

Heights Happenings

RECREATION SUMMER 2016



**COLUMBIA
-HEIGHTS-**
REDISCOVER THE HEIGHTS

2016 JAMBOREE EVENTS

The 60th Annual Columbia Heights Lion's Club Jamboree & carnival will be held from Wednesday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 26th at Huset Park.

Sunday, June 12 • CH Queen Candidates Meet & Greet 1 - 3 p.m. @ Tasty Pizza, gift basket raffle

Wednesday, June 22 • Tasty Pizza Medallion Hunt - Clues posted twice daily, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. @ Tasty Pizza and on Facebook. \$1,000 prize!

Thursday, June 23 • Lion's Beer Garden 5 p.m. - close
• Carnival 5 p.m. - close

Friday, June 24 • 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, June 25

• Adult Softball

Tournament all day & the Home-Run Derby 7 p.m. @ Huset Park

• Climbing Rock Tower & Obstacle Course, **FREE!** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Huset Park, provided by MN Army National Guard & CH Recreation

• Garden Art Class **FREE!** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Murzyn Hall, drop in any time with the whole family! See pg. 3 for details

• Local music "Joe Fahey" 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 if rain inside main hall.

• Lion's Beer Garden 12 noon - 12 midnight

• Carnival 1 p.m. - 12 midnight

• Fireworks dusk (if rain, Sunday at dusk)

Sunday, June 26 • Adult Softball Tournament

• CH Royalty Coronation 1 p.m. @ CH High School

• Carnival 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

• Lion's Beer Garden 12 noon - 6 p.m.

JAMBOREE Hotline 763-706-3789



"Splash Pad Grand Opening"

Community Picnic

Wednesday, June 1st @ Huset Park West

Splash Pad opens @ 4:30 p.m., FREE FOOD @ 5:15 p.m. from the CH Athletic Boosters

Everyone is welcome to join us for this family event.

Meet local groups: Park & Recreation Commission, City Staff from Recreation, Community Development, Fire, Library, Police, and Public Works Departments, Lions Club, Athletic Boosters, Anoka County, Fairview Clinic, Big Brother Big Sisters, Lee Carlson Center, SACA, Adventure/Mini Adventure Club, PollinateMN, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Anoka County Master Gardener - KIDS

Activities, Alliance for Sustainability, music from the mariachi band Jalisco, and food trucks for ice cream & El Taco Loco.



2016 ALL-AMERICAN CITY FUNDRAISERS

Award details on the City side page 1.

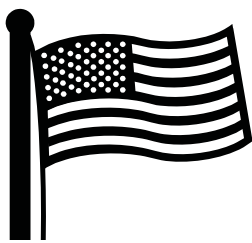
• Thursday, May 12th, 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CH Noodles & Company, 5220 Central Ave. NE. Dine in or take out & mention the CH Fundraiser for 50% of the proceeds to benefit the fundraiser.

• Friday, May 20th. 6:00-10:00 p.m. at CH Police & Fire Public Safety building. Family friendly event, Food, "Mixed Brew" Variety Band, and much more!

SUMMER PROGRAMS, FOOTBALL & SOCCER SIGN UP NOW!!!



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 4:30 p.m.
The office will be closed on
May 30 & July 4, 2016



Columbia Heights Recreation Mission
Statement

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

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 4:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Commission

Chair: David Payne
Commission Members: Ann Carder, Sean Clerkin, Jr., Bruce Evans, Tom Greenhalgh, Kevin McDonald, Marsha Stroik
Council Representative: Gary Peterson

JOIN US! The Columbia Heights Boosters need your help supporting youth activities and athletics in Columbia Heights!! Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wed. of every month 7 p.m. @ Murzyn Hall. Participate in Bingo, Meat Raffles, Pull Tabs, and FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!
www.facebook.com/ColumbiaHeightsBoosters
<http://chathleticboosters.com>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

•**Online Registration at www.chreconline.org. Registrations accepted in person or via mail at CH Recreation, John P. Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street N.E. 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 make checks payable to: City of Columbia Heights.**

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 public during non-programmed times. Reserve JPM for wedding receptions, parties, banquets, etc.



Our spacious banquet hall that 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.

Reservations may be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 763-706-3734, or in person at the Recreation Office located in Murzyn Hall.

Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Program Registration \$30 @ Firehouse Gym. Open year round Monday - Thursday at 5:30 pm. 555 Mill St. (763)706-3659 email: firehousegymgg@gmail.com

Open to boys and girls. Jr Golden Gloves 8 to 15, Senior Boxers 16 to 25. Golden Gloves has an outstanding reputation for developing discipline, team work, leadership, physical fitness, self defense and confidence.

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 Programs

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. *Photo ID & \$1 required for use.



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 11:30 - 2:30 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

COST: \$1 Daily drop in, \$10 monthly pass

FREE - Youth After School Open Gym

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

****ENDS MONDAY MAY 23**

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

****ENDS MAY 26**

10th Annual HEIGHTS IDOL JAMBOREE

Saturday June 25 at 6:30 p.m., FREE performance on the outdoor stage @ Murzyn Hall.

Are you the next voice of Columbia Heights? New youth & adult acts are welcome! Cash, Prizes, & Trophies will be awarded by celebrity judges. More info or to audition, call 763-706-3733. Sponsored by the CH Rec. Dept., NE Bank, CH Sister Cities, Financial One, Guitar Center, and the CH Activity Fund.



FREE JAMBOREE EVENTS

JUNE 25, 11 AM - 3 PM

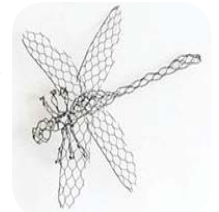
ROCK CLIMBING TOWER & INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

FREE! June 25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. overlooking Huset Park. Parent/Guardian must be present to sign a waiver. Provided by the MN Army National Guard & CH Recreation.



FREE Garden Art Class! Garden Critters and Natural Branch Weavings: June 25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Drop in outside of Murzyn Hall and join local teaching artist Ariane Kokes of "Created to Grow" to be a part of a collaborative art installation that will be displayed at the Huset Park Hentges Community Garden! 4 large scale garden critters will arrive with no color and community members of all ages will help bring them to life by adding your own choice of weaving materials to the frame. Families are welcome to drop in any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to help complete these critters that will be installed into the community garden for the summer and may just pop up around town to brighten our interior spaces while they take shelter for the winter. In addition to the collaborative project you can spend a little time creating a smaller scale weaving of your own to take with you! Sponsored by CH Recreation, CH Lions, and CH Athletic Boosters. If inclement weather class will be inside Murzyn Hall.



Miss Columbia Heights 2016

It could be you!! The Columbia Heights Royalty Program will be participating in local parades this summer, come join the fun. Applications are now being accepted for girls and young ladies who live or work in Columbia Heights School District Boundaries.

Ages: **Little Miss** 6 - 8 years

Junior Miss 5th grade - 9th grade

Miss Columbia Heights ages 17 - 22

Please call Sue at 763-789-2334, Dawn 763-788-5227, or find an application on the City Web site. Applications due by May 15th.

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Wild Wednesday Trips 4th - 9th Gr.

● HELP WANTED

- -Summer Program Leaders-Mondays-Fridays
- -Hylander Center Gym Facility Supervisors-part-time hours, evenings, weekend days, some weekday morning.
- Must be 18 years and older. Call CH Recreation
- for details 763-706-3733.

● More Recreation Opportunities:

- - Summer Youth Programs for ages 4 years old - 8th grade, pages 6 & 7.
- - Theater Programs 3rd - 12th grade, pages 8 & 9
- - Youth sports: Football page 9, Soccer, Tennis, Gymnastics, Volleyball, & Basketball page 10
- - Adult exercises pages 10 & 11

***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. 4th - 9th Grades ONLY. Bag Lunch Provided for all trips by Loaves & Fishes. Thank you to Loaves and Fishes & Community United Methodist Church for making it a reality to offer fresh, nutritious lunches for all youth summer participants this summer!! We are grateful!!**

Edina Aquatic Center

Wednesday June 29 • 4th-9th gr
 *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! **Bag Lunch Provided!** Bring swimsuit and towel. **Reg. deadline June 22**

Pick up/Drop off site:	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Murzyn Hall	10:40	11:00	4:20

Fee: \$7 Session # 1139-16

Valleyfair


Wednesday June 15 *Don't miss the thrill & chills of Valleyfair! It's sure to be a day filled with fun, rides, games, IMAX shows and sun. Ride 7 roller coasters and Power Tower - 275 feet of extreme scream. **Bag Lunch Provided!** **Reg. deadline June 8** • 4th-9th gr.

