Park, Three Rivers Park District. A part of the Moonshoe Dessert Theater & bake off event. Session II will have the opportunity to be a part of the Mill Street Players Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Fee includes supervision, supplies and equipment. Min 15/Max 40. Register early - sessions fill quickly! *****Sign up both sessions by May 24th \$80*****

Who: Youth entering 6th, 7th & 8th grade

When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Murzyn Hall, Prestemon Room, please use the back entrance.

Fee: \$45 per session



Session I: # 1119

Dates: June 10 - July 5 *No July 4

Session II: # 1120

Dates: July 8 - August 2

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TRAVELING PUPPET WAGON PERFORMANCES

*Join the traveling puppet wagon for it's 11th season! Our talented puppeteers are working hard to bring you and your children lots of laughs, suspense, drama and more! Performances are approximately 30 minutes long and will include a puppet play, jokes, story telling and time to meet the puppeteers and puppets. Every show is FREE and open to the public. Bring your friends, family, especially children under the age of 7 and a comfy blanket to watch the show. In case of rain please call the Recreation Department at 763-706-3730 to check on show status.

JUNE 20 - AUGUST 2 (No Show JULY 4)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Park</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday	Huset Park	3965 Jefferson St. NE (at the pavilion)	9:45 a.m.
Thursday	Ramsdell Park	4956 Johnson St. NE (near shelter)	10:45 a.m.
Friday	McKenna Park	4757 7th St. NE (near shelter)	9:45 a.m.
Friday	Ostrander Park	1500 40th Ave. NE (near shelter)	10:45 a.m.

Theater in the Park

3rd - 6th Grade

Tues. June 4 & Wed. June 5, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., Thrs. & Fri, June 11 - 26

*We proudly present another season of *Theater in the Park* with Ryan Haenze, for youth entering 3rd-6th grades. All that is required for participants is the commitment to do your best! This program is a great introduction in an informal setting to theater, incorporated with team building skills, creative thinking, building self-confidence, having fun and making new friends! Note: additional dress rehearsals may be added prior to performance date. Min 8/Max 20. Reg. deadline: Tues., May 21



Dress rehearsal: Tuesday June 25th, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Who: Youth entering 3rd - 6th gr.

Dates: June 5 & 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm,
June 12 - 28, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Murzyn Hall, Preschool room (please use back entrance)

Fee: \$35 **Session #** 1150

Performance: Wednesday, June 26th, at 7:00 p.m.
Murzyn Hall Stage

The Mill Street Players

9th Grade & Up

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

July 16 - August 15

*Back for the 4th year "The Mill Street Players." This summer class is being offered to our returning theater buffs and also to anyone new! This troupe will be doing a murder mystery dinner theater performance open to the public for \$10 per ticket. *Note: additional rehearsals may be added prior to performance date.*

Min 8/Max 15. Reg. deadline: Tues. June 20th

The Mill Street Players will be part of the wait staff for the Moonshoe Players Dinner Theater performance on Thur., July 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Youth entering 9th gr. & up

Dates: July 16 - August 15 **Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Murzyn Hall, Preschool Room (use back entrance)

Fee: \$40 **Session #** 1153

Dress Rehearsals: August 12 & 13 **Time:** 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater Performance: Thurs. Aug. 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Murzyn Hall Stage

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Moonshoe Players

6th - 8th Grade

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

June 11 - July 11

*Join us for the 9th season of the Moonshoe Players dessert theater experience. This acting group is made up of youth entering 6th-8th grade. The program is an excellent opportunity for middle school youth to have fun, learn new theater skills, practice existing skills, build self-confidence and make new friends! If you aren't quite into the acting part of Moonshoe, please consider being a part of our very important stage, lighting and sound crew. *Note: additional rehearsals may be added prior to performance dates, upon director's discretion.* Reg. deadline: Tuesday, May 21

Also, the Moonshoe Players & TNT will be a part of the Mill Street Dinner Theater wait staff performance on Thurs., Aug. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsals: July 8 & 9, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Who: Youth entering 6th - 8th gr.

Dates: June 11 - July 11

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Murzyn Hall, M & M room (please use back entrance)

Fee: \$40 **Session #** 1152

Dessert Theater Performance: Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. Murzyn Hall Stage

* High School Volunteers Welcome & Wait staff needed!



Youth Athletics & Clinics

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Hylander Football Camp Youth entering 1st - 8th grade

C. H. Varsity Football Coaching Staff would like to invite all students entering 1st through 8th grades to the Hylander Football Camp. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of football. Some skills include proper stance, passing techniques, receiving techniques, pass patterns, kicking and form running. Camp participants will also be instructed on the various offensive and defensive positions on the football field. All participants receive a T-shirt. This is a "Non-Padded" football camp.

Where: CH High School Football Field

When: Monday - Thursday, July 22 - 25

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Who:** 1st - 8th Grade
Session # 2075

Fee: Early Bird Special \$25, After June 21st \$35



Girls Volleyball!

If you are interested in an evening clinic, possibly in May or June, please call us to get on the list 763-706-3730. Dates and times to be determined with Coach Melissa.

Girls & Boys Summer Basketball Clinic

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ... SAVE \$10!

Coach Tony will lead participants through fundamentals and techniques of the game. Instruction will be given on shooting, offensive skills, passing, dribbling, free throws, as well as other basketball skills. Students will also receive a camp T-shirt

Who: Girls & Boys 3rd - 8th grade

Where: Hylander Center City Gym

When: Monday, July 8 - Thursday, July 11

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: Early Bird Special \$30 After June 7, \$40

Session # 1596



YOUTH FOOTBALL

The CH Youth Football program will be playing in the Twin Cities North Youth Football League. Grades 2 & 3, 4, 5 are assigned to a team based on grade level, regardless of weight. Weight restrictions enforced for: quarterback, running back, wide receiver and tight end.
****Volunteer Coaches Needed**

Dates: Practices start the week of August 5th. Games are in early September through October. There are approximately 2 practices and 2 games a week.

Fee: \$60 per participant and \$100 uniform deposit fee. Helmet, shoulder pads, game & practice jersey and pants provided by the Rec. Dept. **Players buy their own shoes and mouth guard.**

Session # 2005 - 2nd & 3rd Grade

Session # 2010 - 4th Grade

Session # 2015 - 5th Grade

*6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Football will register at the CH High School Activities Office located in the Hylander Center or online (www.colheights.k12.mn.us/activities/athletics) beginning through the month of June and into August. Questions call 763-528-4511. Equipment provided by the CH School District. Practices start the week of August 12th.

FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER COACHES CLINIC

with Varsity Coach Townsend and staff. Date to be announced. Instruction will include common formations on the field and the Varsity Playbook adapted for youth.



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Spring Tennis Clinic

May 13, 15, 20, 22, Tues 28, Wed 2

Where: C.H. Middle School Tennis Courts

Session # 2201 **Grades 3-5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Session # 2202 **Grades 6-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Fee: \$35 (students will also receive a camp T-shirt) Bring your own racket and tennis shoes.



Wild Wednesday Trips 4th - 9th Gr.

EACH CHILD IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROGRAM T-SHIRT ON EVERY TRIP.
Purchase shirts for \$8 at the Rec. Dept. T-shirts given out on trip days will be billed to parent/guardian. Student Minimum of 35/Maximum of 50 on each Wild Wednesday Trip.

