



GOT PETS? We had such fun making our 2021 City Centennial Calendar last year, we've decided to make a new City calendar for 2022, this time featuring 'Pets of Columbia Heights,' and we need your help. Find out more inside on page 12.

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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
REDISCOVER THE HEIGHTS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

2021 EVENTS!

THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL YEAR IS NOT OVER YET. THE FALL IS FULL OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS!
FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, VISIT [COLUMBIAHEIGHTSMN.GOV/EVENTS](https://columbiaheightsmn.gov/events).

LIONS '20s THEMED DINNER & SPEAKEASY

As part of the Columbia Heights Centennial, the Columbia Heights Lions Club is hosting a Roaring '20s themed, speakeasy inspired dinner and dance event. Tickets are limited. \$50 for full dinner, a drink, coffee, and dance experience. \$15 to attend just the dance portion. Presale only! Call 612-810-0512 to order your tickets.

WHERE: Murzyn Hall

WHEN: Sat, Sept 18, 6 pm—midnight



HeightsNEXT CULTURAL FESTIVAL

A celebration of the many cultures and ethnicities in Columbia Heights. Everyone is welcome to this free, fun-for-all-ages centennial event, featuring dance, poetry, and music performances from a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

WHERE: Columbia Heights High School Gym

WHEN: Sat, Sept 25, 2—5 pm



COLUMBIA HEIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Test your knowledge for a chance to win prizes! Four rounds of trivia questions tailored to Columbia Heights residents and local themes. Sign up as a single player or register as a team at heights100.com. This event takes place in the bar area of Murzyn Hall, where space is limited, so register soon. Prizes include Columbia Heights t-shirts and other merchandise, and gift certificates for local businesses. This will be the City's last 100th Anniversary event of Columbia Heights' Centennial Year.

WHERE: Murzyn Hall Bar Area

WHEN: Nov 23, 7—9 pm



Get up-to-the-minute info on community events and other activities at columbiaheightsmn.gov/events or follow us on:

Facebook @columbiaheightsmn

Twitter @heightsmn



FALL MOVIE IN THE PARK EVENT

Vote Now!

Columbia Heights Presents: Movie at McKenna, Sept 17!

Vote Online for Your Choice
of Movie By Sept 7

Go to [Heights100.com](https://www.heights100.com) to vote for which one of four family-friendly movie options you'd like to see most: Moana, Toy Story, Secret Life of Pets, or Lego Batman. Vote by the end of the day Sept 7 at www.heights100.com or www.columbia-heightsmn.gov/events. The winning movie will be played Sept 17 at McKenna Park! Bring your family and some chairs or a blanket to 4757 7th St at 7 pm (film starts at 7:30)! Seating may be limited. Space available first-come, first-served.



Fire Prevention Open House

The Columbia Heights Fire Department's Fire Prevention Open House returns in 2021 after taking a year off in 2020. This is a family-friendly, fun and educational event featuring interactive fire safety demonstrations. For more information, see page 9.

WHERE: Columbia Heights Public Safety Building

WHEN: Oct 9, 11 am–2 pm



Truck or Treat

The City's annual Truck or Treat event features dozens of vehicles, including fire trucks, police squads, snow plows, and construction equipment for attendees to observe and explore, free candy and other goodies, food trucks, Halloween decorations, and more! Free for all ages. More info on page 8.

WHERE: Huset Park East

WHEN: Oct 30, 1–5 pm



Sign Up Now for the City's New Monthly E-Newsletter!

We're looking for more ways to reach residents with important and timely updates about our City.

Columbia Heights is launching a monthly e-newsletter to keep its residents informed on upcoming events, deadlines, construction projects, and much more! The City of Columbia Heights monthly e-newsletter is scheduled to debut on Sept 1, and it will be emailed to anyone who subscribes to it.



Register Your Email Address Today!

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/enews or email wrottler@columbiaheightsmn.gov to sign up.

Library Hours Changing: Schedule Closer to Pre-Pandemic Normal

At their August meeting, the Library Board approved a change to service hours for the Library effective Sept 7, 2021. See box to the right for the new schedule that goes into effect after Labor Day.

The change is the next step toward returning the Library to pre-pandemic service levels. The new weekly schedule will have consistent opening times each day and additional hours in the morning, Thursday evenings, and Saturdays.