Pick up/Drop off site:	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Murzyn Hall	9:25	9:45	4:35

Fee: \$20 what a deal! Session # 1136-16

MN TWINS VS. Oakland Athletics

Wednesday, July 6



*Cheer on the TWINS for a great afternoon of MN Baseball at Target Field! Participants, 45 maximum, must wear their CH Wild Wednesday T-shirts. **Bag Lunch Provided!** *Concession visits will be limited. Game starts at 12:10 p.m.* **Reg. deadline June 29** • 4th-9th gr

Pick-up/Drop off site:	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>*Return</u>
Murzyn Hall	10:40	11:00	4:20

***Return approximately 45 min after game ending**
Fee: Only \$5! Activity # 1137-16

MN ZOO & IMAX • 4th-9th gr.

Wednesday June 22

*Start the day off with the IMAX movie "Wild Africa" and explore the zoo with more than 2,000 animals, representing more than 350 species.



Bag Lunch Provided! **Reg. deadline June 15**

Pick-up/Drop off site:	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Murzyn Hall	9:00	9:20	4:30

Fee: Only \$6! Session # 1135-16

Cascade Bay Water Park

Wednesday July 13 • 4th-9th gr

*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 swimsuit and towel. **Bag Lunch Provided!** We will eat lunch before we enter the park at 11:45. **Reg. deadline July 6**

Pick up/Drop off site:	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Murzyn Hall	10:40	11:00	4:30

Fee: \$8 Session # 1140-16



Wild Wednesday Trips 4th - 9th Gr.

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Bunker Beach

Wednesday July 20 • 4th-9th gr

*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. **Bag Lunch Provided!** Bring a swimsuit & towel.

Reg. deadline July 13

Pick up/Drop off site: Drop off Depart Return

Murzyn Hall 10:10 10:30 4:20

Fee: \$10 Session # 1138-16



AUGUST ADVENTURE DAYS

Lilli Putt Miniature Golf & Go Carts

Monday, August 8 4th - 9th grade

*Lilli Putt is the hottest mini golf course in the Twin Cities, complete with mini castles and river obstacles. 18 holes will test your putting skills. Cool off on our bumper boats (with built in water squirters!) and race your friends on our go kart track! **Bag Lunch Provided!** Min 8/Max 24.



Registration deadline Aug. 1

Who: Youth entering 4th - 9th Grade

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

Fee: \$7 **Session # 1142-16**

Wild Mountain

Wednesday July 27 • 4th-9th gr

*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. **Bag Lunch Provided! Reg. deadline July 20**

Pick up/Drop off site: Drop off Depart Return

Murzyn Hall 9:10 9:30 4:30

Fee: \$16 **Session # 1141-16**

NICKELODEON UNIVERSE

Wednesday August 3 • 4th-9th gr

*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! **Bag Lunch Provided! Reg deadline July 27**

Pick up/Drop off site: Drop off Depart Return

Murzyn Hall 9:40 10:00 4:20

Fee: \$14 **Session # 4160-16**

Zero Gravity

Tuesday, August 9 4th - 9th grade

*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. **Bag Lunch Provided!** Min 8/Max 24. **Waiver must be signed by parent/guardian. Registration deadline Aug 2**

Who: Youth entering 4th - 9th Grade

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

Fee: \$11 **Session # 2408-16**

Cheap Skate

Wednesday, August 10 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. **Bag Lunch Provided!** Bring extra money for any arcade games. Min 8/Max 24.

Registration deadline Aug. 3

Who: Youth entering 3rd - 6th grades

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

Fee: \$6 **Session # 1143-16**



Register at www.CHRECONLINE.ORG

The Glitter-Bugs

Children 4 yrs old & Kindergarten
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
June 13 - August 5

New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Staff will transport all kids to Murzyn Hall for **lunch** at 11:30, parents pickup at 12:00 in the back parking lot. This exciting summer playground program for children 4 years old & entering Kindergarten.



Participate in games, arts & crafts, swimming, music, Blooming Hites edible garden, storytelling, weekly puppet shows, and special events! Fee includes supervision, supplies and equipment. Min 10/Max 25. **Register early - sessions fill quickly!**

Who: Children 4 years old & entering Kindergarten

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

Time: 9:15 - 12:00 p.m. pick-up at Murzyn Hall back entrance after **lunch** **Fee:** \$40 per session

***Sign up for both sessions by May 20th only \$70

Dates: No session July 4

Session I: June 13 - July 8 *No session July 4

Location: Session # Ramsdell Park- # 1106-16

Session II: July 11 - Aug. 5

Location: Session # Ramsdell Park- # 1108-16



Dyno-Hites

1st - 3rd Grade Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays **June 13 - August 5**

New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Staff will walk kids to Murzyn Hall for **lunch** at 11:30, parents pickup at 12:00 in the back parking lot. This fun-filled summer playground program is offered to children entering 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades. Activities include arts & crafts, group games, splash pad, sports, Blooming Hites edible garden, weekly puppet shows, and special events! Fee includes supervision, supplies & equipment. Min 12/Max 30. **Register early - sessions fill quickly!**

Who: Youth entering 1st - 3rd gr.

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

Time: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. pick-up at Murzyn Hall back entrance after **lunch** **Fee:** \$40 per session

***Sign up for both sessions by May 20th only \$70

Dates:

Session I: June 13 - July 8 * No session July 4

Location: Session # Huset Park- # 1109-16

Session II: July 11 - August 5

Location: Session # Huset Park- # 1111-16

Register @ www.chreconline.org

TRAVELING PUPPET WAGON PERFORMANCES

Join the traveling puppet wagon for it's 14th season! Performances are approximately 30 minutes long and will include a puppet play, jokes, story telling, and time to meet the puppeteers and puppets. 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 Rec. Dept. at 763-706-3730 to check on show status. FREE shows, open to the public.

JUNE 23 - AUGUST 5

<u>Day</u>	<u>Park</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday	Huset Park	3965 Jefferson St. NE (at the building)	9:45 a.m.
Friday	Ramsdell Park	4757 7th St. NE (at the building)	9:45 a.m.

*Check back in June for possible shows added - www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us and Columbia Heights Recreation/Murzyn Hall Facebook page.

Summer Theater & Park Programs

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S.P.A.R.K.S (Summer Parks & Recreation Kids Spectacular) 4th & 5th Grade

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays

June 13 - August 5

New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day. Parents will drop off at 12:30 p.m. (be on time please) in the back parking lot of Murzyn Hall. After lunch the S.P.A.R.K.S program will then walk to Huset Park for fun, excitement, adventure, and friends! Youth entering 4th & 5th grade will participate in all types of sports, group games, arts & crafts, community service projects, the new splash pad, frequent **DAY TRIPS**, **Open Gym Time at the City Gym**, and more! "Choose Respect" presentations by Alexandra House. Min 8/Max 30. **Register early - sessions fill quickly! ***Sign up both sessions by May 20th \$80*****



Who: Youth entering 4th & 5th grade
When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
Time: 12:30 p.m. drop off for **lunch** at Murzyn Hall - 4:00 p.m. pickup at Huset Park East building.
Program location: Huset Park East
Fee: \$45 per session

Session I: # 1115-16
Dates: June 13 - July 8 *No session July 4

Session II: # 1117-16
Dates: July 11 - August 5

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

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
June 13 - August 5

New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day. Parents will drop off at 12:30 p.m. (be on time please) in the back parking lot of Murzyn Hall. T.N.T. youth entering 6th, 7th & 8th grades will enjoy all types of sports, group games, arts & crafts, community service projects, swimming, the new splash pad, **FREQUENT DAY TRIPS** to near by beaches, and more! We strive for a positive environment incorporating sportsmanship, teamwork and an appreciation for diversity. **Open Gym Time at the City Gym**. Special canoe day at Silverwood Park - Three Rivers Park District. "Choose Respect" presentations by Alexandra House. Opportunities to be a part of the Moonshoe and Mill Street Players Dinner Theaters in Session II. Min 15/Max 30. **Register early - sessions fill quickly! ***Sign up both sessions by May 20th \$80*****

Who: Youth entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
Time: 12:30 drop off for **lunch** - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Murzyn Hall, Prestemon Rm, please use the back entrance.
Fee: \$45 per session

Session I: # 1119-16
Dates: June 13 - July 8 *No session July 4

Session II: # 1120-16
Dates: July 11 - August 5

Puppet Wagon Puppeteers 4th - 8th Grade

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 - 12:00 *Lunch provided

New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Become a puppeteer for the Traveling Puppet Wagon. Monday & Tuesday rehearse for the puppet show. Thursday & Friday you will perform the puppet show for kids at local parks. Min 3/Max 5. You may sign up for one or more weeks. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the week(s) of choice.