Valleyfair

Wednesday June 12

*Don't miss the thrill & chills of Valleyfair! It's sure to be a day filled with fun, rides, games, IMAX shows and sun. Experience 7 roller coasters and don't miss Power Tower - 275 feet of extreme scream. Bring a **Bag Lunch** or purchase lunch at the park. **Reg. deadline June 5**

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	9:25	4:35
McKenna Park	9:35	4:25
Keyes Park	9:45	4:15
Fee: \$18 what a deal!	Session # 1136	

MN ZOO & IMAX

Wednesday June 19

*Start the day off with an IMAX movie explore the zoo with more than 2,000 animals, representing more than 350 species. **Bring a bag lunch or buy concessions. Reg. deadline June 12**

Pick-up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	9:00	4:30
McKenna Park	9:10	4:20
Keyes Park	9:20	4:10
Fee: Only \$6!	Session # 1135	

Edina Aquatic Center

Wednesday June 26

*Don't miss the fun at this pirate-themed aquatic center. Glide over the water on a high-flying cable and ride the twisting water flume. Pirate's Plunge features a 207 ft body slide and 300 ft tube flume for single, double & triple riders! **Bring a Bag Lunch**, swimsuit, towel and money for snacks if you wish! **Reg. deadline June 19**

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	10:40	4:20
McKenna Park	10:50	4:10
Keyes Park	11:00	4:00
Fee: \$7	Session # 1139	

WILD Wed. NIGHT MN TWINS VS. NY Yankees

Wednesday Night, July 3



*Take part in the deal of the summer! Cheer on the TWINS for a great night of MN Baseball at Target Field! Participants must wear their CH Wild Wednesday T-shirts. *Please eat dinner before coming, group concession visits will be limited.*
•Game starts at 7:10 p.m. return approximately 40 minutes after game ending. **Reg. deadline June 26**

Pick-up/Drop off site:	Depart	•Return
Murzyn Hall	5:45 p.m.	45 min after
Fee: Only \$5 per person!	Session # 1137	

Cascade Bay Water Park

Wednesday July 10

*Spend the day at one of Minnesota's largest outdoor water parks. Cascade Bay has two water slides, two body flumes, a lazy river and more. **Bring a Bag Lunch**, swimsuit, towel and money for snacks if you wish! We will eat lunch before we enter the park at 11:45.

Reg. deadline July 3

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	10:40	4:30
McKenna Park	10:50	4:20
Keyes Park	11:00	4:10
Fee: \$8	Session # 1140	

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Wild Wednesday Trips 4th - 9th Gr.

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AUGUST ADVENTURE DAYS

Bunker Beach

Wednesday July 17

*Bunker now features 6 towering water slides, 900 ft lazy river, activity pool & climbing wall, a zero-entry pool with a water play structure, a creative sand play area, and as always, Minnesota's largest outdoor wave pool! Ride the waves on a tube for a \$2 rental fee for 2 hours. **Bring a BAG LUNCH**, or money for concessions if desired, swimsuit & towel. **Reg. deadline July 10**

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	10:10	4:20
McKenna Park	10:20	4:10
Keyes Park	10:30	4:00
Fee: \$10	Session # 1138	

Wild Mountain

Wednesday July 24

*Spend a day in Taylors Falls with a Super Day Pass, an unlimited ride pass for all water and dry rides. Ride the Hydro-Tube, Super-Chute, Hydro-Whip, Wild Rapids, Alpine Slide, Go-Karts and more! Bring a swimsuit, towel and a **Bag Lunch** or purchase lunch at the concession stand. **Reg. deadline July 17**

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	9:10	4:30
McKenna Park	9:20	4:20
Keyes Park	9:30	4:10
Fee: \$16	Session # 1141	



NICKELODEON UNIVERSE

Wednesday July 31

*Enjoy a day of thrills and chills at Nickelodeon Universe, the largest indoor amusement park in the nation. The park is home to 7 acres of fun with more than 30 remarkable rides and attractions. Each participant will receive a 5-hour unlimited ride pass! **Bring a bag lunch or money for the foodcourt. Reg deadline July 24**

Pick up/Drop off site:	Depart	Return
Murzyn Hall	9:40	4:20
McKenna Park	9:50	4:10
Keyes Park	10:00	4:00
Fee: \$14	Session # 4160	

Lilli Putt Miniature Golf & Go Carts

Monday, August 5 4th-9th grade

*Lilli Putt is the hottest mini golf course in the Twin Cities, complete with mini castles and river obstacles. We have 18 holes to test your putting skills. Cool off on our bumper boats (with built in water squirts!) and race your friends on our go kart track!

Bring a bag lunch and extra \$ if you like. Min 8/Max 24. **Registration deadline July 29**



Who: Youth entering 4th - 9th Grade

Drop Off: 10:15 **Van leaves:** 10:30 **Pick-Up:** 2:00

Fee: \$7 **Session #** 1142

Zero Gravity

Tuesday, August 6 4th - 9th grade

*Jump, spin & flip and this elite indoor trampoline park. Gravity Zone has multiple trampolines connected together to experience free jumping where you can bounce off the walls. Gravity Force



dodge ball, Slam Dunk basketball and Gravity Cavity foam squares pit. Wear comfortable clothing. **EAT BEFORE** you come!!! Min 8/Max 24. **A waiver must be signed by parent/guardian. Registration deadline July 30**

Who: Youth entering 4th - 9th Grade

Drop off: 12:50 **Van leaves:** 1:05 **Pick up:** 3:50

Fee: \$11 **Session #** 2408

Cheap Skate

Wednesday, August 7 3rd - 6th grade

*Join us for an afternoon of roller skating fun for first timers or those who have done it before. Hot dog, chips, and beverage included for lunch. Bring extra money for more food or any arcade games. Min 8/Max 24.

Registration deadline July 31.

Who: Youth entering 3rd thru 6th grades

Drop off: 11:15 **Van leaves:** 11:30 **Pick up:** 3:00

Fee: \$6 **Session #** 1143

Jr. Hylander Soccer Clinic - Boys and Girls 1st - 8th Grade

The SANNEH Foundation will lead boys and girls, grades 1st - 8th in soccer basics. Their goal is to work in partnership with schools & communities utilizing soccer as a tool to cultivate leadership, fight racism, serve the community and prepare youth for success. Instruction will focus on the fundamentals and learning the proper techniques of the game. All participants receive a T-shirt. ****Take advantage of this one time special price for your soccer player to develop their skills!**

Where: Huset Park

When: Mon. - Thur. July 29 - Aug. 1

Who: 1st - 8th grade **Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 !!! **Session #** 1820



**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
JAMBOREE**

**TOURNAMENT
MEN'S SLOW PITCH
SOFTBALL**

Double Elimination - 16 Teams Maximum

JUNE 29th - 30th

1st Place - \$250 and trophy

2nd Place - \$150

Entry Fee of \$150 Session #5099

Contact Keith for details 763-706-3732.

Fall Co-Ed Soccer

The focus of this soccer program is skill development and fun for boys and girls entering grades 1-6. Games will be played against the communities of St. Anthony and New Brighton. All participants receive a T-shirt. **Volunteer coaches needed. Coaches clinic August 8th 6:30 at Murzyn Hall in the Senior Center with Varsity Coach Juan Calos**

Fee: \$35 **Dates:** Starting the week of Aug. 12. Practices will be held once or twice a week, with games on Saturday mornings.

