



# 2020 Columbia Quarterly



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Hutchinson

I'm looking forward to Spring – fresh weather, fresh blooms and a fresh count with the 2020 Census. I would like to encourage everyone to participate, and consider this information. The more people counted by the census the more money we get from the State and Federal Government, as well as grants and other funding based on population. Please take the time to respond online, by phone or by mail. You also have the option to complete the census at a kiosk set up at City Hall or work stations at the Library. If you do not respond, a census taker will come to your door to collect the information. If a census taker does come to your door, be sure to ask for their picture I.D. and official credentials. Beware of scams! Census takers **do not need** Social Security numbers or bank information and will not contact you via email or internet. If you are not sure, contact the Police Department or City Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at H: 281-5199 / O: 281-7144 or [khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com](mailto:khutchinson@columbiaillinois.com)

## Count Me in Columbia: the 2020 Census at a Glance



The U.S. Constitution requires that the U.S. Census Bureau take a count, or a census, of America's population every 10 years. By law, your information is kept confidential. It cannot be publicly released to identify you, cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies or law enforcement agencies, and cannot be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits. The census provides vital information for you and for our community.

- ◆ It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries.
- ◆ The City of Columbia relies on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs and receives money back from the federal government every year for each person in our community. Approximately \$187 per person will go back into the general fund to help pay for roads, bridges and emergency services. We want to make sure everyone, babies to seniors, is counted so we can better provide for your needs!
- ◆ Businesses use census data to determine where to open new locations.

You can expect to receive your invitation to respond to the Census in mid-March. You will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Please be prompt in your response, to avoid a follow-up visit from a census worker.

Visit [www.columbiaillinois.com/census](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/census) to learn more about the 2020 census.

## CITY STAFF UPDATES

There have been a few staff changes at City Hall and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Linda Sharp for her twelve years of dedication as Accounting Manager. Linda has done an excellent job keeping the City's finances in order. She has agreed to stay on with the City as the part-time Treasurer (previously held by Bob Naumann). Nicole Guile (a Columbia native) has accepted the position of Accounting Manager. She brings 10 years of municipal accounting experience and was previously the Comptroller for Village of Caseyville and Accountant with the City of Collinsville, Illinois. We wish both Linda and Nicole much success in their new positions with the City.



## SOUNDS OF SIRENS



Periodically, you will hear the sounds of sirens in the City of Columbia.  
As a reminder, the outdoor warning sirens are activated as follows:



**Fire Emergencies:** Sirens will sound 4 blasts between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. every day of the week during a fire callout. The purpose of this siren is to alert motorists to exercise caution.

**Tornado Emergencies or Other Disasters:** Sirens will sound 1 blast for 3 consecutive minutes, warning residents to immediately seek shelter.

**Testing:** The annual national siren test takes place in March.

It should be noted that, out of tradition, Westminster Chimes are played at noon and 6:00 p.m. daily at the siren located near the Department of Public Works building and are not played on all 5 sirens.

We ask that you please do not call the Communications Center dispatcher for updates on the outdoor warning siren. When that particular siren is going off, the storm is coming overhead and you should be taking cover at that point in time.

We recommend every household purchase a battery powered weather radio for weather updates. You can listen to the weather radio for information on the progress of the storm front as well as when the storm has cleared.

It is also recommended that citizens register for emergency phone notifications on the Code Red website: <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/E4A1DADB51FB>. Critical community alerts will be sent for emergency situations such as evacuation notices, boil water notices and missing children alerts.

### Yard Waste Removal

Curbside yard waste removal will be every Tues. beginning March 3 through November 24. Please set biodegradable yard waste bags out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. One Reliable Sanitation sticker is needed on each bag.

## 2020 UPCOMING PROJECTS

### ROADS

**Main Street Streetscape Project Phase 2 & 3:** Construction has begun on the Streetscape project. Construction will continue this spring with work on the section from Whiteside Street to Oak Street.