Who: Youth entering 4th grade & up **Fee:** \$7 per week
Dates: **Week 1** June 20 - 24 Session # 1160-16
Week 2 June 27 - July 1 Session # 1161-16
Week 3 Tues. July 5, 6, 7, 8 Session # 1162-16 (No July 4)
Week 4 July 11 - 15 Session # 1163-16
Week 5 July 18 - 22 Session # 1164-16
Week 6 July 25 - 29 Session # 1165-16
Week 7 August 1-5 Session # 1166-16

Time: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. after **lunch** **Location:** Meet at Murzyn Hall, Preschool Room (use back entrance)



*Thank you to Loaves and Fishes & Community United Methodist Church for making it a reality to offer fresh, nutritious lunches for all youth summer participants this summer!! We are grateful!!

Theater in the Park

3rd - 6th Grade

June 7, 6-8 pm audition night

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

June 14 - July 14

*New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Please be on time. We proudly present the 17th season of *Theater in the Park* for youth entering 3rd-6th grades. This season will combine with the Moonshoe Players to perform *Oliver Twist*, a semi-musical. 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 rehearsals may be added prior to performance dates, upon director's discretion.* Min 8/Max 15. Reg. deadline: May 16. **Dress rehearsal:** Monday, July 11th 1:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday, July 12th 1:00-6:00 pm.

Who: Youth entering 3rd - 6th gr.

Dates: June 7th 6:00 - 8:00 pm, audition night

June 9 - 25, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

Time: 12:30 for **lunch** - 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$40 **Session #** 1150-16

Possible Theater Performance: Wednesday, July 13

Dinner Theater Performance: Thursday, July 14th, at 7:00 pm Murzyn Hall Stage, \$10 tickets



Moonshoe Players

6th - 8th Grade

June 9, 6-8 pm audition night

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

June 14 - July 14

*New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Please be on time. Join us for the 12th season of the Moonshoe Players dinner theater experience. This acting group will combine with Theater in the Park students to perform *Oliver Twist*, a semi-musical. The program is an excellent opportunity for 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.* Min 8/Max 15. Reg. deadline: Wednesday, May 16

Also, the Moonshoe Players & TNT will be a part of the Mill Street Dinner Theater performance wait staff on Thurs., Aug. 18 at 7:00 pm.

Dress rehearsals: Monday, July 11th 1:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday, July 12th 1:00-6:00 pm.

Who: Youth entering 6th - 8th gr.

Dates: June 9th 6:00 - 8:00 pm, audition night

June 14 - July 14, Tues., Thurs, & Fri.

Time: 12:30 for **lunch** - 4:00 pm

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

Fee: \$40 **Session #** 1152-16

Possible Theater Performance: Wednesday, July 13

Dinner Theater Performance: Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 pm Murzyn Hall Stage, \$10 tickets



Register @ www.chreconline.org



The Mill Street Players

9th Grade & Up

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

July 19 - August 18

*New this summer, all participants will receive a fresh, nutritious **lunch** by Loaves & Fishes each day at Murzyn Hall. Please be on time. Back for the 7th year, 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 13th. The Mill Street Players are invited to be a part of the wait staff for the Theater in the Park & Moonshoe Dinner Theater performance on Thur., July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Youth entering 9th gr. & up

Dates: July 19 - August 18, Tues., Thurs., & Fri.

Time: 12:30 for **lunch** - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Murzyn Hall, Theater room (use back entrance)

Fee: \$40 **Session #** 1153-16

Dress Rehearsals: August 15, 16, & 17

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater Performance: Thurs. Aug. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Murzyn Hall Stage



YOUTH FOOTBALL

The CH Youth Football program will be playing in the Twin Cities North Youth Football League. Grades 2 & 3, 4, 5, 6 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 (clinic with Varsity Coach)**

Dates: Practices start the week of August 8th. 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.**

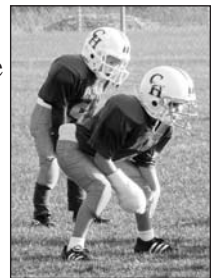
Session # 2005-16 - 2nd & 3rd Grade

Session # 2010-16 - 4th Grade

Session # 2015-16 - 5th Grade

Session # 2020-16 - 6th Grade

*7th & 8th Grade Football register at the CH High School Activities Office - Hylander Center or online (www.colheights.k12.mn.us/activities/athletics) June - August. Questions call 763-528-4511. Equipment provided. Practices start the week of August 15th.



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.



Hylander Football Clinic Youth entering 1st - 8th grade

Students entering 1st through 8th grades will learn the basic fundamentals of football. CH Varsity Football Coaching Staff will teach 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. This is a "Non-Padded" football camp.

Where: CH High School Football Field

When: Tuesday - Thursday, July 26 - 28

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

Session # 2075-16

Fee: Early Bird Special \$25, After June 26th \$35

Girls & Boys Basketball Clinic

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ... SAVE \$10!
 Coaches 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.
Who: Girls & Boys 3rd - 8th grade
Where: Hylander Center City Gym
When: Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Session #** 1596-16
Fee: Early Bird Special \$30 After June 11, \$40

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. ****Take advantage of this special price for your soccer player to develop their skills!**
Where: Huset Park **When:** Mon - Thur, July 18-21
Who: 1st - 8th grade **Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5 !!! **Session #** 1820-16

Spring Tennis Clinic

May 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
Where: C.H. Middle School Tennis Courts
Session # 2201-16 **Grades** 3-5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Session # 2202-16 **Grades** 6-8, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45 Bring your own racket and tennis shoes

Girls Volleyball!

Coach Brenna Kittleson will instruct on setting, hitting, passing, serving, & teamwork. Sign up now!
Where: Hylander Center City Gym
When: Tues. & Thur., May 10, 12, 17, 19
Who: Grades 3-8, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$35 **Activity #** 1307-16

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. **Volunteer coaches needed!**



Fee: \$35 **Dates:** Starting the week of Aug. 8. Practices once or twice a week, games Saturday mornings; times vary between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Session # 1825-16 Mites 1st - 2nd grades, Max 33
Session # 1835-16 Squirts 3rd - 4th grades, Max 28
Session # 1845-16 Pee Wees 5th - 6th grades, Max 32

Register at
www.CHRECONLINE.ORG

GYMNASTICS

Jolene Miske, Varsity Gymnastics Coach. Class Rules - Attire: leotard or tank top and fitted athletic shorts, hair neatly pulled back, Please No gum or street shoes/socks. Parents will be able to watch the First and Last Class! 8 wks.
Where: All classes are held at the CH High School main gym stage area, enter door 1.

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS - June 8 - Aug 3 no class July 13

Mommy & Me 18 mo. - 2 1/2 Year Olds | 30 Min Class | 4:00-4:30 Wed. | Fee: \$35 | Activity # 1199-su16 MAX 15

Mighty Tykes 3/4 Year Olds | 30 Min | 4:30-5:00 Wednesdays | Fee: \$35 | Activity # 1200-su16 MAX 10

Mighty Bees 5-8 no experience Year Olds | 5:00-5:45 Wednesdays | Fee: \$40 | Activity # 1201-su16 MAX 15

TUESDAY SESSIONS - June 7 - Aug 2 no class July 12

Shooting Stars (lvl 1) Ages around 5-8 | 4:30-5:15 Tuesdays | Fee: \$40 | Activity # 1202-su16

Starting cartwheels, support on the bars, and the beginnings of walking certain ways and jump on the balance beams.

