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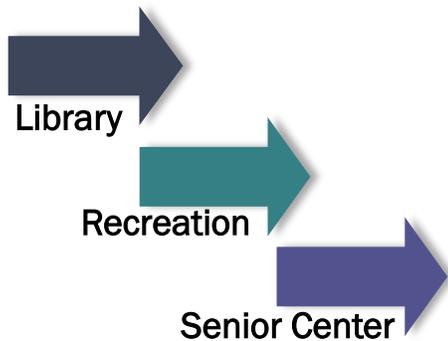
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Columbus Community Centers

Public Library

The Columbus Public Library is located in a historic Carnegie library building at 223 West James Street. It opened in 1912 and is proud of a history that stretches back to 1887. Services offered include community events and programs, public access computers, and a lending collection of books, movies, music, and magazines for all ages.

Phone 920-623-5910

Address 223 W. James St.
Columbus, WI 53925

Website

www.columbuspubliclibrary.info

Email

info@ColumbusPublicLibrary.info

Hours

M-Th 9:00am-8:30pm
Friday 9:00am-5:30pm
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Director Lindsey Ganz

Emergency Numbers:

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
920-623-5914

Police Department
(non-emergency)
920-623-5919

Columbus Community
Hospital
920-623-2200

In case of a true emergency:

9-1-1

Senior Center

The Columbus Area Senior Center offers and promotes activities and services that enhance the quality of life for our senior community. It is a multi-purpose facility that serves the diverse needs of area seniors, 50 and older.

Phone 920-623-5918

Address 125 N. Dickason Blvd
Columbus, WI 53925

Website

www.cityofcolumbuswi.com

Email

seniorcenter@columbuswi.us

Hours

M-F 9:00am-2:00pm
(During pandemic)

Director Kim Lang

Other City Offices:

Administrator

920-623-5900

Clerk

920-623-5900

Columbia County Recycling Center

608-742-6651

Council

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920-623-5912

Recreation & Parks

The City of Columbus seeks to provide recreational activities and facilities that will build strong families and a community quality of life.

Phone 920-623-5936

Address 229 E. School St.
Columbus, WI 53925

Website

www.cityofcolumbuswi.com

Email

recreation@columbuswi.us

Hours

M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Director Amy Jo Meyers

Aquatic Center

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Website

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Email

caac@columbuswi.us

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Columbus Commotion

Email: commotion@columbuswi.us

As we find ourselves in the final months of 2020, reflecting on the past year is remarkable on several notes. First and foremost, the COVID-19 pandemic has left its mark on our community, state, nation, and the world. The city has had to take extra precautions, doing things we don't normally need to do, while avoiding other things that we normally looked forward to doing. This has been a challenge for most of use at home, at work, and throughout the community. My greatest hope is that the resilience of our community continues to shine through as we all look forward to brighter days with more protections available to everyone.

Within the City, another hallmark of this past year has been transition. Late in 2019, when the City Administrator accepted another position, the Mayor and City Council embarked on a path to secure interim assistance to keep things running smoothly, update the details of the position and advertise it widely, and conduct a multi-step selection process to select the final candidate. Once I started in early April, one of the first tasks was to replace the Finance Director who was retiring after decades of public service. We were fortunate to find interim assistance, and have brought in a new staff member with experience in municipal government, neither of which is easy to accomplish. Finally, just in the past month or two, the Public Works Director also left for another position, and we are working diligently to find the best replacement possible. Luckily, with all of the change and transition, we have a solid foundation of high quality city employees who pitch in to help wherever and whenever they can, paired with a dedicated Mayor and City Council that have placed a clear priority on ensuring the City has the staff needed to provide the service our residents deserve.

The Hibbard Street project also received much attention in the past year, and I am very happy to see the progress throughout the summer and into the fall. Paving is done, driveways and sidewalks are complete, many of the trees have been planted, and some of the landscape restoration work has already been completed. The residents on Hibbard and the surrounding streets handled the short-term inconvenience of construction well, and should enjoy the benefits of the reconstructed roadway for years.

The final thing that strikes me about 2020 is how fortunate the City of Columbus has been in obtaining grants and other funding to make improvements affordable, and often times make them feasible at all. Just this year the City was already award a Wisconsin DOT Local Road Improvement Grant, the Transportation Alternative Program Grant, and a TRAVEL (Tourism) grant. In the coming months we expect to hear about an Urban Forestry Grant and the Community Development Block Grant Program, and both grants appear favorable right now. If we count the money we have been awarded, as well as the grant awards that are outstanding, it is likely the City of Columbus will receive more than \$1.3 Million dollars! That is great news, reducing local costs for infrastructure improvements, increasing our capacity to address widespread problems like infected ash trees, and making Columbus a better place to live!