Time: Games vary between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

Session # 1825 Mites 1st - 2nd grades, Max 33

Session # 1835 Squirts 3rd - 4th grades, Max 28

Session # 1845 Pee Wees 5th - 6th grades, Max 32



Little Tigers - Martial Arts for Kids ages 3-6

Learn basic kicks, punches and strikes through a variety of exercises and games. Develop coordination & flexibility with peers. Promoting focus, discipline & respect. 4 week sessions. Min 8/Max 20

Who: Youth Ages 3 - 6 years old **Time:** 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Where: Edgemoor Rm, lower level Murzyn Hall

When: Summer Session I: Thursdays, June 13 - July 11 *No July 4

Session # 2234-su13 **Fee:** \$30

Summer Session II: Thursdays, Aug. 1 -22 **Session #** 2237-su13 **Fee:** \$30



Tae Kwon Do Ages 6 & up

This Martial Arts program teaches participants (beginner to advanced) the skills of Tae Kwon Do along with its historical perspective. A certified AAU instructor will teach self-defense, kicks, stances and Tae Kwon Do Hyung (form Chon Ji). Students will be trained for belt certification testing. In addition to the registration fee, participants are expected to purchase a uniform from the instructor and pay for belt registration fee. Min 8/Max 20

Who: Ages 6 years old & up

Where: Edgemoor Rm, lower level Murzyn Hall

When: Summer Session I: Thursdays, May 30 - July 18 *No class June 6 & July 4

Level 1: No belt or White belt **Time:** 6:00 - 6:45 pm **Fee:** \$40 **Session #** 2235-su13

Level 2: Yellow belt & higher **Time:** 6:45 - 7:30 pm **Fee:** \$40 **Session #** 2236-su13

Summer Session II: Thursdays, July 25 - Aug. 29

Level 1: No belt or White belt **Time:** 6:00 - 6:45 pm **Fee:** \$40 **Session #** 2238-su13

Level 2: Yellow belt & higher **Time:** 6:45 - 7:30 pm **Fee:** \$40 **Session #** 2239-su13

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION *Use a separate form for each participant* Please print & complete all information
 Mail or Bring to: **Columbia Heights Recreation, 530 Mill Street N.E., Columbia Heights, MN 55421 ph: 763-706-3730**

Participant Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ Male or Female: _____ Email Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Additional Info/Special Needs: _____ School: _____
 Emergency Name & Phone #: _____

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*Make Checks payable to "City of Columbia Heights"			Total Due =

DATA PRIVACY ADVISORY: By signing below, I understand that this information will only be made available to program staff, the City’s insurer and attorney, and to others connected with the program for the purposes of administering the activity and providing me with the notice of scheduling changes.

I, The Undersigned, participant, do hereby agree to participate in the aforementioned activity(ies), and I further agree to indemnify, and hold the City of Columbia Heights harmless from and against any and all liability for any injury which may be suffered by the aforementioned individual(s) arising out of, or in any way connected with, participation in this activity.

Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant Signature: _____

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 Notes: _____

Crochet Fun May - August

Learn to crochet, get some new ideas, patterns or just visit while you crochet. Join the fun, bring your own projects or try some quick, easy kits that can be purchased from instructor, Beth Ann. Free "how to" sheets and patterns available. Come to learn or just to set time aside to crochet.



Who: Adults 18 & over

Where: Keyes Rm, Murzyn Hall

Time: Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

When: May 2 - June 20

Session # 2653

When: July 18 - September 5 *No class Aug. 15

Session # 2654 **Fee:** \$10

SENIOR CENTER

The CH Senior Center, (lower level of Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE.) provides educational, social and recreational programs to those 55 years and older in the community. The center is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. • For more information 763-706-3735.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

This monthly newsletter informs seniors of the programs, classes & special events being offered at the center. Available at the Senior Center, Recreation Office, CH Public Library, and senior housing facilities.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Golden Age Club is a social group that meets the first and third Thursday of every month, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Coffee and dessert are provided and you may bring a bag lunch if you desire. Yearly membership fee = \$20.

BOCCE BALL

Our outdoor bocce ball group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the courts located behind Murzyn Hall. You do not need to be an experienced player as we play for fun. Teams are selected each time we meet. Be at the courts by 9:20 a.m. so we can organize the teams.

WALKING CLUB

We've added some new walking groups along with the original, please call to find out details on each one.

CHORES & MORE

This is for persons over 60 or disabled adults. If you need assistance with various household services including house cleaning, lawn raking and minor repairs, call 763-502-5151 Monday through Friday. Sliding fee for services.

ADULT AEROBIC DANCE

Enjoy this vigorous and fun exercise class that will help you get in shape and stay in shape. Class uses low impact dance steps for a motivating workout. Wear aerobic shoes and loose, comfortable clothes. Bring a mat or blanket for floor exercises. Class is held at Murzyn Hall, Main Hall.

Tuesdays

Date: June 11 - Aug. 20

***No Class June 25, July 30**

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session# 8206

Costs: \$ 24.75 - 9 classes

Thursdays

June 13 - Aug. 22

***No Class June 27, July 4, Aug. 1**

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session# 8207

Costs: \$ 22.00 - 8 classes

**STOMPIN' AT THE HALL
55 YEARS AND OLDER**

Increase your energy! Improve your flexibility and circulation through walking, stretching, and exercising at a level that is safe for you. Wear aerobic shoes and loose, comfortable clothes. Bring a mat or blanket for floor exercises. You may choose one, two or all three sessions. Men and women welcome. Classes are held at Murzyn Hall, Main Hall.

Mondays

Date: June 10 - Aug 19

***No Class June 24, July 29**

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Session# 8202

Cost: \$ 24.75 - 9 classes

Thursdays

June 13 - Aug. 22

***No Class June 27, July 4, Aug. 1**

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Session# 8204

Cost: \$ 22.00 - 8 classes

BLOOD PRESSURE

Blood Pressure is checked free of charge on the second Friday of every month in the Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Provided by the CH Fire Department.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS Enjoy the exciting sights and sounds of the metro and surrounding areas. Theaters, concerts, luncheons, tours and special places of interest will be visited. If you are interested in being on our mailing list, please call 763-706-3730 to leave your name and address.



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Please register early for all Recreation programs so that we can ensure each program will be a success!



*Register for all programs at
Columbia Heights Recreation
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763-706-3730*

Benvenido

Para inscribir para actividades de jovenes con el departamento de recreación de Columbia Heights vengan al 530 Mill Street, Columbia Heights. Para pagar con cheque o en efectivo vengan a la oficina (la dirección de arriba) o manden el registro con el pago. Algunas beccas son disponibles también. Les ofrecemos hasta 75% de descuento con máximo de 25 dólares. **Visita a la oficina para mas información en engles.** Abajo se mencionan algunas actividades pere jovenes. Adultos los acompañan en cada viaje.

!REGISTRARSE TEMPRANO!

Esta iniciativa es financiada en parte con un subsidio del Departamento de Educación de Minnesota usando fondos federales, CFDA 84.287c, 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Heights Happenings

Columbia Heights



SUMMER 2013

News and information about your neighbors and your city.

Police continue focus on pedestrian safety

The Columbia Heights Police Department has been increasing its focus on pedestrian safety in the city, specifically along Central Avenue. This is partially due to two recent car accidents where walkers were struck while violating pedestrian laws.

As of mid-April, police officers had issued over 200 warnings and several citations to walkers and will continue enforcement activities. While driver behavior is often a factor as well, police want to make sure that citizens are traveling safely through the city. They recommend using crosswalks provided for pedestrian traffic, using the new walk-bridge when crossing Central at 49th Ave, and crossing at intersections with semaphores that indicate when it is safe to walk. "Working together we can make this a safer community by following basic laws, and reduce the number of unnecessary injuries," said Chief Scott Nadeau.

Jamboree is a summer highlight



The puppet wagon mascot and others are shown promoting last year's Heights Idol competition.

After our way-too-long winter, this summer is sure to be an even greater pleasure than usual. And everyone knows the best part of summer in Columbia Heights is the annual Jamboree celebration which offers activities (many of them free) for residents of all ages.