Springers (lvl 2) Ages around 5-9 | 5:15-6:00 Tuesdays | Fee: \$40 | Activity # 1203-su16

Learn the following skills without assistance or the use of mats. Forward/backward rolls on floor, small handstand, cartwheels, pulling over/under on the bars, rolls & cartwheels on low/floor beams, run & hurdling into beginner vaults.

Leapers (lvl 3) Ages around 6-10 | 6:00-7:00 Tuesdays | Fee: \$40 | Activity # 1204-su16

Prior level 3 experience needed. Coach must approve registrant.



NEXT session dates: August 9 - September 12 - 6 week session available in the Fall Heights Happenings



COLUMBIA HEIGHTS JAMBOREE TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL
Double Elimination - 16 Teams

JUNE 25th - 26th

1st Place - \$270 and trophy 2nd Place - \$170

Entry Fee of \$170 Session #5099-16

Contact Keith for details 763-706-3732.

Women's Self-Defense

Elvira Malone, 1st Dan Black Belt, will teach you what to do and say when confronted by an attacker. Prepare mentally and physically on how to take control of the aggressor. Practice escapes, restraints, and strike points to gain a self-defense edge. Wear loose clothing for class. Min 7/ Max 15. Future classes may be offered in Oct.

Who: Women & youth 8 yrs old and up

Where: Edgemoor Rm, Murzyn Hall

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

When: Thursday, June 2

Session # 2240-su16

Fee: \$22



Total Body Conditioning

Join Donna, AFAA certified group fitness instructor to improve posture, balance, and core strength through a variety of body conditioning exercises and stretching for flexibility. We will lunge, squat, and sculpt in a motivating atmosphere. All fitness levels are encouraged. Bring a set of 2 lbs and/or 5 lbs weights, ankle or wrist weights 1lb optional, water bottle, a yoga mat or towel, and tennis shoes.



Who: Adults, all ages & skill levels

When: Wed. June 1 - July 20 **Time:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Edgemoor Rm, lower level Murzyn Hall

Fee: \$40 **Activity #** 5101-sp16

Any additional summer classes will be determined by Donna's availability.

Tae Kwon Do & Little Tigers

No summer class Tae Kwon Do or Little Tigers.

Fall preview dates: TKD September 15 - October 20

Little Tigers Sep 22 - October 13

Columbia Heights Recreation – Registration Form Phone: 763-706-3730

Register online at www.chreconline.org or Bring / Mail the Form to: 530 Mill Street NE, Columbia Heights MN 55421

Participant Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Male/Female: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Work/Cell Ph: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Activity Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. _____	# _____	\$ _____
2. _____	# _____	\$ _____
3. _____	# _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to "City of Columbia Heights"

Total Due \$ _____

Data Privacy: 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 agree to participation 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.

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

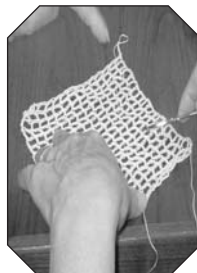
Time: Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

When: Apr 28 - June 23 No May 26

Session # 2654-sp16 **Fee:** \$10

When: July 7 - Aug. 25

Session # 2653-su16 **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. Available at the Senior Center, Recreation Office, CH Public Library, City Hall and city website www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us.

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. Yearly membership fee = \$26.

Bocce ball

Our outdoor bocce ball group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the courts located behind Murzyn Hall. No experienced needed, we play for fun. 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

Senior citizen household services (sliding fee) including house cleaning, lawn raking and minor repairs, call 763-783-4767 Monday through Friday.

Senior Outreach

Anoka County resources assistance 763-783-4741.

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 7 - Aug. 23

*No Class 6/21, 7/5, 8/9

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

Session# 8206-su16

Costs: \$ 24.75 - 9 classes

Thursdays

June 9 - Aug. 25

* 6/23, 7/7, 8/11

(7/14 & 8/18 @ 6-7 pm)

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

8207-su16

\$ 24.75 - 9 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 29 - Aug. 24

*No Class 6/20, 7/4, 8/8

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

Session# 8202-su16

Cost: \$ 24.75 - 9 classes

Thursdays

July 2 - Aug. 27

* 6/23, 7/7, 8/11

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

8204-su16

\$ 24.75 - 9 classes

Beginners start June 7 and then join another class

Blood Pressure

Blood Pressure is checked free of charge on the 2nd Monday of every month in the main hall from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.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:
www.chreconline.org
Columbia Heights Recreation
530 Mill Street 763-706-3730**

Benvenido

INFORMACION DE LA INSCRIPCION

*Inscripción en línea al www.chreconline.org. Las Inscripciones son aceptadas en persona o a través de correo regular dirigido a Columbia Heights Recreation, John P. Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street N.E., Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Puede pagar en efectivo o con cheque. La caja de correos para depositarlo después de las horas de atención esta localizado en la parte este del edificio. También puede inscribirse a través del teléfono llamando al 763-706-3730, y puede pagar con tarjeta de crédito: Discover, Visa, o Master Card.

Los Participantes de la beca: Aplique en nuestra oficina para la ayuda si es que no puede pagar una de las actividades. La beca cubrirá el 75% del costo del programa (descuento máximo es de \$25); el 25% restante tiene que ser cubierto por los padres del participante o tutor. Por favor traiga una copia de la declaración de impuestos Federal o la carta de verificación de que su hijo(a) recibe almuerzo gratuito en el Distrito Escolar. Solo una beca por niño(a) por cada carta informativa.

*Esta iniciativa se financia en parte con una subvención del Departamento de Educación de MN usando fondos federales, 21st Century Community Learning Centers.



Heights Happenings

News and information about your neighbors and your city · Summer 2016



Join in the celebration of the wonderful new community resource!

Opening the doors of a new library

A grand opening celebration for the new Columbia Heights Public Library will take place Saturday, June 25, from noon to 4 p.m. The new library is located at 3939 Central Ave. NE.

City is a finalist for national award

The City of Columbia Heights has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious All-America City Award! This national award is given to only 10 communities each year in recognition of their accomplishments in addressing local challenges. The National Civic League's focus this year is on communities that have taken innovative action to engage residents in ensuring that all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and life.

Columbia Heights

2016

All-America City Finalist

www.nationalcivicleague.org

"Columbia Heights is a community with a strong spirit of cooperation and collaboration between its residents, businesses, faith organizations, government and school district," said Mayor Gary Peterson. "This ability to respect differences and work with one another to develop innovative solutions to problems is a great strength of our City."

National Award, continued on page 2

Funding sought for Peace Park community service and recreation initiative

The year 2015 was important in the progress of community oriented policing and service for the Columbia Heights Police Department. After some events occurred in the Circle Terrace Neighborhood, city leaders realized the need for improved connections between the neighborhood and governing agencies. This was a neighborhood within Columbia Heights that wasn't being provided with the opportunity to reach its full potential. The police department reached out to the Circle Terrace Neighborhood by going door-to-door with a survey to gauge interest about possible community, recreational and social services that could be provided.

City of Peace Park, continued on page 3

Jamboree celebration is June 22-26

The 60th Annual Columbia Heights Lion's Club Jamboree & Carnival will take place from Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26, with most activities taking place at Huset Park. Many events are free. The Jamboree is a summer highlight for many, a community reunion for others and an all-round good time for everyone!

To kick off the community celebration, Tasty Pizza is sponsoring a Medallion Hunt that begins on June 22. Clues will be posted twice daily at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Tasty Pizza and on Facebook. There's a \$1,000 prize!

The parade is always a highlight of the Jamboree. It will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 24. It begins at 45th and Central Avenue and proceeds south to 40th Avenue, ending at 5th St. Look for floats, marching bands, fire engines, people you know and some surprises.

The royalty coronation will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at Columbia Heights High School.

Jamboree, continued on page 3

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The application highlighted three community projects that demonstrate these qualities and how they positively impact our youth. These projects captured the attention of the National Civic League and resulted in Columbia Heights being named a finalist.