**South Main Street Resurfacing Project:** South Main from Cherry Street to 400' north of IL Route 3 will be resurfaced this spring.

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**Quarry Road Resurfacing – Phase 1 Project:** The resurfacing of Quarry Road from Ghent Road to approximately 400' west of Palmer Creek Drive is anticipated to be on a June letting. The project includes a shared use path on the south side of Quarry Road.



### WATER MAIN

**Centerville Water Main Replacement Project:** The project will replace the water main from Main Street to Columbia Avenue. The project also includes replacing the water main along Columbia Avenue from Centerville to the dead end.

**Dupo Interchange Water Main Relocation Project:** Approximately 9,000 lineal feet of water main will need to be relocated to accommodate the new Dupo Interchange near Davis Street Ferry.



### TRAIL / PARKS

**Bolm-Schuhkraft Connector Trail Project:**

Project will bid in March with construction starting in late April or early May.

**Bolm-Schuhkraft Trail Resurfacing Project:**

The existing one mile trail in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park will be resurfaced this upcoming spring/summer.

**Creekside Park Development Project:**

The project is currently under design with construction anticipated to begin this summer.

**Lions Pavilion Replacement Project:**

The Lions Pavilion located in Bolm-Schuhkraft Park will be replaced this spring/summer.





**City-Wide Yard Sale  
April 3rd and 4th**

A city-wide yard sale with well over 100 sales will take place in Columbia the weekend of April 3rd and 4th. To register your sale, visit [www.ColumbiainIllinois.com/yard sales](http://www.ColumbiainIllinois.com/yard%20sales). Please allow two business days for your event to appear. You may view and print a list of yard sales at the same link. Your list can be customized to include only the items you are looking for! View and print sales up until the day of the sale - no deadlines. Sales are entered and viewed in real time.



**Reduce, Re-Use & Recycle Event  
April 4th (10:00 a.m. - 2 :00 p.m.)  
Columbia High School Parking Lot**



The City has contracted with several vendors to provide recycling opportunities for our residents. Proof of residency (driver's license with a Columbia address or City of Columbia utility bill and driver's license) is required. Thank you to Joe & Patty Koppeis and FCB Banks for helping to sponsor the event, and First National Bank of Waterloo for sponsoring the paper shred truck where they will also accept donations for the Columbia TWIGS Summer Lunch Program for local children. A list of items needed and more information about the program can be found at [www.fnwaterloo.bank/our-columbia-banking-center/](http://www.fnwaterloo.bank/our-columbia-banking-center/). Donations are appreciated but not required.

**The following items will be accepted:**

**Nice Twice:** Gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys and household items.

**Reliable Sanitation:** Glass, plastic, cardboard, aluminum & large non-recyclable items.

**Secure Document Destruction Services:** Shredding paper documents while you wait- 5 box maximum please.

**CJD E-Cycling:** Electronics and metals. Some items will be accepted for a fee (see [www.columbiainillinois.com/416/Electronic-Appliance-Recycling](http://www.columbiainillinois.com/416/Electronic-Appliance-Recycling)) for fee structure and a complete list of accepted / not-accepted items, or call CJD E-Cycling at 618-659-9006 with further questions.

**Fee required for:** CRT, console, plasma, flat screen & projection TVs; CRT monitors & flat screen monitors without tower; NiCd, NiMh, Li-Ion mixed and lithium, lithium primary rechargeable batteries and Alkaline batteries.

**No fee for:** Computers accessories (towers, printers, cables, keyboards), Fax machines, scanners, satellite & cable receivers, VCR & DVD players, video game consoles, phones, cell phones, clocks, holiday lights & metal decorations, toasters, blenders, microwaves, car & lawn mower batteries (lead acid battery). Metals/white goods: washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, industrial machinery & equipment, tools, air conditioners & humidifiers, old motors and metal furniture.