I hope all of you are able to remain safe during this challenging time, and can find the positive developments as you reflect on your past year. 2021 may bring some new challenges, but with the achievements Columbus had during 2020, I am excited to see what we can accomplish with the momentum we have built!

Kyle Ellefson
Columbus City Administrator



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Temporary Closings of City Facilities

City Buildings Closed to Walk-In Customers

Based on the need to protect City staff and residents during the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, we will be closing Columbus City Hall, the Public Works Department, Recreation Department, Waste Water Treatment Facility, and the Fire Department to walk-in customers until further notice.

We encourage all residents and customers to conduct their City business by mail, telephone, email, or by utilizing the drop box at City Hall. If there is business that cannot be conducted using any of these methods, we encourage you to contact City Hall at 920-623-5900 or any other department to discuss your options, which may include scheduling an appointment. City Hall staff will continue to perform their essential duties during this time, but we want to make every effort to limit unnecessary interactions so we can do our part to contribute to a safer community.

Library by Appointment Only

Due to an increase in local cases of COVID-19, the Columbus Public Library will adjust our services and hours of operation until further notice. Access to the library building will be allowed by appointment only to use technology services including: library computers, Wi-Fi, printing, faxing and scanning. Appointments to browse the library collection in the building will also be available.

We will return to curbside pickup for reserved books only. When notified that a reserved book has come in, patrons will need to call the library and schedule a pickup appointment. Books will be held in the James Street vestibule of the library in a package marked with the patron's name at the scheduled time. Craft kits for all ages can be picked up during library hours in the James Street vestibule.

Appointments will be available the following dates and times:

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| Monday-Thursday: | 9:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-7:00pm |
| Friday: | 9:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm |
| Saturday: | 9:00am-1:00pm |

Patrons will need to call ahead to schedule all pickup and onsite appointments. The Columbus Public Library phone number is 920-623-5910.

Senior Center by Appointment Only

During the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, we will be closing the Columbus Area Senior Center to walk-in customers until further notice, beginning Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. We encourage members and residents to contact the Senior Center for questions or assistance of any kind. Essential functions will continue to be available, including the ADRC Benefit Specialist, Fitness Room, the Medical Equipment Loan Closet, all by appointment only.

In addition, the ADRC meal program will continue deliveries out of the Senior Center. Senior Center staff will continue to perform their essential duties during this time, but we want to make every effort to limit unnecessary interactions so we can do our part to contribute to a safer community.

Senior Center staff will be available Monday-Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm. Senior Center: 920-623-5918
ADRC meal program staff will be available Monday-Friday from 9:15am-12:15pm. Meal Site: 920-763-2124

NOTE: We will continue to monitor the changing conditions, and as we receive additional guidance from federal, state, and local health officials, we will evaluate when it is prudent to re-open to walk-in customers.





Holiday Home Decorating Competition

Eligibility: This contest is FREE and open to City of Columbus Residents, Districts 1-3
Entries must be received on or before December 11, 12pm. No exceptions

Rules: Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street side of your home at night.
Judging will take place Monday December 14 through Wednesday December 16, 2020.

Please have your home illuminated between the hours of 5pm and 8pm on these dates. Winners will be notified on Thursday December 17 via phone call and email. Judges' decisions are final.

Awards: 1st and 2nd place awards will be provided for each District 1-3.
1st Place winners will receive a \$50 Visa GC. 2nd Place winners will receive a \$25 Visa GC.

How to Enter: Registration forms are found on the City of Columbus, Recreation webpage.
Forms can be requested by emailing: recreation@columbuswi.us
Submit: Email entries to recreation@columbuswi.us
Mail / Drop off:
CRD / Holiday Decorating Contest
229 E School Street
Columbus, WI 53925

TAKE AND MAKE

Hey kids!!

Come and snag some festive crafts to decorate for the holidays. Make one to give as a gift to a friend or family member ♥

We have a cute lil' button wreath, a beaded candy cane, an accordion snowman and an ugly sweater tie craft. We will even throw in some cute holiday stamps for you to create your own fun!

The crafts are FREE! Supplies are limited.
Please email Amy Jo to reserve your set today.
recreation@columbuswi.us

Crafts can be picked up at the CRD office located at 229 E. School St. Dec. 14—Dec. 18, 9:00am—4:00pm
Please call ahead to ensure I am here—920.623.5936.



Waddle Your Way Through A Good Book! Winter Reading Challenge is Coming!!