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Heritage Tower to be dedicated on May 29

The Columbia Heights Community Heritage Tower and Legacy Garden will be dedicated at a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, that will include music by the Silver Lake Symphonic Winds. The new community landmark will be located in the roundabout on Huset Parkway, behind city hall.

The cost of it, approximately \$40,000, will come entirely from donations, which are tax deductible. As of April 26, Mayor Gary Peterson reports that donations have more than surpassed the half-way point and are still coming in. "This community has always been very generous," he said.

Peterson heads up the Columbia Heights Activity Fund, a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of all residents of Columbia Heights. In the wake of the 911 terrorist attacks, the group began a three-phase project of erecting community monuments to provide a sense of safety and unity.

The first landmark was the "Clock Tower of Peace," erected in 2006, and the second, "Police & Fire Tribute," was dedicated at the new Public Safety Building in 2009.

The Heritage Tower, to be erected in late May, will feature four distinct themes of "Diversity," "Recreation," "Education" and "Labor," which are foundations of the community. Residents participated in focus groups to come up with four words for each category. Then through a partnership with Columbia Heights Public Schools, students created artwork around the words. (See related story on page 2).

"It will be a lasting memorial for our citizens to remember the diverse cultures of people who came before them, from all over the world, with the hope of building a community of peace and prosperity for their families and loved ones," said Peterson.

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The Heritage Tower will remind people how Heights began and “how far we’ve come,” he added. “We hope it will inspire community pride.”

A Legacy Garden will be created to complement the Heritage Tower which will allow individuals to purchase bricks engraved with their names or those of loved ones. Everyone who is interested in helping by giving their talent, work or donations can contact the Mayor at (612) 978-9858 or gary.peterson@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us. For up-to-date information on the project or to donate, visit www.razoo.com/story/heritage-tower.

“I love this town,” said Peterson, a long-time resident. “Pride is behind this project because I want people to be proud to live in Columbia Heights.”

Fridley resident purchases five bricks in tower and legacy garden project

Eddie Fuerstenberg thought about buying named bricks when the clock tower was installed at the corner of 40th and Central in Columbia Heights a few years ago.

“I wanted to do it, but I didn’t do it right away and then forgot it,” he said.

Then he heard recently about the heritage monument being installed, and “This time I did it,” said Fuerstenberg, a retired contractor.

He purchased a total of five commemorative bricks. One is in memory of his sister-in-law who recently died at age 88.

He also bought bricks to honor his grown son and two of his good friends who are in their 80s. And he purchased one with his own name on it.

“We’re getting older,” he said. “We won’t be around forever.”

He’s lived in the area since 1969 mostly in the Innsbruck area of Fridley that is located in Columbia Heights School District 13. That’s why he has always felt like a resident of Columbia Heights and wants to be a part of the newest community monument.

“It’s nice to have a reminder of people, something with their name on it, in a community location,” he said.



Eddie Fuerstenberg and his Miniature Schnauzer Mariah



Students create artwork for Heritage Tower

About 100 students from Columbia Heights Public Schools had the unique opportunity to make a lasting impression on their community.

Mayor Gary Peterson invited them to create the artwork that will be sandblasted onto the four sides of the Heritage Tower to be installed in the Huset park roundabout a few weeks from now.

Students created the artwork to illustrate the four main themes of the monument: Labor, recreation, education and diversity.

Diane Scully, art teacher at Columbia Heights High School, said students took the invitation seriously. “They understand that their artwork will be on permanent display in the community,” she said, “and that they can bring their children and even their grandchildren to see it someday.”

Scully and other teachers in the district saw how their students could benefit from this “real life” experience of creating public art for a “client.”

The project began with a discussion of the community and its history and what has changed over time, she said. Also, Mayor Gary Peterson met with students to discuss the purpose of the monument.

A project like this is an interesting challenge for students. Scully predicts that community residents will be impressed with what the talented artists have produced.

The students have also volunteered at fund-raisers for the Heritage Tower including a fish fry and pancake breakfast and worked alongside firefighters, police officers and other adult volunteers.

“The students’ involvement in this community project has resulted in them feeling more a part of this community,” said Scully, “and that is a nice benefit.”



Mayor Gary Peterson met with students earlier this year as they began creating the tower artwork.

Students of CHHS art teacher Martha Ortman and Columbia Academy technology teacher Arnie Hamel were also involved in the project.

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It starts up on June 26 this year. (See schedule at right.)

Members of the Columbia Heights Lions Club and city staffers have been working for months to plan the 57th annual community celebration to delight residents, both current and past.

"Anyone who has lived in Columbia Heights knows the Jamboree takes place during the last full week of June, and they come back for it," said Don Laufenberg, the Lions Club member who coordinates the carnival each year. "It's the annual Heights reunion."

"Whether this is your first Jamboree or your 57th, come out and enjoy the activities," he urges. "Take carnival rides, watch softball games, shop the craft show, enjoy Heights Idol, or just do some people watching."

The carnival is always a highlight and Family Fun Shows will set up in Huset Park again this year. The company is family-owned and very safety conscious, said Laufenberg. "They are a class act!" Learn more about the company at www.familyfunshows.com.

When you buy advanced tickets for the carnival, you can always use them the next year if you are unable to make it this year.

SPECIAL DEAL: with a \$20 wrist band you take all the carnival rides you want from 8 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

The thing that impresses Laufenberg the most about the Jamboree is how everyone works so well together to make it happen — the Lions Club, Women of Today, police, athletic boosters and city departments. "It's a nice mesh like mashed potatoes and gravy — so good together."

2013 JAMBOREE

The 57th Annual Columbia Heights Lion's Club Jamboree will feature many activities — most taking place at Huset Park. The JAMBOREE hotline is (763) 706-3789. A pre-Jamboree meet and greet with the Columbia Heights queen candidates will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at Tasty Pizza.

Wednesday, June 26:

Tasty Pizza Medallion Hunt, 1st clue posted at 4 p.m. at Tasty Pizza.
\$1,000 prize! Clues daily.

Thursday, June 27:

Youth Fishing Clinic & Tournament, Silver Lake Beach, 5:45 to 8 p.m.
Lion's Beer Garden, 5 p.m. to close
Carnival, 5 p.m. to close

Friday, June 28:

Jamboree Parade, 6 to 8 p.m., begins at 45th & Central Ave., proceeds south to 40th Ave., ending at 5th St.
Lion's Beer Garden, 5 p.m. to Midnight
Carnival 1 p.m. to close

Saturday, June 29:

Adult Softball Tournament all day with Home-Run Derby at 7 p.m.
Athletic Boosters Heights Hustle 5K Run/Walk, 7 a.m. Check in at CHHS track. Register at www.active.com
Women of Today Craft Show, 1 to 5 p.m. at Huset Park
"Bikes4Kids" special event, 4 p.m. Heights Idol Stage outside Murzyn
Prizes for Kids Fishing Tournament at 5 p.m. on the Heights Idol Stage
Erverators local band, 5:30 to 6:15, Heights Idol stage
Heights Idol, 6:30 p.m. outside of Murzyn Hall (if rain, inside Murzyn)
CH Queen Coronation, at 8:30 p.m. Heights Idol Stage (if rain, inside Murzyn)
Lion's Beer Garden, Noon to Midnight
Carnival, 1 p.m. to Midnight
Fireworks at dusk (if rain, then Sunday at dusk)

Sunday, June 30:

Adult Softball Tournament
Carnival, 1 to 6 p.m.
Lion's Beer Garden, Noon to 6 p.m.

Heights man grew up loving the Jamboree, now manages the parade

Growing up in Columbia Heights during the 1970s and 80s, Sean Clerkin Jr. looked forward to the Jamboree celebration every summer. His favorite part was always the parade, especially the Shriners with their motorcycles and mini-cars.