The partnership between the City and the Columbia Heights Public School District resulted in construction of the Hylander Center gym complex, implementation of additional after-school programs by the Columbia Heights Police and Recreation Departments, and additional adult education programs.

The City of Peace Park has a history of community and youth involvement and collaboration. A great example of this is the student-designed Heritage Tower of Peace. This collaboration is continuing with the City of Peace Park in the Circle Terrace neighborhood, where neighborhood members were instrumental in determining whether a community building would be of value to them and how it would be used.

The City's new library shows that the collaboration between the City and its residents and patrons of the library is second to none. From involving local teens in the planning of the library spaces to the residents voting on the bond referendum, the collaboration of all facets of the community shines through.

In June, the City is hoping to send a delegation of 20-30 residents, including youth, seniors and businesses, to Denver to present our story and explain our programs to a jury of nationally recognized leaders. At this event, the National Civic League will select the 10 All-America City Award recipients. The winning cities and finalists experience heightened regional, state, and national attention and a proven boost for the recruitment of industry, jobs, and investment in the area.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to spread the news at the national level about the great community we live in and the significant accomplishments of those who live and work here," said Peterson.

The full application can be viewed at www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2326

A Columbia Heights delegation will be going to Denver to make a presentation to the the National Civic League in June. The group will include 25 delegates including youth, senior citizens and others. The goal is to raise about \$15,000 to support their trip.

To help, please:

- **Attend** the City's Fundraiser on Friday, May 20, from 6-10 p.m. for bands, dancing, food and a silent auction at the Public Safety Center, 825 41st Ave. NE.
- **Contribute** whatever you wish. Please make your checks payable to: "Columbia Heights Activity Fund-All America City Award" and send to City of Columbia Heights, Attn: City Clerk, 590 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421
- **Donate** through a GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/CHAllAmericaCity

Candidates can file for city offices in May

The filing period for candidates to file for Columbia Heights city offices is May 17 through May 31. Residents can file for the office of mayor, which is a two-year term, or two city council seats, which are four-year terms.

To file, please contact the City Clerk at (763) 706-3611 or kbruno@columbiaheightsmn.gov. Candidates can also file by going to City Hall between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be extended filing hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31.

The Primary Election is on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and the General Election is on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

City seeks residents to be election judges

Interested in being an election judge? The City of Columbia Heights will be holding both a Primary and General Election in 2016 and will need election judges at polling places.

Being an election judge has many rewards. It gives you the opportunity to be involved in your community, allows you to help others, and it is a great learning experience.

To be an election judge:

- You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English.
- You must complete an election judge training course (at least two hours).
- You can choose to volunteer or be paid. Columbia Heights judges earn \$10.50 per hour. (Student judges, ages 16 and 17 years old, earn \$6.75 per hour.)
- You can have time off from work because employers are required to give employees time off to serve as election judges (MN Statute 204B.195.)

If interested, please contact City Clerk Katie Bruno at (763) 706-3611 or kbruno@columbiaheightsmn.gov. Applications are available at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov.

Show off your city pride with new branded items

Columbia Heights began a rebranding campaign in 2014 to re-envision the city's identity and promote its positive aspects, history and unique character both locally and throughout the greater metro area.

In 2015, a new logo depicting the Clock Tower of Peace was selected along with the tagline: "Rediscover the Heights."



Now you can show your civic pride while you casually sip coffee, tea, or another preferred beverage using your new mug branded with the city's new logo. They are available for \$10 each at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street.

In addition, eight different 11x17 landmark posters are available as well! Each print costs \$15 each or you can purchase all eight for \$100. View the color posters on the city's website.

These items are the first of several city-themed items that will be released for sale. Additional items will be available over time. Be a part of rediscovering the Heights by showing your community pride!

City of Peace Park, continued from page 1

Based on survey results and many discussions, a proposal developed to construct a community service and recreation building on the lots adjacent to the playground to help meet the neighborhood's needs. The project would also include renovating the playground to promote community use of the park.

The proposal received unanimous support from the city's Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council so city leaders connected with important stakeholders in the community, who also lent their voice in support of this initiative. Soon after, Mayor Gary Peterson, City Manager Walt Fehst, Chief of Police Scott Nadeau, and Community Development Director Joe Hogeboom met with Congressman, State Senators, and U.S. Attorneys to discuss funding opportunities and programming for this venture.

The initiative is currently waiting on federal funding. Once funding has been approved, the City of Peace Park will hopefully break ground by summer of 2016, with completion tentatively scheduled for Fall of the same year. Once the building has been built, it will be filled with opportunities such as parenting classes, adult and youth educational classes, first aid and safety training, health and social services, parks and recreation events, picnics and other outdoor activities, and various other programs all aimed at ensuring that everyone in Columbia Heights has the opportunity to succeed.

In the meantime, the Columbia Heights Police Department has started a Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MAC) comprised of local leaders of various cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This committee will work with the City of Columbia Heights and the police department to ensure that the City of Peace Park provides the necessary educational, recreational and social services that



A new initiative is in the works for the Circle Terrace Neighborhood that will expand opportunities for residents.

would best suit the needs of these diverse communities, and also to expand outreach on all levels of the community.

“Columbia Heights intends to stay true to its City of Peace mission and to ‘exemplify the promotion of peace by creating and administering the means to enhance the lives of others by offering fair, ethical, and generous practices to all people, no matter their race, culture, or creed so we can all live together in peace in our communities,’” said Sergeant Justin Pletcher, who adds, “There’s a famous saying that says, ‘If you build it, they will come’ so we’re doing just that. We look forward to seeing all of you at the City of Peace Park later this year, and for many years to follow.”

If you have questions about the City of Peace Park initiative or MAC, please contact Sergeant Justin Pletcher of the Columbia Heights Police Department at JPletcher@columbiaheightsmn.gov.

Jamboree, continued from page 1

Other Jamboree highlights include the Lions Beer Garden from 5 p.m. to close each day, the Heights Idol competition at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, softball tournaments and the carnival.

In addition to returning favorite activities and events, some new ones will be added. There will be a new inflatable obstacle course along with the climbing tower provided by the Army National Guard. Also new is a free drop-in Garden Art Class for the whole family from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Murzyn Hall.

Fireworks will take place at dusk on Saturday, June 25 (or Sunday, June 26, if it rains on Saturday).

Whether this is your first Jamboree, or the 60th one you’ve attended, enjoy this wonderful community event and make some new summer memories!

Look for a complete Jamboree schedule in the recreation section of this newsletter. You can also go to the city’s website at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov or call the Jamboree hotline at (763) 706-3789.



Current royalty are, from left, Jane Osterbauer - Little Miss Columbia Heights; Christina Bloodsaw - Junior Princess; Yutpa Vang - Columbia Heights Princess, and Victoria Campoverde - Miss Columbia Heights.

HEIGHTS PRIDE

District 13 receives national recognition

Congratulations to Columbia Heights Public Schools (CHPS) for being the College Board’s 2016 Advanced Placement® (AP) District of the Year. This recognizes the district for being the national leader among small school districts (enrollment less than 8,000) and for expanding students’ access to AP Program courses while simultaneously improving AP Exam scores. Approximately 290 Columbia Heights High School students (35 percent) are enrolled in at least one of 17 AP courses offered. CHPS was also named one of only 425 school districts in the United States and Canada selected for the 2016 AP District Honor Roll.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

3939 Central Ave. NE

Reference/Information: (763) 706-3690

Renewal: (763) 717-3261

www.anoka.lib.mn.us

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New Library Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Library Closed

Library closed beginning Saturday, May 28 for transition to the new library building.

Independence Day: Mon. July 4

Labor Day Weekend: Sat. through Mon., Sept. 3-5

Grand Opening: New Library

Saturday, June 25, noon-4 p.m.

3939 Central Ave. NE

Senior Surf for Adults 55+

Wednesdays, July 6 and Aug. 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Get hands-on computer experience with help from representatives of the Senior LinkAge Line. Learn computer basics, how to navigate and search the Internet and how to access websites of interest to seniors. Register online for either session or call (763) 706-3690. Presented in collaboration with Minnesota Board on Aging and Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.



Welcome to smARTpass!