Starts December 21, 2020

That's right! There's going to be a Winter Reading Challenge starting the first day of winter! **All ages** are welcome to sign up and participate on Beanstack.

Complete the challenge to earn a fun surprise!

We know that things move slower in winter. Reading is no exception. With the holidays, school, and work responsibilities, it's hard to just sit down and read. That's why we decided to create a special Winter Reading Challenge on Beanstack that is open to all ages!

Those who signed up for Beanstack this summer will be able to log into their account and register. If you haven't created an account in Beanstack yet, you can do that at columbuspubliclibrary.beanstack.org.

Commotion Connections

Starts Tuesday, Dec. 1

A "Pen Pal" program featuring Columbus and surrounding area folks of all ages looking to connect while remaining at home. This is a fun and safe way to meet someone new and share interests and "conversations".

Send your name, mailing address or email address, and a few topics of interest to commotion@columbuswi.us. We will match you up and send out the matches via email/mail using first names only. All responses will come from the Columbus Commotion to protect identities and personal information of participants. Those using email will be connected through email, and those using mail will receive responses through the mail.

Each week we will be suggesting a topic to use to help break the ice with your new friend. Topic December 1st—What is your favorite winter activity?



Letters to SANTA

If you would like your child to receive a letter from Santa, please deliver your letter and drop it in the "magic mailbox" located at the Recreation Department, 229 E. School St., Columbus, WI 53925.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your child's letter so that Santa does not make an error.

Each letter will be personalized for each child with a little help from you. Inside your envelope please include your child's highlights of the year, special presents they wish to find under the tree, and perhaps a secret that only you would know.

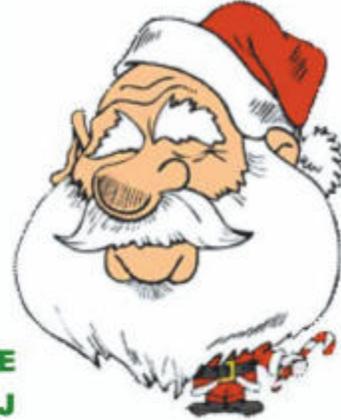
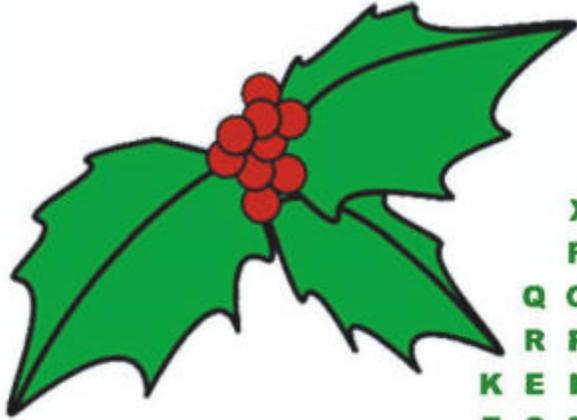
All letters to Santa must be received by December 14, for a reply.

Happy Holidays!!



Holiday Fun

Find the hidden words



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Dasher

Holiday Fun Word Search Challenge

Sponsored by Columbus Recreation

Kids 3rd-12th grade are invited to complete the holiday word search **on the previous page** for a chance to win a \$15 Amazon Gift Card. A total of 3 gift cards will be awards.

- ◆ Send your completed word search to Amy Jo via email (recreation@columbuswi.us) or it can be dropped off/mailed to 229 E. School St. Columbus, WI 53925
- ◆ Put your name, grade, and phone number on the completed word search before submitting it.
- ◆ There will be ONE winner per group : Grades 3rd-5th, Grades 6th-8th, and Grades 9th-12th.
 - ◆ **Submission deadline is Monday, December 14, by 4:00pm.**
- ◆ Winners will be announced on Tuesday, December 15, via the Recreation and Columbus Commotion Facebook pages. Winners will also receive a call/text.



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Exercise

Senior Center

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:15am

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All participants should register each Friday for the next week's classes before 12:00pm by calling 920-623-5918. We will let you know if you are onsite or offsite and how to connect offsite.

Those participating onsite will be issued a stress ball and exercise band that they will keep in a bag marked with their name to use each time.

Those participating via phone or ZOOM can make an appointment to pick up a stress ball and exercise band to keep at home.

Health and Strength Exercise

Senior Center

Fridays, 10:30am-11:00am

Strength and low impact cardio for all ages and abilities (including chair adaptation) all in 30 minutes. Limited to 20 onsite, all others may participate by calling in or connecting to a ZOOM meeting via internet.