"There's just something about a parade that is so much a part of summer," said the 1988 graduate of Columbia Heights High School who manages Grumpy's Bar and Grill in Roseville.

Clerkin is now among members of the Columbia Heights Lions Club who, along with city staffers, make the Jamboree happen. He opted, of course, to take charge of the parade.

This year's Jamboree parade, which begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 28, will be his third.

"I grew up enjoying the Jamboree parade so much so I want to keep it going so others can enjoy it, too," said Clerkin.

He learned a lot from Wally Logacz who chaired the Jamboree parade for many years. Clerkin continues to learn more from every parade he creates.



Sean Clerkin Jr.



Marching bands are always popular with parade watchers.

How do you pull together an awesome parade? "The biggest thing is the variety of groups that are genuinely excited to participate in the parade," he said. "If they are excited, then the enthusiasm is contagious."

Continuity, flow and pacing are also crucial factors in a high-quality parade. So is good weather, of course!

He's excited that the color guard of the Columbia Heights Fire Department will lead this year's Jamboree parade, after serving in a secondary role last year.

Groups that want to participate in the Jamboree parade can now register on-line at www.columbiaheightslions.com.

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Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Library Closed July 4: Independence Day
August 31: Labor Day Weekend

Teen Programs

BEST BOOK EVER Teen Reading Program

June 8 to Aug. 17

Bookawocky is back and we want you to tell us about your Best Books Ever! Review the books you've read this summer and receive incentives including coupons, books, event passes and more. Sign up and let the reading begin!

Manga Club

Thursdays, June 13, 20 and 27 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Calling all manga fans! Spend your Thursday afternoons reading manga to your heart's content. We will have countless complete series for you to peruse, sample, or read completely through. Bring your friends, kick back and relax. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. This is a casual, open-house style program, geared towards teens.

Crafternoons

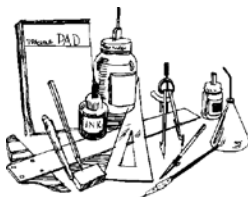
Thursdays, July 11 to 25, 3 to 5 p.m.

Get out of the heat and enjoy a Craft-ernoon of fun at the library. Each week will feature a different project. Learn the basics, then experiment on your own! All supplies will be provided. This is a casual, drop-in program; registration is appreciated, though not required.

July 11: Shrinky Dinks

July 18: Knitting

July 25: Comics & Mod-Podge



Sea of Monsters Mayhem

Thursday, Aug. 15, 3 to 5 p.m.



Calling all fans of Percy Jackson! Join in a countdown to the movie release of "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters." Drop in the Activity Room for some Monster Donuts, answer Olympians series trivia, or make a trident. Find the Golden Fleece and win a movie theater gift card, enter to win books from the series, and more! Registration is appreciated, though not required.

Adult Programs

Join in upcoming discussions of books

Drop in for a favorite book discussion or attend every time! Book Club meets in the library at 10 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month.

The book schedule is:



- July 31: "Unbroken: A World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand
- Aug. 28: "Wild: From lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed
- Sept. 25: "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker

Read and tell

Read a good book and want to talk about it and hear what others are reading? Then contact Elaine at the Columbia Heights library at (763) 706-3690. If there is enough interest a group may be formed.

E RESOURCES TO EXPLORE!

at www.anoka.lib.mn.us



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VolunTeens @ the Library

The Columbia Heights Public Library is proud of its dedicated, talented, and diverse group of volunteers. Learn more about the library, help your community, meet new people, and be able to earn community service hours.

We will accept applications from teens ages 13 and older who are self-motivated, reliable, and want to have fun. Forms are available at the library or online and must be completed and returned by May 25. Training is provided to ensure the volunteer experience is enjoyable and fruitful.

Children's Programs

With activities throughout the week and an array of program series spanning all summer long, there is something for everyone. Be sure to make the Columbia Heights Public Library one of your destinations!

All programs are FREE and brought to you by funding in part from the Metropolitan Library Service Agency or a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 84.287c, 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Bookawocky Summer Reading Program

June 8 to Aug. 17

Children can read, write or draw their way to summer fun. Register and receive a small incentive with each visit to the library. Earn or win other prizes for participating!

Make & Take Mondays!

Mondays, June 3 to Aug. 26
9 a.m. to Noon

Start each week throughout the summer with a visit to the library! Each Monday morning, the Children's Department will have a specially featured art activity. Make and take it home along with the books you check out. This is an informal, drop-in craft program with no registration required.

Wacky Wednesdays

June 12 to July 17 at 2 p.m.

Each Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., the library will host LIVE performances. Programs are open to all, but geared towards children in kindergarten to grade 6. Programs are FREE and very popular, so please arrive early to sign in.

The schedule is:

June 12 ...Alan Johnson, Comedy Juggler
June 19 ...Treasure Beyond Measure with Capt'n Curley the Pirate
June 26 ...Norm Barnhart's Circus of Books Magic Show
July 3Brodini Comedy Magic
July 10Dazzling Dave National Yo-Yo Master
July 17Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo

Baby Storytime

Thursdays, June 6 to 27 at 10:30 a.m.

This 20-minute program is an introduction to storytime for babies and toddlers ages birth - 24 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Join us for songs, fingerplays, stories, and more!

Summer Storytime

Tuesdays, June 18 to July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

This is a program featuring books, songs and puppets for children of all ages accompanied by a caregiver.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars for these extra special events! Registration begins JUNE 1 for all programs that require it.

READ Dogs

Monday nights, July 1 to 29

Real dogs in the library?! READ Dogs provides an opportunity for a child to read to a registered therapy dog in the relaxed atmosphere of the library. Participants may register for a 15-minute one-on-one session with a therapy animal. Space is limited; registration is required. Please contact the library for availability and registration at (763) 706-3690.

Read & Grow

Friday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

Friday, July 5 at 11 a.m.



Listen to stories about gardening, then get the opportunity to try it yourself! Participants will learn about planting through hands-on activities and get to bring home their own creations. The program is geared towards children in kindergarten through grade 3. Adults must accompany children for planting activities. Space is limited; registration is required. This program takes place in partnership with Abrakadoodle and Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

Ninjabo Fun

Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m.

Learn to draw, sculpt and paint your favorite Lego Ninjabo characters including Kai, Jay, Cole, Zane and their dragons. Program open to children grades 2-4. Space is limited; registration is required.

Addy's American Girl Tea Party

Wednesday, July 31 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 31 at 2:30 p.m.

You're invited to dress up and bring your favorite doll as we celebrate American Girl Addy Walker. Join us for tea and cake, as well as crafts led by Abrakadoodle. Space is limited; registration is required. Please sign up for one program slot.

Super Science Saturdays



Top science centers in the Twins Cities are presenting special programs at the library! Space is limited and registration is required for each of

the following.

Design-Build-Create by Science Museum of Minnesota

Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. Open to children grades 3-5.

Mixing Molecules by The Works

Saturday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. Open to children grades 1-3.

Bugs by Mad Science of MN

Saturday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. Open to children grades K-2.

Kid's Club

Mondays, Aug. 5 to 19 at 3 p.m.



Summer's not over yet! Join the Kid's Club and meet others who love the same series you do. Each meeting we will read from and talk

about books from the featured series, as well as make related crafts or do related activities. Registration is required.

Aug. 5: "Geronimo Stilton" by Geronimo Stilton

Aug. 12: "Big Nate" by Lincoln Peirce

Aug. 19: "39 Clues" by Various Authors

Police department office hours

The Columbia Heights Police Department office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The telephone number is **(763) 706-8100**. The office is located in the Public Safety building, **825 41st Avenue NE**. The police department is closed on weekends and holidays. A telephone is located inside the entry doors that can be used after hours to request assistance.