This is a brand-new arts access program open exclusively to metro public library users. All it takes is a library card, from the seven-county metro area, to reserve free and/or discounted admission to a wide variety of arts experiences. Just go to the arts access website, <https://smartpass.melsa.org/> or click on the link at www.anoka.lib.mn.us to learn more and reserve your tickets!



Adult Programs



An artist's rendering of the new Columbia Heights library.

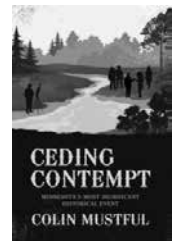
Grand opening of new library is June 25

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Return Visit: Local Author Colin Mustful

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar to visit with local author and historian Colin Mustful, who will be releasing his third novel based on the complicated and tragic events surrounding the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Using a unique blend of writing that includes elements of fiction and nonfiction, Mustful brings to life this important piece of Minnesota's past.

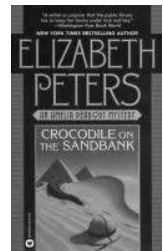
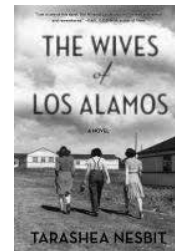


Library Book Club

Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. Book Club meets in the library at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Upcoming discussions include:

“Crocodile on the Sandbank” by Elizabeth Peters
Wednesday, July 20, 10 a.m.

“The Wives of Los Alamos” by TaraShea Nesbit
Wednesday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.



Nonfiction Book Club:

Fridays, July 15, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

Meet other interested readers and get ideas for new titles to add to your reading list. Bring along a nonfiction book that you are currently reading or recently finished and share your thoughts and recommendations with the group. No need to register; just come when you can! The Nonfiction Book Club meets in the library at 2 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.

Scrabble Club

Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., July 19 and August 16
Free. Everyone welcome!

Children's Programs

Wacky Wednesdays

June 22-August 3 at 2 p.m.

Come to the library each Wednesday at 2 p.m. for a free, live performance. Come early as shows begin promptly at 2. For families.

June 22	Open Eye Theatre
June 29	Zoomobile
July 13	Brodini Magic Show
July 20	Roe Family Singers
August 3	Star Michaelina Magic Show

Mark your calendars for these special events!

Registration begins four weeks before the program date. To register or for more information: stop in, visit our website at anokacountylibrary.org or call (763) 706-3690.

Drop-in Book Club

Mondays, June 27 and July 11, 18, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Entering grades 3-5. No pre-reading or registration required.

Around the World Through Music

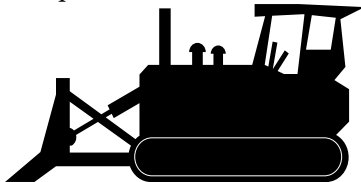
Tuesday, June 21, 2 to 3 p.m.

Entering grades 1-6. Registration required.

Heavy Equipment Encounter

Tuesday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m.

All ages



4-H STEM Adventures

Tuesday, June 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

Entering grades K-6. Registration required.



Tinker Space: CD Weaving

Tuesday, July 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

Entering grades K- 5. Registration required.

Optical Illusions

Tuesday, July 12 at 2 p.m.

Entering grades K-6. Registration required.

Stormwater 101

Tuesday, July 19, 2 to 3 p.m.

Entering grades 3-5. Registration required.

Mad Lab

Tuesday, July 26, 2 to 4 p.m.

Entering grades K-5. Registration required.

American Girl Tea Party

Wednesday, July 27 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Registration for one time slot required.

STEAM Storytime: Make a Splash!

Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Geared toward ages 3 to 5. No registration.

Tinker Space: Drawing Machines

Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m.

Entering grades K- 5. Registration required.

Storytime @ the Library

June 27 to July 26

Join us for songs, books, rhymes and fun! No registration required.

Toddler storytime, 18 months to 3 years

Mondays, 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Preschool storytime, ages 3 to 5

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Teen Programs

Teen Thursdays- Join us every Thursday at 2:30 to have fun, meet people, and learn new things!

Books & Bites

Thursday, July 14, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Entering grades 6-12. No registration required.

Fandom Club

Thursdays, June 30, July 21, Aug. 4, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Entering grades 6-12. No registration required.

The Studio: Permanent Marker

Dyed T-shirts

Thursday, July 7, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Entering grades 6-12. Registration required.

Manga Workshop

Thursday, July 28, 2:30 p.m.

Entering grades 6-12. Registration required.

4-H Tech Wizards

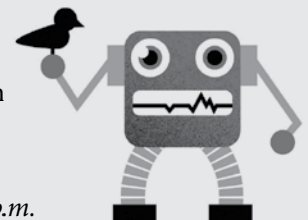
Thursdays, June 23-Aug. 4, 4 to 5 p.m.

Entering grades 5-8. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

See Children's Librarian Bri for more information.

The group meets on the first Monday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m., July 11, Aug. 1.



Police department office hours

The Columbia Heights Police Department office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 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.



Residents invited to Police Community Picnic

The 2016 Police Community Picnic will take place on Wednesday, June 1 and begins at 4:30 p.m. with the grand opening of the new splash pad at Huset Park, 3965 Jefferson St. This is a fun and family-friendly event with free food and activities for everyone! Representatives of other Columbia Heights city departments including Fire, Recreation and the Library will be on hand to talk and answer your questions. Other groups will also be present, including Anoka County agencies, SACA and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Attend an upcoming Coffee with a Cop event

Coffee with a Cop offers community members a chance to visit with members of the Columbia Heights Police Department on an informal basis over a cup of coffee at various locations around the city. Police officers look forward to talking with you at any of these upcoming events:

- June 6 at 7 p.m. at El Taco Loco, 4220 Central Ave. NE
- July 12 at 4 p.m. at Aldi, 5025 Central Ave. NE
- Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. at Dairy Queen, 3959 Central Ave. NE
- Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. at Church of All Nations, 4301 Benjamin St. NE

Sign up to be notified of police department events

You can receive email or text message notifications of the Columbia Heights Police Department's special events and meetings. To sign up, go to the Calendar page of the city's website: <http://www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us/calendar.aspx?CID=25> and click the "Notify Me" link in the middle of the page. Then enter your email address and subscribe to the calendars of your choice. A few days before police events like Coffee with a Cop or a community picnic, you'll receive an email or text message (your choice) letting you know what/when/where. It's an easy way to stay informed!

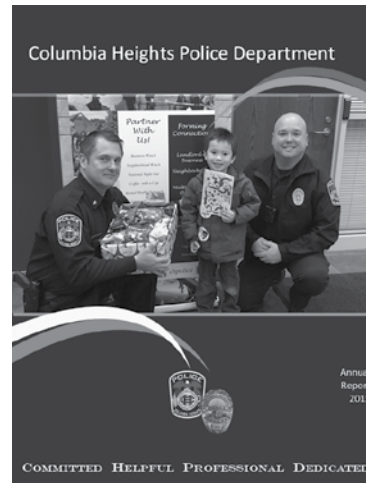
Important reminder about city's curfew

With summer approaching, parents and teens should be aware of the curfew ordinance in Columbia Heights:

- Sunday through Thursday:
15 years and under (10 p.m. to 5 a.m.) and
16-17 years (11 p.m. to 5 a.m.)
- Friday and Saturday:
15 years and under (11 p.m. to 5 a.m.) and
16-17 years (12 midnight to 5 a.m.)

View the 2015 Annual Report

The Columbia Heights Police Department's 2015 Annual Report is currently available for viewing at www.chpolice.com. A limited number of copies are available for purchase at the police department office for \$5 each.



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 use Problem Oriented Policing strategies such as crime analysis, statistical analysis and crime mapping to quickly

identify crime problems, and then work with stakeholders to address any issues that are found. Also outlined are the Community Oriented Policing efforts in which the department develops partnerships with our residents, schools, businesses, civic groups and other entities to work cooperatively to solve crime and community problems.

SPOTLIGHT: Captain Lenny Austin

Captain Lenny Austin has been with the Columbia Heights Police Department since 1995. He grew up in Ellsworth, Wisc., where he started work as a police officer in 1989. Captain Austin earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management and communications at Concordia University and then a master's degree in police leadership at the University of Saint Thomas.