All participants should register no later than Thursday for each class before 12:00pm by calling 920-623-5918. We will let you know if you are onsite or offsite and how to connect offsite.



Walking

Senior Center

Monday-Thursday, 8:00-10:00am or 1:00-3:00pm

By Appointment Only

Dust off your walking shoes and get your daily dose of walking in the main room at the Senior Center. Enjoy some motivational music and a bit of conversation. 20 laps = 1/2 mile! **Walking is by appointment only, with a limit of 10 per hour. Masks are required.** Schedule an appointment by calling 920-623-5918.

****The Pavilion will not be open for walkers this winter.**

Zumba

Fireman's Park Upper Pavillon

Mondays, 6:00pm-7:00pm

\$5.00 per class or \$20 per month

All Ages

Get fit with Amanda Pritchard. Walk-ins welcome! Check the Columbus Recreation Facebook page for the most up to date calendar.



Columbus Softball

Grades 4K-11

Registration opens Mid-Feb-March 15.

More information can be found on the Recreation Department Facebook page.



Aquatic Center Early Bird Specials

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Purchase your membership with the Columbus Recreation Department, at City Hall, or online at:
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/columbusrecwi/Home>

City Hall accepts cash or check, all other forms of payment are accepted with the
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Membership Prices

City of Columbus Resident:

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| Family Membership: | \$200 |
| Individual Membership: | \$90 |
| Daily Pass 10-pack: | \$35 |
| Lap Swim/Aerobic Pass: | \$50 |
| Couples Pass: | \$150 |

Non-Resident (Outside City Limits):

| | |
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| Family Membership: | \$225 |
| Individual Membership: | \$100 |
| Daily Pass 10-pack: | \$45 |
| Lap Swim/Aerobic Pass: | \$65 |
| Couples Pass: | \$165 |

This offer is good until February 28, 2021

Any questions please fee free to call Amy Jo @ 920.623.5936.

Concession cards will be presented to you the first day you arrive at the pool.

CDA Business Recognition

The City of Columbus Community Development Authority appreciates our local business community and all that it does for the City of Columbus, especially during this challenging year of 2020. The CDA would like to recognize some of the successes over the past year.

Local manufacturer GD Roberts celebrated 150 years in business this year and has also recently purchased 1200 W James Street, former location of Hughes Company, to accommodate their growing business. Home Expressions at 111 E. James was the first recipient of a new CDA Façade Improvement grant program, to help promote investment in local business facades.

The CDA would also like to recognize several owner occupied businesses such as Partners Dance Studio, James Street Pizza, Cercis Brewing, and Tequila's Bar and Grill for making substantial investments and renovations to their businesses. In addition, we would like to welcome all new businesses that have recently opened or relocated in the city. The CDA also acknowledges the tremendous efforts and creativity of the service industry during these trying times.

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic the City of Columbus will not be hosting a business appreciation event this year. In lieu of the event and awards, the CDA would like to recognize area businesses for adapting to the many challenges this year by presenting them with a window decal to be displayed at businesses throughout the city.

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Library Programs

All library programs are currently being done virtually. Programs will be posted on Facebook (@ColPubLib) and YouTube channel the morning of the date listed unless a specific time is listed.

Crafternoon: Paper Tube Snowmen

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Watch Miss Bethany paint and decorate a paper tube snowman. Then, stop by the library to pick up a DIY kit!

Crafternoon: Sequin Art

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Let's Start the New Year with sparkles! Miss Bethany shows how you can create a beautiful sequined animal picture. Stop by the library for the materials (glue not included)!

Crafternoon: Heart Bumblebee

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Won't you 'bee' mine? Watch Miss Bethany put together this adorable love-bug and then grab a kit from the library to make your own. Make sure to give it to someone special!

Doodles & Drawings

Wednesday, Dec. 30, Jan. 20, & Feb. 17

A drawing prompt will be released on this day. Tune in to see what Bethany creates and try it yourself at home! If you would like, you can bring your drawing into the library to be displayed on the office door downstairs.

Game Spotlight

Wednesday, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24

We're going to be unboxing and sharing a board game that will be available at the library checkout.

Holiday Family Tea

Thursday, Dec. 17, LIVE at 4:00pm-5:00pm

This is a virtual event on Zoom. Those wishing to participate will need to sign up at the library to receive the link and the special grab bags for the participating children.

Please register for this event on the library's website. You can contact the library to schedule a pick-up time to receive your grab bag.

Miss Susan and Miss Bethany are hosting a virtual Holiday Tea Time on Zoom! Don your favorite holiday outfits, make your beverage of choice (doesn't have to be tea), and tune in for stories, songs, a game, and a live craft demonstration.