For general information, activities, ordinances, and services, visit www.chpolice.com, find us on [Facebook.com/chpolice](https://www.facebook.com/chpolice), and follow us at twitter.com/colhgtspolice.



Spotlight on Beth O'Brien



Beth O'Brien

Beth O'Brien started employment with the City of Columbia Heights in 1983 as a temporary public works receptionist. She followed that two-month experience by applying for and accepting a full-time position with the city's finance department. In 1990 she accepted a records technician position in the police department and has worked diligently there ever since.

She has handled nearly every job function in the office during her time with the police department, from police record processing to assisting residents on the phone and at the information window. She is the department's main contact with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for matters relating to police records, and for three years has been handling the duties involving property and evidence.

O'Brien, a Richfield High graduate, earned an associate degree to become a medical secretary through Hennepin Technical College in Eden Prairie. She has two sons now working for the U.S. Government. She enjoys her three grandchildren, now in their teens, and calls them her "baby grands."

O'Brien has been an efficient worker and has expanded her interest in giving back to the community by helping at department open houses. She has volunteered for fund-raisers for S.A.C.A., the Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters, the clock tower, statues at the public safety building, and now the new heritage tower. She is a member of the department's Police Association, a benevolent and social entity that sponsors "Shop with a Cop," where struggling Columbia Heights families are assisted in buying Christmas presents for their children. She assists at the open gym program at Columbia Academy as part of the police department's outreach to youth.

She has enjoyed being part of the department's recent outreach efforts saying, "I'm happy to be included and be more a part of the community and team. I think [the efforts] have been a win-win for me and the city."

National Night Out is Aug. 6

Be a host and make preparations now for the 30th annual National Night Out (NNO) celebration on Aug. 6.



This is a fun night that gets neighbors together to talk about their neighborhoods and community. NNO is about working together to realize the common goal of reducing crime, and to gain more information about partnering with police to build safer neighborhoods.

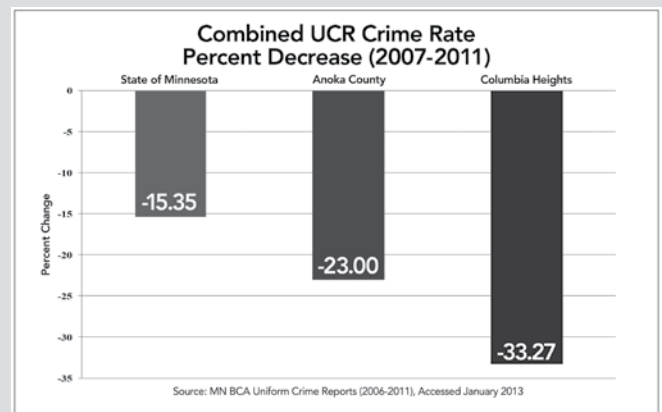
Organized Neighborhood Watch blocks will be given priority for police visits on NNO. To find out if your block is organized or if you want to become a block leader or simply wish to host a gathering this year, contact Officer Terry Nightingale at 763-706-8128 or terry.nightingale@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us.

Police department's annual report is now available

The Columbia Heights Police Department's 2012 Annual Report is currently available at the Columbia Heights Public Library, and on the City's website at www.chpolice.com. A limited number of copies are available for purchase at the Police Department office for \$5 each.

The Annual Report details the important work done by the Police Department during the past year, including information on how officers are using crime analysis, statistical analysis and crime mapping to quickly identify problems, and then working with stakeholders to address identified issues.

An excerpt from the Annual Report can be seen below. The graph shows a comparison of decreases in crime rate percentages from 2007 through 2011 in Columbia Heights, Anoka County, and the State of Minnesota. While crime rates are down overall, the percentage of decrease is larger in Columbia Heights.





GARY PETERSON



TAMI DIEHM



BRUCE NAWROCKI



DONNA SCHMITT



BOBBY WILLIAMS

The Mayor and City Council members are your elected representatives. City Council meetings take place at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the council chambers at city hall. Meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 and are rebroadcast on other days.

For more information, including agendas and minutes, go to www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us.

Gary Peterson, Mayor (763) 788-7517

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Nominate a resident to be 2013 Citizen of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the 38th annual Citizen of the Year Humanitarian Award.

The award was established to give public recognition each year to one resident of Columbia Heights who has unselfishly contributed his/her time and effort to helping others and promoting better understanding between people.

There is no age limit for this award. The only requirement is that the nominee must live in the City of Columbia Heights. The award is for residents who have not otherwise been publicly recognized. Public officials, current candidates for public office, and past award recipients are not eligible for it.

This awarded recipient will be honored with a reception at City Hall and will ride in the Jamboree Parade in June.

Steve Smith was the 2012 Humanitarian of the year.

Deadline for applications is May 17. For an application, contact City Clerk Tori Leonhardt at (763) 706-3611 or by email at tori.leonhardt@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us.



Steve Smith

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Response 911
If you cannot complete your call
using 911 (763) 427-1212

CITY OFFICES (763) 706-3600
TTY/TDD (763) 706-3692
Mayor & City Council (763) 706-3607
City Clerk (763) 706-3611
City Manager (763) 706-3610
Personnel-General (763) 706-3606
Personnel-Job line (763) 706-3616
Assessing (763) 706-3618
Garbage/Refuse
Pick-up/Recycling
(Veolia ES) (763) 225-8705
Utility Billing (763) 706-3640

Public Works Dept. (763) 706-3700
Engineering/Maintenance Operations
Emergency After Hours 911

Fire Dept. Administration & Information/
Emergency
Management (763) 706-8150
Fire Chief (763) 706-8152
Assistant Fire Chief (763) 706-8154
Rental Housing/
Property Maintenance
Inspections (763) 706-8156

Police Administration & Information
Records & Info., Patrol,
Investigations (763) 706-8100
Crime Prevention (763) 706-8100
Police Chief (763) 706-8100
Community Policing
Coordinator (763) 706-8128

Community
Development (763) 706-3670
Comm. Dev. Director (763) 706-3672
City Planner (763) 706-3673

Parkview Villa (763) 706-3800
Bldg. Permits/
Licenses (763) 706-3678
Recreation Dept. (763) 706-3730
Recreation Director (763) 706-3732
Senior Programs (763) 706-3735
Athletics Coordinator (763) 706-3733
CHASE & Youth Enrichment
Coordinator (763) 706-3733
24-Hour Info. Line-Murzyn
Hall info., Cancellations,
Directions (763) 706-3737
Murzyn Hall Rental (763) 706-3734
Hall After Hours (763) 706-3732

Columbia Heights
Public Library (763) 706-3690

U.S. Post Office,
940 44th Ave. N.E. 800-275-8777

FIRE DEPARTMENT

825 41st Ave. NE,
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
fire@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us
Non-Emergency (763) 706-8150
Emergency Call 9-1-1
Fax (763) 706-8151
Housing Maintenance
Inspections (763) 706-8156
fireinspections@
ci.columbia-heights.mn.us

Access to the Fire Department during city business hours is through the main lobby. During evenings and weekends, staff members can be accessed by ringing the night bell outside the Fire Department service door by the overhead garage doors. Fire Department information can be found at www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us under the fire department heading.

How to enjoy a recreational fire

Recreational fires are permitted within the city limits of Columbia Heights with a permit. Permits can be obtained in person at the fire department by an adult 18 years and older seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Up to nine free daily permits can be obtained or an annual permit may be purchased for a small fee. New this year, a daily fire permit may be obtained up to one week in advance. Recreational fire rules are listed on the permit and are strictly enforced.