Monday:	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday:	10 am - 7 pm
Wednesday:	10 am - 7 pm
Thursday:	10 am - 7 pm
Friday:	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday:	10 am - 3 pm
Sunday:	CLOSED



Thank you to Ngawang Dolker, President of the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota, and Samten Choedon, former TAFM Vice President, seen here with librarian Cortni O'Brien and Councilmember Kt Jacobs, for gifting the Columbia Heights Public Library with educational books about Tibet and the Dalai Lama in honor of the Dalai Lama's 86th birthday. More information here: <https://www.facebook.com/TibetanCommunity/>.

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories."

— MARLEY DIAS, Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair



LIBRARIES TRANSFORM ALA OverDrive Library Champions

Get daily updates on Columbia Heights happenings by liking us on Facebook @Columbiaheightsmn

Find our daily newsfeed at columbiaheightsmn.gov
For questions about this newsletter, call 763-706-3615

Library Programs, Activities, and Important Information

Below is a sampling of upcoming activities at the library. For a full list or more details, visit www.anokacounty.us/events or call 763-706-3690. Most programs require registration (indicated by *). Register by calling 763-706-3690. For at-home service, call 763-706-3681. For renewal, call 763-324-1590. Internet-enabled device required for online programs.

Adult Programs

Tiny Art Show

October-November

The library's first Tiny Art Show! Register to receive a mini art kit. Submit your creation by Oct 30. Art will be featured in the library's glass display case for the month of November. For ages 13+. *

Poems in the Parks

10 am-4 pm: Sept 17, Huset Park West; Oct 15, Sullivan Park; Nov 19, LaBelle Park

Wine Tasting Book Club

3 pm: Sept 17 and Nov 19, Murzyn Hall
Contact 763-706-3730 to register.

Bike Fix-It Clinic

Sat, Sept 18, 10-11:30 am, Outside Library

Architect Ave Walking Tour

Sat, Sept 18, 1 pm *

Kids Programs

Family Storytime

Mondays, Sept 20-Nov 15, 10:30-11 am
Share books, songs, and rhymes at this storytime designed to promote school readiness for 2-to-5-year-olds. *

Daycare Storytime

10:30: Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1
Storytime for daycare groups. *

Baby Read, Baby Grow

Thursdays, Sept 23-Nov 18, 10:30-11 am
For infants ages birth to 24 months and parents/caregivers. Read-aloud stories, sing-alongs, and activities. *

Story Strolls

Sept 22-23: LaBelle Park; Oct 20-21: Huset Park; Nov 17-18: Sullivan Park
Large story pages placed throughout featured parks at 10 am the first day and removed at 4 pm the following day.

A Better Back Yard for Pollinators

Tue, Sept 21, 6 pm *

Tree Identification Workshop

Mon, Oct 11, 5:30 pm *

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Sat, Oct 16, 1-2:30 pm *

Watercolor Lemon Branch: Class

Mon, Oct 18, 5:30 pm * ***

Art of Indigo Dye: Class

Mon, Nov 1, 5:30 pm * ***

Tapestry Weaving: Online Class

Tue, Nov 16, 6 pm * ***

Library Book Club

10 am: "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys, Sept. 15; "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah, Oct 20; "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett, Nov. 17

Family Discovery: Pollinate MN

Time TBD: Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 23
Learn about pollinators and their habitats while participating in hands-on activities. Stay tuned for more information. For families. * **

Exploring West Africa

Fri, Oct 22, 2-4 pm
Ghana Mbaye takes you on a whirlwind tour of West Africa through drumming, dance, and storytelling. Learn African drumming and dance patterns. * ***

Print and Repeat Bags

Fri, Nov 12, 1-2:30 pm
Create a block (like a stamp) and print with it to create a repeat pattern on a drawstring bag. Ages 7-12. On Zoom. Registrants will need to pick up their kits at the Library before the program starts. * ***

Teen Programs

Hour of Code

Tue, Sept 28, 4-5 pm

Drop in after school to try out coding and learn more about Code Club. **

Code Club

Oct 5-Nov 30, 4-5:30 pm
Code Club gives youth a place to learn coding while doing projects and challenges like making games and creating apps. For grades 5 and up. * **

Teen Service Day

Time/Date TBD

Help prepare youth spaces for winter by creating decorations, shelf reading and more at the library all while earning community service hours for school and clubs. For grades 6 and up. *

Tiny Art Show

October-November

The library's first Tiny Art Show! Register to receive a mini art kit. Submit your creation by Oct 30. Art will be featured in the library's glass display case for the month of November. For ages 13+. *

* Registration required. Call 763-706-3690.