Loom Knit Hats

Ages 10+



Loom Knit kits are available to checkout with your library card for 4 weeks to make your own knit hat in a range of sizes! An instructional video can be found on the Library Facebook page and the Library YouTube channel. Pick up your kit in January and begin knitting! Need some extra support while making your project? No problem! Fill out the Google Form online and we will send you a link to join one of our Zoom meetings .

Storytime Online

Tuesdays, Dec. 1-Feb. 23

10:00am



Join us on our Facebook page for a slightly different kind of storytime. All ages of children and their grown-ups are welcome.

Snow Build and Story Contest

Dec. 1-Feb. 28

When it snows, make a snow creation and a short creative story about your creation. Submit your story and a picture of your creation for a chance to win fun prizes.



Rules :

Submit photos and an original story about your creations to bethany@columbuspubliclibrary.info from now until February 28th. We will be creating a photo slideshow of all our entries to share on social media, and we will announce winners during the first week of March.

Winning photos will be featured on our website with their stories, and there will be prizes awarded to the top entry in each category. Limit of 4 entries per person/family? Or one entry per category. One entry per packable snowfall.

STEM: Hot Cocoa Solution

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Did you know hot cocoa is a solution? Discover a few more facts about hot cocoa in our December STEM video.

STEM: Penguin Science

Wednesday, Jan. 6

How do penguins stay dry in the water? Tune in to watch Miss Bethany's experiment and learn about penguins.

STEM: Marshmallow Catapult

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Look out! Miss Bethany is building a catapult. Watch the video and then stop by the library to pick up materials to make your own.

Check out the Fitness Room at the Senior Center!

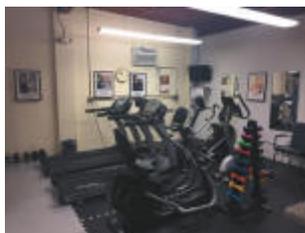
For adults 50 and older. FREE!

Limited to one person in the fitness room at a time.

Exception: spouses may exercise together.

Register for a 45 minute time slot by calling 920-623-5918.

Open M-F 9am-2pm



Library Teen Programs

Teen Take and Make Projects (Grades 6-12)

You can pick up a free kit containing the supplies for the craft in the teen area on the main floor of the library. One kit per person please. Kits will be available throughout the month or until gone. Kits are also available through curbside pickup by contacting the library. Kits switch the first Wednesday of each month. Be sure to continue to check the teen area for additional activity ideas and highlighted authors. You never know what you might find!

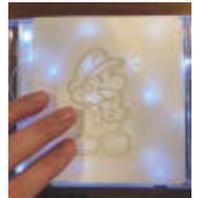


December: Wintry Canvas

What can you do with just three colors on canvas? Express yourself in a winter scene using just black, blue, and white.

January: Mini Light Tables

This project is a useful one! Make a mini light table so you can trace and draw characters and other objects from printed materials.



February: Marshmallow Shooters

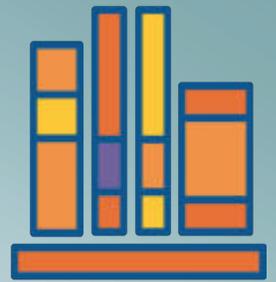
Who needs to catch snowflakes when there are marshmallows to catch in the air? Make a marshmallow shooter and challenge yourself to catching the flying sugar puffs. Other marshmallow ideas will be included in the kit.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram for program updates and other library info. @ColumbusLibTeens



Friends Book Store at the Library Annex!

Located at 251 N. James St.



The Friends of the Library Book Store will open for people to come in and browse donated books, with the proceeds funding new projects at the library.

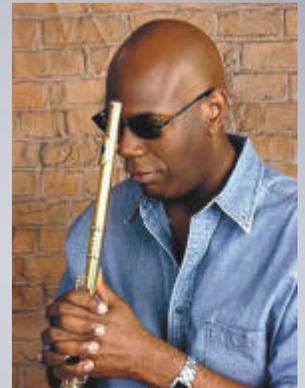
Watch Facebook and the library website for up-to-date announcements about reopening.

“Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement” with World-Renowned Flautist Galen Abdul-Razzaq *Virtual music and lecture event*

Friday, Jan. 29, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Galen Abdul-Razzaq has lectured and performed at colleges and universities across the country on the topic of the history of jazz, its historical significance, and its most influential contributors. He is also a performer, teacher, and composer of classical and chamber music. Mr. Abdul-Razzaq’s presentation will examine the influence of jazz on the civil rights movement.