**The following items WILL NOT be accepted:** DVDs, VHS, CDs or cassette tapes, re-manufactured ink or toner cartridges, radioactive or flammable materials, hazardous materials (oil, antifreeze, paint, household smoke detectors), non-electronics (tires, wood, office waste, roofing); explosives, firearms, ammunition, shells, ballast; prescription medication, devices containing mercury, equipment containing asbestos, pesticides, oil filters, air bags and lead.



<p><b>ChiroPro of Columbia, LLC</b> 1005 South Main Street Chiropractic Office</p>	<p><b>WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES</b></p>	<p><b>DQ Grill &amp; Chill</b> 1001 South Main Street Fast Food Restaurant</p>
<p><b>Edward D. Jones &amp; Co.</b> 913 North Main Street Jared Nuxoll – Stockbroker</p>	<p><b>FCB Banks</b> 700 Columbia Centre Bank</p>	<p><b>Rzola's</b> 230 North Main Street Tex-Mex Restaurant</p>
<p><b>Simmons Bank</b> 180 Admiral Trost Road Bank</p>	<p><b>St. Clair, Gilbreth &amp; Steppig LLC</b> 252 Southwoods Center Law Firm</p>	<p><b>Studio 11 Cabinets &amp; Design, Inc.</b> 121 South Main Street Design/Sell Cabinets, Countertops &amp; Tile</p>



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## Upcoming Events



### Daylight Savings Time

March 8 Spring ahead 1 hour.

### Lucky Ladies Night Out

March 12, 5 - 9 pm:

Scratch to win! Scratch cards to reveal shopping deals, food and drink specials and win prizes. Historic Main Street.



**YARD SALE**

### City Wide Yard Sale

April 3 & 4:

100+ yard sales throughout the City.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event

April 4, 10 am - 2 pm:

High School Parking Lot



### Rotten Egg Hunt

April 17, 6:30 pm:

Adults only, hunt in the dark for eggs filled with deals, prizes and CASH! Food trucks. Tickets at [Mymainstreetcolumbia.com](http://Mymainstreetcolumbia.com) beginning February 3. Bolm-Schuhkraft Park



### Small Business Week

May 3 - 9: Enjoy daily events promoting small businesses in Columbia and thanking those who support small business year round.

### EMS / Public Safety Open House

May 14, 4:30 - 7:30 pm: Meet and greet with members from EMS, Fire, Police and Dispatch. Tour area emergency response equipment and apparatus. Flight medical helicopter landing, bounce house, free hot dogs & chips. Celebrating National EMS Week - 1020 N. Main St.

### Large Item Curbside Pick-Up

May 19 for Regular Tues. Trash & Recycling  
May 22 for Regular Fri. Trash & Recycling



### Music at Metter Park

May 31, 6 - 8 pm:

Music by Waterloo German Band

### Wednesday Workout Series

June & July, 7 - 8 pm:

Free Wednesday workouts at Metter Park.



### Music at Metter Park

June 14, 6 - 8 pm:

Music by Nashville Country artist Johnny Henry and his band.

### \*Construction of Hoover Dam

March 10, 6:30 pm:

SIUE Presentation

### \*Computer Basics

#### Getting Started

March 18, 2 pm: Ages 45+

### \*Intro to Lynda.com

March 19 & April 16, 6:30 pm: Adults

### \*2020 Census Night

#### Info & Response

March 24, 6 pm: Adults

### \*Computer Basics

#### Saving and Finding Files

March 25, 2 pm: Ages 45+

### \*Spring Crafts

April 9, 3:30 pm (3-6 yrs.) & 5 pm (7-10 yrs.)

### \*Computer Basics - Internet

April 22, 2 pm: Ages 45+

### Career Fair

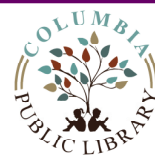
April 23, 2-5 pm: Teen/Adult

### \*Last Minute Mother's Day Gifts

May 7, 3:30 pm (Ages 3-6) & 5 pm (Ages 7-10)

*\*For registration go to*

<https://columbialibrary.evanced.info/signup>



For more events and details go to [www.columbiaininois.com](http://www.columbiaininois.com) or call 281-7144