** This program is partially funded with a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education using federal funding, CFDA 84.287, Every Student Succeeds Act, Title IV B-21 Century Community Learning Centers. The content of this program does not necessarily represent the policy of the federal Department of Education or the Minnesota Department of Education

*** This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Library Hours

See page 4 for new library hours
Call 763-706-3690 for updates

3939 Central Ave NE

Hours Change Sept 7, See Page 4

Library Closures

Sept 4-6 • Nov 11 • Nov 25-26

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov

Cable Channel 19

Facebook: @ColumbiaHeightsPublicLibrary

Hy-Vee Property Sold to Alatus for New Major Development

Revitalization of the site located at 4300 Central Ave NE has long been a priority for the City. This year, staff worked with the development company Alatus to negotiate a deal to purchase 10 acres of property from Hy-Vee (the City owns an additional three acres of the land) to build a mixed-use development project that, if approved, would be the biggest development project in Columbia Heights in 100 years. Alatus became interested in the land and its potential after working with the City on the 40th Ave City Hall project (see story below). The company sees this as a way to build on the investment it's already made here, said Aaron Chirpich, community development director.

Though subject to change, the initial proposal includes:

- Between 20-60,000 square-feet of retail space anchored



- chored by a grocery store on the east side
- 400-600 market-rate apartments on the east side above the retail space
- A substantial City park/public open space amenity at the center of the development
- Significant upgrades to area infrastructure for storm water and sanitary sewer utilities
- A low density, single family housing development on the west side of the property
- Underground parking
- Environmentally sustainable amenities, such as solar panels, rain gardens, and high efficiency heat/cooling

Alatus closed on the purchase of the site Aug 6. The City will seek public feedback as plans move forward, with particular focus on the public park portion of the project. It would be a new City park in an area that otherwise doesn't have one. The project has the potential to grow the City's tax base considerably, continue the City's goal of revitalizing Central Ave, and attract future investments from other developers, Chirpich said. Keep an eye on www.columbia-heightsmn.gov/development for updates.

City Hall, Apartment Complex Mixed-Use Development at Central and 40th On Track For Fall 2022 Opening

Doran Construction is well under way with construction of the mixed-use development project at the corner of 3989 Central Ave NE, with construction on schedule to be completed in the fall of 2022. The development will include 266 apartments, a café space, and a new City Hall. Construction began in November 2020 shortly after the former office building on the lot was demolished.

The City Hall will open along with the rest of the building. Staff will transfer to the new facility over the course of a few weeks in the fall of 2022. The City Hall space will be owned by the City, like a condo, and it will take up nearly the entire first floor of the building. The City will likely sell the property where the existing City Hall stands. It's too early to know what might replace the existing City Hall.

Background and More Details

The Columbia Heights City Council voted 5-0 in September, 2019, to authorize the establishment of a new, 20,000 square-foot City Hall as part of a vertical mixed-use development at 3989 Central Ave NE.

Though it will be part of a larger private development, City Hall will be owned by the City, not leased. The City has partnered with the Leo A Daly LLC architecture firm to help design the facility.

Locating a new City Hall within the Alatus development had the potential to save the City more than \$6 million when compared to the preferred stand-alone option that had been considered near Murzyn Hall on Huset Park West.

City officials conducted a public hearing detailing the two sites in the fall of 2019.

Plans to build a new City Hall have been brewing for several years. The condition of the existing building is such that necessary renovations were expected to cost upwards of \$6-8 million over the next decade, which exceeds the price of building new. For preliminary site plans, cost-comparisons, condition reports, and further details, visit www.columbia-heightsmn.gov/newcityhall.





Budget Spotlight

The Columbia Heights City manager’s proposed 2022 budget is available for review online at columbia-heightsmn.gov. Click on “Finance” under “Departments” and then click on “Budget and Financial Reports.” The proposed budget and tax levy were provided to the Columbia Heights City Council at its Aug 23 meeting, as required by the City’s Charter.

The proposed 2022 gross property tax levy is a 4.8% increase over 2021. The average effect on local taxpayers for 2022 could be higher or lower than 4.8%, depending on how much of the 2022 gross property tax levy will be subsidized by the metro area revenue sharing program termed “fiscal disparities.” The amount of that subsidy is not known at this time, but it will be determined



by Anoka County before the City Council considers the proposed budget and tax levy at its Sept 27 meeting.

The proposed 4.8% increase funds inflationary increases of 3% over 2021 costs for existing services, plus one additional full-time position in information technology, and a variety of small service enhancements across multiple departments.