This event is conducted online via Zoom. You may use a smartphone, tablet, or computer to attend this virtual event. Visit the library’s website at columbuspubliclibrary.info or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome!



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Adult

Adult Coloring—Colorama

Senior Center

Thursdays, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18, 10:00am

Limited to 20 onsite. Call to register by 12:00pm on Monday. First come, first served for participation. Those not able to participate onsite can make an appointment to pick up coloring pages to take home.

Bingo

Senior Center

Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:30am

Limited to 20 onsite, all others may participate by calling in or connecting to a ZOOM meeting via internet.

Bingo cards will be issued to each player. Offsite participants will have paper cards mailed to them. One prize per participant. Prizes won by offsite participants will be mailed to them. Paper bingo cards and prizes can also be picked up at the Senior Center by appointment.

All participants should register each Monday before 12:00pm by calling 920-623-5918. We will let you know if you are onsite or offsite and how to connect offsite.

Columbus Meal Site

Senior Center

Monday-Friday

Suggested Donation:

60 and older—\$4.50

Under 60—\$16.30

The Columbia County Aging and Disability Resource Center delivers nutritionally balanced meals to home-bound individuals. **Meals are currently for delivery only, no dine-in.** Meals are prepared by Sauk City Catering. Deliveries can be arranged by calling the Columbia County ADRC at 888-742-9233 or the Dodge County ADRC at 800-924-6407. Menus can be found at www.co.columbia.wi.us.

Knit/Crochet

Senior Center

Wednesdays, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Limited to 20 onsite. Call to register by 12:00pm on Monday. First come, first served for participation. Those not able to participate onsite can make an appointment to pick up yarn to take home. This knit/crochet group donates all of their finished projects to the VA Hospital, Project Linus, the NICC Foundation, and Prairie Ridge Health Clinic.

Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Senior Center

By appointment

The Senior Center provides durable medical equipment at no cost to older adults in the area who are recovering from illness, accident or otherwise. The equipment is loaned for short term use. We have canes, 2 and 4 wheeled walkers, wheelchairs, bath benches, toilet seat extenders, commodes, and more. Please have items fitted by your therapist or doctor as we do not fit them for you. **Please call the Senior Center at 920-623-5918 to schedule a pickup time.**

We also accept donations of gently used medical equipment. ***No crutches or motorized equipment please.**

ADRC Part Time Drivers Needed!

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Columbia County is looking for volunteers and paid drivers to transport senior citizens to medical appointments, deliver meals and other trips as necessary. A valid driver's license, clean driving record and background check are required.

Apply at www.co.columbia.wi.us or call 920-742-9233.

Monthly Movie

Senior Center

Thursday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 12:30pm

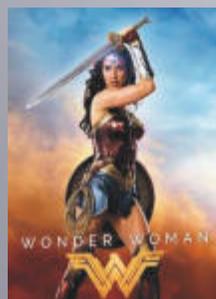
Registration is required. Reserve your seat by calling 920-623-5918. Limited to 10. Masks required. You are welcome to bring your own beverages. Popcorn in individual bags will be provided. See movie titles and descriptions below.

Jan. 21—*Abbott and Costello in Africa Screams*

When the bookish and mild-mannered Stanley Living agrees to go along with a daft scheme thought up by his friend Buzz Johnson, the bumbling duo gets roped into an expedition to the jungles of Africa. With Stanley posing as a seasoned hunter, they accompany explorer Diana Emerson on a quest for a hidden diamond mine. However, numerous natives and wild animals come between the treasure-seeking party and their destination.

Feb. 18—*Wonder Woman*

Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Raised on a sheltered island paradise, Diana meets an American pilot who tells her about the massive conflict that's raging in the outside world. Convinced that she can stop the threat, Diana leaves her home for the first time. Fighting alongside men in a war to end all wars, she finally discovers her full powers and true destiny.



Multi-Generational Family Craft

Senior Center

Dec. 1-31

Pickup between 10:00am-2:00pm,
by appointment

Pick up a family loving hands craft kit. Kit includes paint, frame, 2 pieces of art paper, and instructions. Make and send one as a gift or make 2 and sent to your grandparents to include their prints from their home. They can then send one back to you and all of you will have a copy!



Party Line

Senior Center

Mondays, 12:30pm-2:00pm



Call the Senior Center at 920-623-5918 and let us connect you to your friends on our very own version of the classic party line.

Catch up on how everyone is doing and chat about whatever you want!

Valentine's Card Exchange

Senior Center

Feb. 1-14, 10:00am-2:00pm

Stop by the Senior Center **Feb. 1-14**, to pick up valentine making kits. Create some positive messages and artwork to send to one of our local assisted living homes or other senior housing locations.