Here are ways to use fireworks safely

The Columbia Heights Fire Department wishes you to be safe in the use of fireworks. It is always important that people be vigilant, responsible and take additional safety precautions when using fireworks as they can be very dangerous and are associated with many injuries.

The following safety guidelines are offered by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office to prevent injuries, fires and nuisance complaints associated with the use of fireworks:



- Enjoy displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- Read, understand, and follow the instructions on each device prior to using.
- Keep fireworks away from children.
- Choose a safe place to use fireworks that is far from anything that could be damaged from the normal or abnormal operation of any device.
- Prohibit anyone who acts in an irresponsible manner or who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs from using fireworks.
- Keep fireworks from getting wet and do not use them even when dried after becoming wet.
- Never ignite fireworks inside another container, such as a bottle or can.
- Use eye protection if using fireworks and never throw fireworks or aim them at another person, animal or building.
- Light one firework device at a time, then move away from the device quickly. Keep clear of any device that has been ignited, but has yet to go off.
- Never relight malfunctioning fireworks. Report any defects to the seller or the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- Never experiment with fireworks, make your own fireworks, or alter fireworks in any manner (a strong federal prohibition exists for such activity).

Property ownership, big responsibility

With summer well under way there are a lot of things that you can do around the house to keep your property looking good.

"To keep our neighborhoods safe and livable, we need to have owners who take reasonable care to ensure that their properties don't become a nuisance," said Fire Chief Gary Gorman. "A few hours throughout the summer is all it takes to keep your property maintained and in compliance with city code."

Follow these property maintenance tips:

- Keep the entire yard mowed and trimmed. People often forget those quick-to-maintain areas along alleyways and behind garages. Exterior property and premises should be maintained free from diseased, dead and hazardous trees and noxious weeds. Long grass and weed inspections are conducted by the city. Any grass over nine inches should be cut and weeds/scrub growth around foundations of buildings should be removed.
- Clean up any outside storage of articles including, but not limited to, equipment, construction materials, excess soil, garbage, yard waste, recyclables, hazardous waste, items not designed for exterior use, and maintenance equipment.
- Remove tree stumps to four inches below the surface of the ground, including root extensions. Stumps that are to be used for other purposes including, but not limited to, art, furniture, and landscaping must be separated from the root system. The remaining stump/roots should be removed as outlined above.
- Stack firewood in rear yards only, and place it in an area that does not promote rodent harborage or the deterioration of adjacent surfaces and does not adversely affect neighboring properties.

To learn more about the city's code enforcement program or file a complaint, go to www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us or call (763) 706-8156.

Notable events in Columbia Heights history

Barn/Garage Fire, 3916 Main Street – August 11, 1965

The Columbia Heights Fire Department was called to a fire at a detached/barn garage at 11:12 a.m. at 3916 Main Street on Aug. 8, 1965. Twelve firefighters used two engines, a rescue vehicle and the chief's car to respond to the fire. Using 1,150 feet of 2½ inch hose as a water supply and 350 feet of 1½ inch hose to attack the fire, the firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control and cleared the scene by 12:44 p.m. The fire destroyed the structure, two automobiles and a boat and also damaged the neighboring property. The report cites the cause of the fire to be children playing with fire.



Sister Cities' members sponsor projects

Fellowship and good food were enjoyed by a dozen members of the Columbia Heights/Lomianki, Poland, Sister Cities International (SCI) group in March at HANGAR 45 (45th Avenue & Central Avenue) which is owned by SCI Member, Todd Estrem, who also is the proprietor of Tasty Pizza. The collections of U.S. Air Force and other military memorabilia make the venue a mini-museum! Special attention is given to Walter Shimshock, the 19-year-old B-17 tail gunner who made the supreme sacrifice in September 1944, during the WWII humanitarian mission dropping supplies to the Poles during the Warsaw Uprising. These Air Force heroes were the catalyst for the formation of Columbia Heights' Sister City relationship with Lomianki.

A large group from Columbia Heights attended PACIM's (Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota) Spring Ball in April. The *Bal Karnawalowy* included a gourmet dinner, classical Chopin music, silent auction, entertainment by the popular Dolina Dancers, and the traditional Polonaise Grand March.

The Minnesota State Sister Cities' Conference took place in April with Secretary of State Mark Ritchie on the program. MN State Coordinators Gerald Wenner and Dolores Puente Strand presented a program which included special contributions from Native Americans. As SCI volunteer state coordinators, Wenner and Strand appreciate all the assistance from Columbia Heights' members.

SCI member Dan Schyma coordinated a program at the Columbia Heights Public Library in April that featured genealogist, John Rys. He talked about Polish immigration to the Northeast Minneapolis, Columbia Heights areas and their influential contributions to establish a solid, quality community of hardworking citizens.

SCI members were also commended for volunteering at the Festival of Nations in St. Paul in May – especially their dedication to the Polish Café coordinated by SCI members Phyllis Husted and John Bieniek.

JOIN THIS DYNAMIC GROUP! For information, contact Co-chairs Gloria Bergstrom (612) 633-0506 or Dolores Puente Strand (763) 571-1709.

Talented artists and writers featured at SCI Showcase

Artistic and creative writing talents of Columbia Heights students were on display at the 7th Annual Young Artist/Author Showcase last month.

The event was sponsored by the Columbia Heights Sister Cities International group in partnership with the city's Recreation Department.

First place entries receive \$100 and have their works forwarded to SCI/Washington, D.C., for national competition. Runners-up receive \$50.

The top awards went to these students:

Art:

1st Place: Tyrea Carroll

Runners Up: Joey Ungemach and Andrea Pamo

Essays:

1st Place: Patrick Vazquez

Runners Up: Elise Rogotske and Heidi Leibfried

Poetry:

1st Place: Jasmine Burbank

Runners Up: Christal A. Shiwraj and Heidi Korems-Wolinski.

Liz Bray, recreation coordinator for the city of Columbia Heights, thanked teachers for inspiring the young artists and authors to do their every best.



Top awards went to, from left to right, Patrick Vazquez, Heidi Korems-Wolinski, Christal Shiwraj and Heidi Leibfried. Not pictured: Elise Rogotske, Jasmine Burbank, Tyrea Carroll, Joey Ungemach and Andrea Pamo.

Tips for controlling Canada geese

The key to controlling Canada geese populations in the city is to make their preferred environment less attractive. Urban areas with mowed fertilized lawns and open spaces are ideal habitats for geese.

The following tips may help control populations.

- Don't feed the geese – Feeding the geese will concentrate populations, reduce effectiveness of other measures, and make them more aggressive to people as they expect to be fed. Hand feeding makes geese more susceptible to diseases and rarely provides proper nutrients they require.
- Manage grass and plants – Geese prefer to eat grass, especially young shoots that can be found in abundance on mowed fertilized lawns. Eliminate mowing at least 20 feet from shorelines or plant prairie grasses in these areas, as they are less palatable to geese. Reduce fertilizer use, as geese prefer fertilized grass.
- Vegetative barrier – Geese prefer to walk from land to water and because they feel safe in open areas where they can see predators. A tall grass buffer (minimum of 30") will discourage the geese from established feeding areas as they will be unable to physically walk to the area and the high grasses will impair their sightlines.
- Fencing and rock – Large rocks (2 feet in diameter or greater) or a fence will also discourage geese from an area. Fences should be at least 30" tall and have no openings larger than 3 feet.

Invasive pests can spread via firewood

Many invasive pest species live on or in trees, lumber and firewood. Moving untreated firewood can spread pests such as Emerald ash borer which has been found in Minnesota. Quarantines are now in place for counties affected by emerald ash borer to help prevent new infestations within the state. For more information visit <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialanimals/eab/index.html>.