Captain Lenny Austin

Since starting his career with the Columbia Heights Police Department, Austin has served as a patrol officer, field training officer, use of force and firearms instructor, corporal and sergeant before being promoted to captain in 2008. He participates in several of the department initiatives including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Anti-Bullying Reading Program, Landlord/Tenant outreach, as well as other community events.

In his off time, Austin enjoys spending time with his wife Rhonda and two sons, Raymond, 13, and Jack, 11, and their wiener dog named Sal. Austin enjoys spending time ice fishing in the winter as much as he can, and when the weather gets nice you'll find him on his motorcycle whenever time permits.

When asked what he likes best about working in Columbia Heights, Austin said, "I enjoy working in a city the size of Columbia Heights because it gives you a chance to know people and know your community on a more personal level than in a larger city."



Gary Peterson



John Murzyn, Jr.



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.columbiaheightsmn.gov.

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Nominate a 2016 Citizen of the Year by May 25

Nominations are being accepted for the 41st annual Columbia Heights 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 people 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. Nominations are particularly sought of residents who have not otherwise been publicly recognized. Public officials, current candidates for public office, and past award recipients are not eligible for this award.

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

Applications are due by May 25. Applications are available at City Hall, Administrative Office, 590 40th Avenue NE, or on the city's website at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov. Applications from previous years are NOT retained so if you want to nominate a person again, you must fill out a new nomination form.

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) 706-3700
Garbage/Refuse Pick-up/
Recycling (Advanced
Disposal Services).... (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
Development (763) 706-3670
Comm. Dev. Director.... (763) 706-3675
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
Youth Enrichment
Coordinator..... (763) 706-3733
24-Hour Info. Line-Murzyn Hall info.,
Weather Cancellations,
Directions..... (763) 706-3737
Murzyn Hall Rental (763) 706-3734

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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

EmergencyCall 9-1-1

Fax.....(763) 706-8151

Housing Maintenance Inspections: (763) 706-8156

fireinspections@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us

Fire Department Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Access to the Fire Department during city business hours is through the main lobby. During evenings and weekends, firefighters 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.



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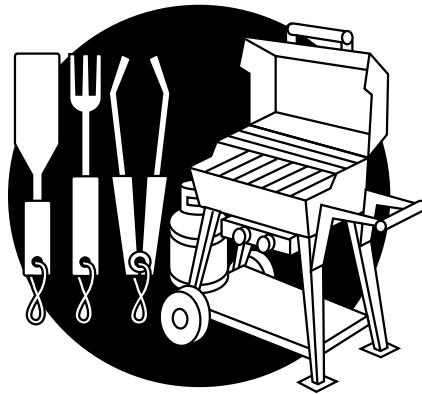
Grills cause house fires so use yours safely

Three out of five households own a gas grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

An average of 8,800 home fires are caused each year by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns, according to the National Fire Protection Association. One of every six home structure fires involving grills started because something that could catch fire, like a dish towel, oven mitt, or food packaging, was too close to the heat.

Prevent grill fires by following a few simple summer safety precautions and guidelines enjoy delicious grilled meals all season long. As you prepare to light up your grill, be sure to:

- Use propane and charcoal grills outdoors only.
- Place the grill well away from your home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Put safety rules for kids in place. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Clean your grill often, removing any grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.
- Stay next to your grill at all times while cooking; never leave the area unattended.



Recreational fires require permits and have requirements

A fire permit is required for ANY kind of open outside burning with the exception of barbecue grills. (This includes enclosed wire mesh fire pits and clay pot fire pits.). There are two permit options:

1. Daily permit is free of charge (up to nine per year) and good for the date on the permit only.
2. Annual permit costs \$20 and is good until the end of December in the year issued.

To obtain a permit, an adult (18 years or older) must come in



person to the fire station between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The permit must be onsite while the fire is burning and all rules must be followed. Open burning of grass, leaves, cardboard, garbage, etc. is not allowed in the City of Columbia Heights.

Recreational fire requirements are:

- A connected garden hose or other means of extinguishment must be readily available.
- All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of 25 feet away from any structures such as houses, garages and sheds. Manufactured enclosed freestanding fire pits must be located a minimum of 10 feet away from any structures such as houses, garages and sheds.
- Only clean, dry firewood may be burned (no leaves, building materials, plastics, etc.).
- Police and Fire Department officers are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to nearby neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on windy days when the smoke may create a nuisance for nearby neighbors.
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- The fire must be contained in a manufactured freestanding fire pit or ring or pit not exceeding three feet in diameter.

The State Fire Code does not allow the use of barbecue grills, recreational fire devices, torches or anything that causes an open flame, on any balcony above ground level and on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of the building in properties that contain three or more units. The code also doesn't allow the storage of barbecue grills, torches etc., and lighting chemicals in these same areas.

New senior housing coming to Columbia Heights

Dominium has submitted plans for a proposed senior housing apartment called Lily Gables to be located at the vacant site directly northeast of the University Avenue NE and 37th Avenue NE intersection in Columbia Heights. Dominium is one of the country's largest affordable housing development and management companies offering creative and innovative housing solutions for communities.

The developer is proposing a 191 unit, independent senior living apartment that will provide affordable housing for residents over the age 55 who earn no more than 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The apartment building will consist of one, two and three-bedroom units.

Here are rates for the different types of rental units:

Unit Type	# of Units	Rents
1 Bedroom / 1 Bathroom	74	\$ 919
2 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom	45	\$1100
3 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom	72	\$1270

Dominium provides onsite amenities including a theatre, salon, library, fitness facility, club room, cards and craft room, nurse station, outdoor patio terrace with a fire pit and grilling stations.

Construction will begin this summer with plans for the building to be substantially finished by Dec. 31, 2017. Look for construction updates throughout the year.

SCI member represents Heights at Lomianki ceremony

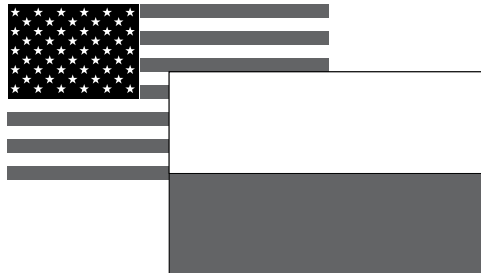
Gregory Logacz, as a representative of the Columbia Heights Sister Cities, International (SCI) group, was invited to give a speech at the WW II commemorative ceremony on Sept. 20 in Lomianki, Poland, the Sister City of Columbia Heights. The ceremony honors the Poles and Americans who lost their lives. His talk reflected on the Poles' historic opposition to tyranny and the country's standing in contemporary Europe.

Then, Logacz and wife Sandra were guests of the spectacular re-enactment of the 1939 Battle for Lomianki. Tanks, airplanes, horses and hundreds of people in period costumes/uniforms participated. "This was a sensational depiction of this tragic event," he said.

Another highlight was a visit to the Lomianki City Council meeting to observe Polish democracy in action at a local level, very much like Columbia Heights' City Council meetings.

They also toured The Pociachom Foundation, a mental health organization that uses horses as therapy for children with physical and emotional problems. They charge no fees or tuition, depending solely on grants and private donations. "We were very impressed and hope that our Columbia Heights SCI group will continue to support this excellent humanitarian endeavor," said Logacz.

The couple spent two weeks traveling through southern Poland



visiting visual and historic delights, such as Kazimierz, Kozłowska, Zamosc, Sandomierz and the castle/estate of Landcut.

In Krakow they toured the city, market square, Old Town and the cathedral where giants of Polish history such as Sobieski, Kosciuszko, Pilsudski and members of Jagielonian dynasty

are entombed. On the way back to Warsaw they stopped at Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and probably the spiritual center of the contemporary Polish Catholic Church. They toured his home which is now a museum.

They stayed several days with Kasia Sienkiewicz, a teacher, who lives in Dobina, a northern suburb of Warsaw and experienced day-to-day life of a middle-class family. According to Logacz, staying with her and husband Tomasz and meeting their neighbors was an educational and enriching experience.

"For most people a trip to Poland would be an interesting trip, but for Sandra and me, it was much more — a trip of exploration, discovery and delight," he said.