Cards can be addressed to the attention of "**Secret Valentine**" and sent to one of the addresses below.

- * Home Again, 110 Stuart St., Columbus
- * Larson House, 550 River Rd., Columbus
- * Columbus Health & Rehab, 825 Western Ave., Columbus
- * The Meadows of Fall River, 502 S. High St., Fall River

All library programs are currently being done virtually. Programs will be posted on Facebook (@ColPubLib) and YouTube channel the morning of the date listed unless a specific time is listed.

Take-and-Make Crafts

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, & Feb. 2

An instructional video will be posted to the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel on the given dates. Free kits containing the supplies for the craft can be picked up at the library. Kits will be available throughout the month or until gone. The video link will continue to stay up after the kits are gone. This program does not require preregistration or sign up.

Tuesday, Dec. 1—Festive String Tree



This sparkling string tree will be a perfect addition to your holiday décor or make a great gift for the holidays. Pick up a kit at the library and create your very own string tree craft.

Tuesday, Jan. 5—Sweet Sock Snowman



Feeling crafty? Pick up a sock snowman kit at the library and make an adorable craft to enjoy during the winter months.

Tuesday, Feb. 2—Heart String Art



Happy Valentine's Day! This heart string art will be sure to make you smile. This craft will be lovely to display for Valentine's Day or will make the perfect gift for that special someone.

Beginning Adult Piano Online

Set I Lessons-Jan. 8, 15, & 22, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Set II Lessons-Feb. 12, 19, & 26, 4:00pm-5:00pm

****You need not attend Set I in order to participate in Set II.***

Interested in adult beginners piano lessons?

No matter your level of familiarity with the piano,

you are invited to attend the Columbus Public Library's Beginning Adult Piano Online course. For three weeks each in January and February, we will offer two sets of beginning piano lessons for adults. This is a fully hands-on, no-nonsense approach to learning to play the piano like a grown-up.

The library will have six portable keyboards available to check out, or you may use your own electric keyboard or piano. The library will also provide easy-to-follow instructional materials to accompany the online lessons with music teacher Catherine Walters Brick.

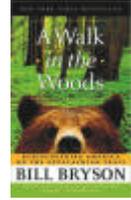
All you need is a smartphone, tablet, or computer to follow along with the online instruction. You do not need to know how to read music, although it will be helpful if you remember some of it.

To participate, you must register on the library's website or Facebook page. For questions or details on how to check out the keyboards, call the library at 920-623-5910 and ask for Catherine.



Virtual Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and Feb. 18
1:00pm-2:00pm



Thursday, Dec. 17—*Spider Web* by Earlene Fowler

Folk art museum curator, rancher and sometime sleuth Benni Harper and the ladies of her Coffin Star Quilt Guild are excited to display their Graveyard Quilt at the first ever San Ceilna, California, Memory Festival. But when a local cop is wounded by a mysterious sharp shooter with a vendetta against the police, Benni fears for her police chief husband. —Amazon

Thursday, Jan. 21—*The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* by Deborah Mogach

London doctor Ravi Kapoor’s entrepreneurial cousin sets up a retirement home in India, hoping to recreate in Bangalore an elegant lost corner of England. Several retirees are enticed by the promise of indulgent living at a bargain price, but they are dismayed to find that restoration of the once sophisticated hotel has stalled. But what their new life lacks in luxury, they come to find, it makes up in adventure, stunning beauty, and unexpected love. —Amazon

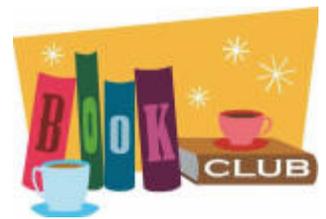
Thursday, Feb. 21—*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America—majestic mountains, silent forests, sparkling lakes. Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you’ll find. He introduces us to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way— and a couple of bears. *A Walk in the Woods* will make you long for the great outdoors (or at least a comfortable chair to sit and read in).—Amazon

Wellness Book Report Club

Thursday, Jan. 14, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Local certified mindfulness and wellness counselor Susan Running says, “There is so much confusing information out there about how to be healthy and we don’t have time to read and sort through it all. Join in on this “book report” club to hear about practical suggestions from a new book each month. The information is suitable for everyone from teens to seniors!”



During this meeting we will examine dr. Rangan Chatterjee’s book, “Feel Better in 5: Your Daily Plan to Feel Great for Life.”