Firewood in quarantined counties – which does not include Anoka County, at this time – cannot be moved without a certificate. The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a parallel federal quarantine for interstate movement of regulated articles. For questions about invasive species and firewood regulations contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division, at (651) 201-6684 or via email at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us.

City will be updating storm water pollution prevention plan

In an effort to protect waters, the City of Columbia Heights has a federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). This permit is currently up for reissuance and the City is preparing for additional requirements in the upcoming months. Currently the new permit is scheduled to be signed in the spring/summer of 2013. Until the reissuance of the new permit, the City will continue to operate under the requirements of the old permit. The permit requires that the City, as the owner of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its storm sewer system to the maximum extent possible. The City's SWPPP is comprised of six minimum control measures, as required under the permit. For more detailed information about the proposed new permit, please visit the MPCA stormwater program website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/stormwater/municipal-stormwater/municipal-separate-storm-sewer-systems-ms4.html>

For information regarding the City's SWPPP and MS4 program, please visit the City's website or City Hall.

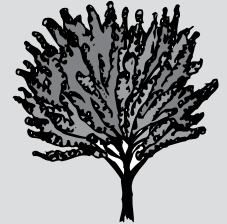
Please report diseased trees

Public and private trees are inspected three times a year during June, July and August for Dutch Elm disease, Oak Wilt, and Emerald Ash Borer.

If you suspect a tree(s) in Columbia Heights may be diseased, please call (763) 706-3700. A tree inspector will examine the tree(s) and mark them with a red "T" for removal if they are diseased. Visit www.MNtrees.org for information on ways to keep trees healthy.

Watering trees keeps them healthy

Providing adequate water is one of the most important things you can do to establish and maintain



tree health. Watering newly planted or transplanted trees regularly for 3-5 years is critical in establishing healthy trees. Yearly rainfall may or may not be adequate for trees; therefore pay particular attention during the summer or periods of drought. Established trees only need to be watered during drought-like conditions. Continue to water until the ground freezes to reduce the amount of winter damage. For more information visit www.myminnisotawoods.umn.edu/2008/04/seasonal-care-of-trees-shrubs-watering.

Lawn tips:

- The best time to water is in the morning, before 10 a.m., because rising heat during the day tends to evaporate a lot of water.
- A lush green lawn requires 1 to 1½ inches of water per week.
- Avoid watering when windy.
- Lawns that are frequently aerated absorb water better.
- Mulch shrubs and other plants so the soil holds moisture longer.

REFUSE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. (formerly Veolia ES)

Customer Service Phone: (763) 225-8705
E-mail: columbiaheights-sw@veoliaes.com
Website: www.veoliatwincities.com/municipalities-columbia-heights.php

Anoka County Integrated Waste Management

Phone: (763) 323-5730
Website: www.anokacounty.us/recycle

City Refuse/Recycling website

www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=223
Public Works Department Phone: (763) 706-3700

Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day, May 27, Monday-Friday service delayed by one day
Independence Day, July 4, Thursday and Friday service delayed by one day
Labor Day, Sept. 2, Monday-Friday service delayed one day

Recycling

- Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs #1-7 now accepted.
- Single-sort recycling collection is every other week. Please check the Advanced Disposal Services website or call (763) 225-8705 for your collection day.
- Please do not place recycling materials in plastic bags; dump the items loosely in the cart or use paper bags. Plastic bags cause problems with the sorting system at the processing plant.
- Rinse out cans, bottles and jars.

Yard Waste

- Bag (ASTMD6400 compostable only) or bundle branches.
 - Place on the street curb.
 - Anoka County compost at Bunker Hills site 763-767-7964.
- Yard waste carts are available to residents by annual subscription. Order one by calling (763) 706-3700.

Computers/Electronics Disposal

Electronics with cathode ray tubes (old style monitors and televisions) must be properly disposed due to the hazardous nature of the material. Call Advanced Disposal Services at (763) 225-8705 to schedule a pickup. Disposal charges vary depending on item. You may also drop items off at various disposal sites (to avoid pickup charges). A list of approved sites are located on the County and State web pages:

- www.AnokaCounty.us/electronics
- www.pca.state.mn.us

The drop-off site may charge a disposal fee.

Appliance Disposal

Call Advanced Disposal Services at 763-225-8705 to arrange for a pickup at your home. Remove doors from freezers and refrigerators. Each property is offered one free appliance pickup per calendar year. Call Advanced Disposal Services or visit their website for additional appliance collection costs. It is illegal to haul items into the city for disposal.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (763) 323-5730

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in the garbage. This includes such items as aerosol cans that have contents remaining, antifreeze, driveway sealer, gasoline and other fuels, mercury, liquid paint, paint stripper, paint thinner, pesticides, varnish, wood preservatives and other household products that are corrosive, flammable, combustible or poisonous. Take these items to the Anoka County HHW facility located at 3230 101st Ave. NE in Blaine. There is no charge for disposal of these items at the facility. For more information, visit: <http://www.anokacounty.us/recycle>

Columbia Heights Recycling/Drop Off Center for area residents and businesses

Location and hours:

- Madison St. and 38th Place NE
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Closed holiday weekends.

Items accepted:

Paper Cans Oil filters Cardboard
Tires Used oil Glass bottles Scrap metal
NO garbage, NO hazardous materials, NO furniture
NO appliances, NO trash, NO lumber, NO electronics

Tires: Cannot be taken with trash. Leave old tires at the store when purchasing new ones. Residents may bring four car or light truck tires per year. MUST be off the rims.

Used motor oil and oil filters: Accepted only during hours Recycling Center is open. Accepted at Recycling Center from Columbia Heights residents for non-business purposes only.

Fluorescent bulb collection days:

Saturday, May 4, 2013 and Saturday, October 5, 2013

If households recycle more, city could meet goal

Thanks to Columbia Heights residents, 340 tons of materials were recycled from January through March of this year which saved the city's refuse fund over \$18,000 in trash disposal fees. This is notable, although it is 18% less than the goal for the first quarter. Please keep in mind the SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) goal for the city increased for 2013. The latest estimate is that each household in Columbia Heights only needs to recycle an extra 18 pounds in order to meet the year-end goal of 1,792 tons.

RECYCLING TIP:

Recycling cart overflowing? Order a large 96-gallon recycling container with no change in service charges. Recycle as much as you can at the same flat rate. Call (763) 706-3700 for more information.

TOP VALU LIQUOR

TOP VALU STORE I: (763) 706-3819 • TOP VALU STORE II: (763) 706-3813 • HEIGHTS LIQUOR (763) 572-9730

TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



HAMMS
30 pack cans

\$12.97



Coupon expires 6/15/13. While supply lasts. No further discount. Store not responsible for typographical errors.

TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



Malibu Red Rum
liter

\$13.97



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



St. Pauli
12 pack bottles

\$10.97



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE

CONQUISTA

Conquista Wines
750 ml

\$4.97

(Does not include
Reserve or Oak Cask)



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



James Page
12 pack bottles

\$10.97



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



Carmen Wines
750 ml

\$12.97



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE

Dr. McGillicuddy's
Cherry & Menthol



750 ml
EZ packs

\$10.97



Coupon expires 6/15/13. While supply lasts. No further discount. Store not responsible for typographical errors.

TOP VALU LIQUOR

Store #1: 4950 Central Ave. NE
Store #2: 2105 37th Ave. NE



Pepperwood Wines
3 liter boxes

\$15.97



Coupon expires 6/15/13. While supply lasts. No further discount. Store not responsible for typographical errors.