After a proposed 2022 budget is initially approved by the city council Sept 27, it will go through a series of reviews before a final budget is ratified by the council at a public hearing on Dec 13. Prior to that public hearing, the Anoka County Auditor will mail each property owner a Truth-in-Taxation notice of the proposed 2022 property taxes for their specific property.

IMPORTANT CITY CONTACTS

CITY OFFICES.....(763) 706-3600
Administration.....(763) 706-3610

Public Works..... (763) 706-3700
Garbage/Refuse Pick-up/
Recycling (Waste
Management)(888) 960-0008
Utility Billing.....(763) 706-3640

Fire Dept. Administration & Information/
Emergency
Management..... (763) 706-8150
Fire Chief.....(763) 706-8152

Police(763) 706-8100

Library.....(763) 706-3690

Community
Development.....(763) 706-3670

Bldg. Permits/
Licenses.....(763) 706-3678

24-Hour Info. Line-Murzyn Hall info., Weather
Cancellations, Directions(763) 706-3737
Murzyn Hall Rental..... (763) 706-3734

Mayor Márquez Simula.....(763) 706-3607
Councilmember Buesgens..... (763) 788-5072
Councilmember Jacobs(612) 810-0512
Councilmember Novitsky.....(612) 760-4463
Councilmember Murzyn(763) 781-4983

City Newsletter editor (763) 706-3615

Emergency.....911

MORE INFO AT:
www.columbiaheightsmn.gov



Listen Now! Columbia Heights Police Department Podcast

The CHPD has launched a bi-monthly podcast to discuss law enforcement and public safety topics relevant to the community. Each podcast features a different topic and special guests. CHPD Officer Mohammed Farah and Columbia Heights

Communications Coordinator Ben Sandell co-host the discussions. The first four podcasts are available to listen to now on multiple platforms.

More info at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/podcast.



Truck or Treat Community Event Returns Oct 30

Truck or Treat returns for its fourth year Sat, Oct 30, 1-5 pm, at Huset Park East! We'll be going back to the original set-up after running a drive-thru only event in 2020.

Kids and their parents can explore a variety of vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks, tow, dump, garbage and mail trucks, and a school bus. In addition to the organizations that provide their vehicles, Columbia Heights and its City departments will also collaborate with community partners such as SACA Food Shelf & Thrift Store, HeightsNEXT, and the Columbia Heights Lions to help make the event possible. Kids middle-school aged and younger will receive a free treat bag as they leave. Recreation will host Puppet Wagon shows. Attendees are encouraged to come in costume. Pets are welcome, and maybe they can be in costume, too! Food and beverages for sale, and hot cider on site. More details will be posted at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/events. This is a free event.

Sat, Oct 30, 1-5 pm, Huset Park East along Jefferson St NE



COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT

Sign up to receive emergency text alerts at columbiaheightsmn.gov/alerts

Fall and Winter Parking Reminders:

As we approach the colder months, the CHPD would like to remind residents of the City's winter parking rules. From Nov 1 to March 31, vehicles cannot be parked on City streets from 2 am to 6 am, per City ordinance. This is to ensure that streets can be plowed on short notice and helps guarantee there will be enough space for emergency vehicles to pass through.

Don't Let Your Car Run Unattended

Leaving your car running unattended, even for a few seconds, is an open invitation to auto theft. The majority of the stolen vehicles in the City involve vehicles that were left running with the keys in the ignition. Leaving your vehicle running unattended is also a City ordinance violation (remote start features are exempt). Please help the CHPD combat auto theft by taking the keys out of your vehicle, locking your car, and removing any valuables from the vehicle.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Columbia Heights Police Department office is open Mon-Fri, 8 am to 4:30 pm. The telephone number is (763) 706-8100. Call 911 in an emergency. The office is located in the Public Safety building, 825 41st Avenue NE. The police department offices are 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](https://twitter.com/colhgtspolice).



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sat, Oct 9 | 11 am to 2 pm | Public Safety Building, 825 41st Ave NE

After taking a pause last year, the Columbia Heights Fire Department is proud to announce the return of Fire Prevention Week and its annual Open House! This year's FPW campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" highlights the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises, like a beeping sound or a chirping sound, you must take action!

To promote Fire Prevention Week, Columbia Heights would like to invite you to the Public Safety Building's fire station Oct 9. Kids, young and old, can spray a real fire house, meet dalmatians, enjoy free ice cream, watch a fire demonstration, meet local firefighters, and more!