Members of the Columbia Heights SCI group are looking forward to welcoming four visitors from Lomianki to Columbia Heights in August. This will include the mayor, chief of police and two police officers. It's the second half of an exchange that began when Columbia Heights Police Chief Scott Nadeau and officers went to Lomianki last year.

Free support offered to encourage use of alternative transportation

Anoka County Commute Solutions strives to reduce congestion and improve air quality by encouraging people to telework, walk, bike, carpool, vanpool, ride the bus and/or take the train to their destination.

If you live or work in Columbia Heights, Anoka County Commute Solutions will help you find a carpool or a vanpool. They can help you determine if there's a convenient bus route from home to work and back and ensure you're getting the best deal on your bus or train passes.

If you're a Columbia Heights employer, Anoka County Commute Solutions will help you decide if teleworking is something you want to offer your employees. Signs are available for you to post in designated "premier" parking locations for employees who carpool or vanpool. Get help in developing a travel demand management plan that will identify and plan for the changing transportation options of your employees.

These are just a few examples of free services available by calling (763) 862-4260. The group also sponsors events throughout the year to encourage people to use other means of transportation. One such event is Anoka County Bike to Work Day on Thursday, June 9. Register online at Commute-Solutions.org and receive a free t-shirt!

City achieves 88% of 1st quarter recycling goal

Thanks to Columbia Heights residents, a total of 372 tons of materials have been recycled so far this year, as of March 31. Diverting the reusable material from the trash saved the City's refuse fund over \$26,000 in trash disposal fees. This is notable but 12% less than anticipated for the first quarter. The Anoka County SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) goal increased to 1,894 tons for 2016. The good news is that each household only needs to recycle 52 pounds each month to meet the year-end goal.



Maintenance projects are underway

Here's an update on two major public works projects now underway in Columbia Heights.

Water tower:

The city has one 250,000 gallon water tower located at 4650 Stinson Boulevard. The last major renovation to the water tower was done in 1996. Major maintenance has begun that involves removing the paint on the exterior and interior of the steel water tank, making repairs to the steel, and installing a new coating system on both the interior and exterior of the tank.

Stinson Boulevard reconstruction:

The complete reconstruction of Stinson Boulevard from 37th Avenue to Silver Lane is in process and includes replacing the concrete surface with a new bituminous surface, new water main, new storm sewer, an eight-foot wide trail, and new street lighting. In addition, CenterPoint Energy will begin replacing existing gas main along the east side of Stinson Boulevard.

Info about preventing storm water pollution will be presented June 1

Do you know rainwater flows to the storm water drainage system, which is generally located along street curbs? This means anything you put on your lawn, sidewalk, driveway or parking lot will end up with the storm water. The storm water system drains this runoff to ponds, lakes, streams and rivers. Pollutants in this water will affect wildlife and our recreation areas. Special concerns include phosphorus fertilizers, petroleum products, salt, other chemicals, garbage and sediments from erosion. Federal and State environmental laws have resulted in more stringent regulations concerning pollution from storm water systems. Local governments may incur large fines if they do not have an active program to reduce storm water pollution.

INFORMATION ABOUT STORM WATER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PICNIC ON JUNE 1, 2016 AT Huset Park. The Public Works Department conducts a required public informational session on our SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program) annually. Columbia Heights has developed a SWPPP plan in response to Federal and State regulations concerning the quality of water entering streams, rivers, and lakes from storm water drainage systems. At this event the public will have the opportunity to give input and comments on the SWPPP.

Water quality report is available

A copy of the Consumer Confidence Report is available on the city's website at <http://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1817>, or customers can call (763) 706-3700 to request a paper copy.

ALERT County remains under quarantine for emerald ash borer

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed an emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation in Anoka County since the bugs were found in an ash tree in Ham Lake.

Residents are encouraged to look at their ash trees for signs of EAB. Checking for EAB, reporting possible infestations, and following quarantines can slow the spread of the bugs.

When checking for emerald ash borer look for the following:

Be sure you've identified an ash tree. This is an important first step since EAB only feeds on ash trees.

Look for woodpecker damage. Woodpeckers like EAB larvae and woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of EAB.

Check for bark cracks. EAB larvae tunneling under the bark can cause the bark to split open, revealing the larval (S-shaped) tunnels underneath.

Contact a professional. If you feel your ash tree may be infested with EAB, contact a tree care professional, your city forester, or

the MDA at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or (888) 545-6684.

The quarantine is designed to limit the movement of any items that may be infested with EAB, including ash trees and ash tree limbs, as well as all hardwood firewood.

The biggest risk of spreading EAB comes from people unknowingly moving firewood or other ash products harboring larvae. Below are three easy steps to keep EAB from spreading:

Don't transport firewood. Buy firewood locally from approved vendors, and burn it where you buy it.

Be aware of the quarantine restrictions. If you live in a quarantined county, be aware of the restrictions on movement of products such as ash trees, wood chips and firewood.

Watch your ash trees for infestation. If you think your ash tree is infested, go to www.mda.state.mn.us/eab or the Columbia Heights website at <http://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/index.aspx?nid=247>.

REFUSE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. (formerly Veolia ES)

Customer Service Phone: (763) 225-8705
E-mail: columbiaheights-ads@advanceddisposal.com
Website: www.advanceddisposal.com/mn/saint-paul/saint-paul-collection/guideline/columbia-heights-mn

Anoka County Recycling Resource Solutions

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

City Refuse/Recycling website

www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/index.aspx?nid=223
Public Works Department Phone: (763) 706-3700

Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day, May 30, Service delayed by one day all week
Independence Day, July 4, Service delayed by one day all week
Labor Day, Sept. 5, Service delayed by one day all week

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 containers.
- Large recycling carts are available, call (763) 706-3700.

Yard Waste

- Use compostable bags only and place on street curb.
- Brush should be bundled in manageable 3-foot lengths and cannot be more than 4" in diameter.
- Anoka County yard/tree waste site (763) 767-7964
- Yard carts are available, call (763) 706-3700 to order.

Computers/Electronics Disposal

Electronics must be properly disposed of due to the hazardous nature of the material. Please call Advanced Disposal Services at (763) 225-8705 to schedule a pickup. A \$20 scheduling fee will be charged. Items must come from the property. You may also drop items off at various disposal sites, which may charge a fee.

- www.anokacounty.us/1653/RecyclingDirectory

Bulk Collection

To ensure timely pickup of bulky items such as furniture and mattresses, please call (763) 225-8705 to arrange for collection before placing outside. Please try to sell, donate or recycle the items first. Items must have come from the property.

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.

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

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Blaine provides safe disposal of household products such 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. There is no charge to drop off items at the facility. For more information, visit www.AnokaCounty.us/HHW.

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:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Metal | • Aluminum cans |
| • Glass and plastic (#1-7) containers | • Any scrap metal items |
| • Paper and cardboard | • Used oil and oil filters |
| • Household batteries | • Fluorescent bulbs |
| • Antifreeze | • String lights |

Tires: Leave old tires at the store when purchasing new ones. Only residents may bring four car or light truck tires per year. MUST be off the rims.

Organics drop-off: Call (763) 706-3700 to order a free starter kit and required bags for disposal.

ONLY BRING ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. CALL (763) 706-3700 FOR QUESTIONS.

RECYCLING TIP:

Recycling cart overflowing? Order a large 96-gallon recycling container with no increase in service charges. Recycle as much as you can at the same flat rate. Call (763) 706-3700 for more information. You can also drop off organics, see the Recycling Center information.

Please tell us about your recycling success

Why do you think it is important to recycle? Does your household recycle on a regular basis? Have you developed a good system for recycling? We'd like to share recycling stories in future newsletters. Please call Sue at (763) 706-3700. A household recycling basket will be offered to those whose stories are published.

TOP VALU LIQUOR

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TOP VALU LIQUOR

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Kinky Liqueurs
750 ml (all flavors)
\$12.97



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TOP VALU LIQUOR

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3 Olives Vodka
Liter (all flavors)
\$12.97



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Canadian Club
1.75 liter
\$17.97



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Grain Belt Premium
24 bottles
\$16.97



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Schell's Craft
12 bottles
\$10.97



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Miller High Life
24 cans
\$13.97



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Menage A Trois Silk
750 ml
\$7.97



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Sutter Home White
Zinfandel 750 ml
\$3.97



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