Have You Tested Your **Smoke Alarms** Recently? It Can Save Your Life

Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires nearly in half. When smoke alarms do not operate correctly in a fire, it's often because batteries were missing or disconnected. Test all smoke alarms monthly, replace batteries once a year, and replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old.



Smoke alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside the bedrooms, and on every level of the home. The Columbia Heights Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross and offers FREE Smoke Alarms for Columbia Heights residents. Call 763-706-8150 for more details and to set up an appointment. Smoke alarms save lives!

NOW HIRING!

Call 763-706-8150 for questions.

The Columbia Heights Fire Department is recruiting. Consider joining our team! Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/employment to download an application.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

825 41st Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421
fire@columbiaheightsmn.gov

Be up to date on activities and regular safety reminders of the Columbia Heights Fire Department by liking us on Facebook @columbiaheightsfire.



Non-Emergency: (763) 706-8150
Emergency: Call 911
Housing Maintenance Inspections: (763) 706-8156
fireinspections@columbiaheightsmn.gov



Watering Restrictions in Effect as Dry and Hot Weather Conditions Continue

Because Columbia Heights purchases water from Minneapolis, it enacts all water-use restrictions when notified by Minneapolis of a change. Ongoing hot and dry weather has led to extremely high water demands prompting Minneapolis to implement an odd-even day watering restriction designed to save water and help ease the high demand on the Mississippi River. The watering restrictions apply to ALL properties within the City of Columbia Heights. Note: These are the restrictions as of press time, but are subject to change. Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/water for updates.

Watering Schedule by Date/Address, and Exceptions

Odd-even watering schedule basics: If the address ends in an odd number, like 2311, outdoor watering is allowed on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, etc., of the month. If the address ends in an even number such as 2310, outdoor watering is allowed on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, etc., of the month. These restrictions will remain in effect until the restrictions from the City of Minneapolis are lifted. No watering may be done between the hours of noon and 6 pm. Exceptions will be made for hand watering of bushes, flowers, and trees. Vegetable gardens and new sod can be watered daily, but not between the hours of noon and 6 pm. It is required that all properties in Columbia Heights follow this plan. Set your automatic sprinkling systems to the schedule too to help recognize and respect our limited natural resources. Please call (763) 706-3700 Mon-Fri, 7 am to 3:30 pm, with questions.



Fall Street Sweeping Begins

The Street Department will begin street sweeping in late September and continue as long as weather permits. A reminder to all property owners: **it is against City ordinance to deposit litter, including yard waste and snow, into public streets. See story to the right for info on debris removal.** Please avoid parking on streets if you can. Thank you for your cooperation!

Columbia Heights Currently Winning Adopt-A-Drain Challenge! Just Two Months to Go

Columbia Heights is currently winning the Community Adopt-a-Drain Challenge! The challenge is a competition from March to October of this year with Andover, Blaine, Columbia Heights, and Fridley. The cities are competing to see which one can get the most storm drain adoptions and drain cleaning reports submitted to mn.adopt-a-drain.org. In addition to the city competition, there are also individual prizewinners for each city every month based on different Adopt-a-Drain categories. For example, the September prize will go to the drain adopter who removes the most debris from their drains. Debris removal will be especially important in September and October because of fallen leaves. Leaves contain nutrients that fuel algae growth and can lead to algal blooms the next summer. Removing leaves from drains keeps our waters healthy! It can also lead to less street flooding in the fall and winter. Help your city and environment win by adopting and cleaning your drains this fall!

You can adopt a drain or report a cleaning through mn.adopt-a-drain.org. For more information, contact Britta Dornfeld at bdornfeld@cooncreekwd.org or 763-258-7305. Follow your local watershed and Columbia Heights on social media for updates on the Challenge!

Bring Styrofoam and Film Plastic to the Recycling Center

Learn More About Styrofoam and Film Recycling at Coon Rapids Tour

The City of Columbia Heights Recycle Center collects Styrofoam and film plastic/bags for recycling, but these items must be delivered separately from other recyclables. The material is then transported to the Coon Rapids Recycle Center where they have a baler and a unique Styrofoam condensing machine.

Want to learn more about how that process works? Please join us on the afternoon of Sept 30 to see firsthand how the facility staff prep the material for the next step in the recycling process. Tour attendees will also learn how to properly identify film plastics and recyclable Styrofoam. Film plastic and Styrofoam is not biodegradable. It doesn't rot like paper or food, so it can remain in the environment for hundreds of years. Each year, 400 million tons of plastic are produced and 40% of it is only used once before it's trashed.

To attend the Sept 30 Coon Rapids Recycling Center tour and class, please register online at <https://columbiaheightsmn.recdesk.com/Community/Program> or call 763-706-3730.

Become a Recycling Ambassador!

Join fellow waste reduction and recycling enthusiasts to learn about all facets of waste management and become an advocate in your community. Learn why it is so important to recycle and compost the correct items and properly dispose of waste. Recycling Ambassadors are trained by industry experts through a six-week course in the areas of reducing waste, recycling, composting, resource recovery, and disposal. The fall 2021 class will be held virtually via Zoom. For more information on becoming a Recycling Ambassador or to register, visit <https://www.anokacounty.us/recycle> or call 763-324-3400.

Fall Fix-It Clinics

Varying Times and Locations

Sign up for an in-person fix-it clinic to meet with an expert fixer to repair your favorite items. Get help repairing clocks, vacuums, clothing, lamps, bikes and much more! Visit <https://www.anokacounty.us/3432/fixit> for more information or to register.



Recycling Tip:

Reduce solid waste disposal by selling or donating household goods such as dishes, artwork, blankets, and leftover or reusable construction materials. Spring/fall cleaning packets are available at City buildings or you can call 763-706-3700 to order one.

Refuse Holiday Schedule

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| • Labor Day, Sept 6
Service delayed all week | • Thanksgiving, Nov 25
Thursday and Friday delayed one day |
| • Veterans Day, Nov 11
No delay | |

Online Request Form: https://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/departments/public_works/refuse_and_recycling/refusesupport.php

Waste Management

Customer Service Phone: 1-888-960-0008
www.wm.com/us/customer-support or email wmeservice@wm.com

City Refuse/Recycling Info

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/refuseandrecycling or 763-706-3727

Leave Room for WM Truck Arm, Consider Refuse Pad

The mechanical arms on Waste Management trucks need space. Place your cart out where the arm can reach it and allow at least two feet of space on either side of the cart. Refuse pads are a convenient way to accomplish this and the City will add these, by request and at-cost, to the annual concrete work schedule. Contact publicworks@columbiaheightsmn.gov for specifications and pricing.

Yard Waste And Organics Reminders and Deadline

Order a compost (yard waste/organics) cart by calling (763) 706-3700. A free organics starter kit will also be provided. Yard waste by itself can be placed on the street curb in compostable bags. No other containers are allowed. Brush should be cut in 3-foot lengths and branches cannot be more than 4" in diameter. Place in the compost cart or bundle and place on the street curb. For larger branches contact the Anoka County tree waste site at (763) 324-3400. **Yard waste collection will end the week of Nov 22.**

Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions

(763) 324-3400, www.anokacounty.us/recycle

Refuse Service Levels and Rates

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/departments/public_works/refuse_and_recycling/departments/public_works/rates.php

All photos here were taken of people's pets at the City's 2021 Music in the Park series.



PET PHOTOS WANTED: 2022 CITY CALENDAR

Calling all photographers! We had such a positive response to our 2021 100th Anniversary Calendar, we decided to make a City Calendar an annual production. The City will be making a 2022 calendar, with important date reminders relevant to Columbia Heights, that features select photos of people's pets, ideally pets at City events or near City landmarks, or in some other way representative of Columbia Heights. We're looking for photos taken within the City limits in a variety of seasons. Keep in mind, we only have space for a select number of photos. We'll enlist the help of communications staff from other cities to offer an outside, non-biased eye in the selection process, though City staff will have final say. Photographers whose photos are chosen as a featured image for any one of the 12 months of the year will receive recognition in the City Newsletter and a free copy of the calendar to keep. The photo submission deadline is Nov 1, 2021. Limit of three photos per photographer. Submit one photo at a time to photos@columbiaheightsmn.gov.

Photos should be large enough to be displayed in full on an 8.5- by 11-inch page without quality deterioration (this requires 300 pixels-per-inch resolution). Photo sizes should be at least 2 megabytes, but no more than 13 megabytes. Full submission guidelines can be found at columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos. Historical photos also accepted. Photos from any year are accepted. The 2022 City Calendar will be available for purchase beginning Nov 23 at City Hall.

Email images to photos@columbiaheightsmn.gov by Nov 1, 2021

Visit www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/photos for details. Call 763-706-3615 with questions.