Genealogy Group with Chris Behl

Saturday, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, & Feb. 6
9:30am-11:30am

Workshop for those who are interested in searching their ancestry, with genealogy researcher Chris Behl.

Meetings are conducted online via Zoom. You may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to attend this virtual event. Visit the library’s website or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. Event is free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Local Resources

Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry

Senior Center

Thursdays by appointment only

Monthly contacts below

December: Faith Lutheran Church
Christine Hilbrich
920-623-3610

January: Columbus Community Church
Pastor Chris and Teresa Baker
920-623-5233

February: Columbus United Methodist Church
Nancy Buss

Volunteer opportunities—

Columbus Softball Board members needed.

Looking to join a fun group of people who love to support the Girls' Softball program in Columbus? Columbus Softball Association is looking to fill a few more Board positions for the 2020-2021 season.

Check us out at columbusfastpitch.com or on Facebook at Columbus Softball Association.

AARP Friendly Voice

Virtual call center where AARP volunteers are available for live calls from individuals who are feeling isolated and need a friendly voice to talk to.

- ◆ No cost, open to any age and do not need to be an AARP member
- ◆ You can request a call from AARP volunteers for a family member
- ◆ Call 1-888-281-0145 or visit <https://aarpcommunityconnections.org/friendly-voice>

Local Service Organizations

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| 4H Club | W10802 County Road TT, Columbus | 920-623-9983 |
| Boy Scouts | rickraatz@hotmail.com | 608-662-0892 |
| CHLPC | 105 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus WI 53925 | 920-210-3359 |
| Columbus Area Endowment | P.O. Box 423, Columbus, WI 53925 | www.madisongives.org/CAE |
| Columbus Community Hospital | 1515 Park Ave., Columbus, WI, 53925 | 920-623-1280 |
| Cub Scouts | susan.m.cleveland@gmail.com | 608-772-5848 |
| Girl Scouts | 2710 Ski Lane, Madison, Wi, 53713 | 800-236-2710 |
| Kiwanis | P.O. Box 44, Columbus, Wi 53925 | 920-366-2558 |
| Knight's of Columbus | 160 Waterloo St., Columbus, WI, 53925 | 608-669-4558 |
| Lion's Club | P.O. Box 22, Columbus, WI, 53925 | 920-992-5500 |
| Masonic Lodge | 318 N. Ludington St., Columbus, WI, 53925 | 608-617-0173 |
| Odd Fellows | 131 W. James St., Columbus, Wi, 53925 | 608-622-0892 |
| Rotary Club of Columbus/Fall River | P.O. Box 272, Columbus, WI 53925 | 608-204-9835 |

Special Resources & Dates

Columbus Meal Site

Senior Center

Meals are by delivery only.

Menus can be found at

www.co.columbia.wi.us. Register for home deliveries, 24 hours in advance at 1-888-742-9233.



Senior Center - Recycling

The Senior Center accepts the following items for recycling during normal business hours:

Lion's Club eye glasses

Lion's Club hearing aides/batteries

Cell phones

Box Tops for Education

Aluminum can pop tabs

Foot Clinic

Appointments are available in **Beaver Dam ONLY** at this time.

The Foot Clinic is a service of the Beaver Dam Community Hospital.

Please call 920-887-4191 to schedule your appointment. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. Wednesday is the best day to call.

First visit: \$33

Follow ups: \$28

Aging & Disability Resource Center

Columbia County 1-888-742-9233

Dodge County 1-800-924-6407

Alzheimer's & Dementia

2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00am at Columbus Community Hospital. 920-623-1276

Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of WI

Janet Wiegel 608-742-9055

American Cancer Society Support Line

1-800-227-3345

Group Cancer Support

Columbus Community Hospital

Cathy Butterbrodt 920-623-6433

Columbus Area Special Olympics

Mary Dodd 920-382-5501

Columbia County Benefit Specialist

Senior Center

Call for appointments: 920-623-5918

Questions: Elder Benefit Specialist 608-742-9210

Columbus Health & Rehab

920-623-2520

Diabetes Support Group

Columbus Community Hospital

920-623-1244

Energy Services

Community Center

Call for appointments: 800-506-5596

Questions: 608-742-4088

WI Department of Veterans Affairs

Columbia County 608-742-9618

Dodge County 920-386-3798

Columbus Area Aquatic Center



Aquatic Center

*Closed for the season.
Will reopen spring 2021.*

Admission

Daily: \$4R / \$5 NR
2 & under: \$1

Pool Amenities

The Columbus Area Aquatic Center, located at 1049 Park Avenue, has a capacity of 792 swimmers. The outdoor, heated pool has a water surface area of 12,731 square feet and a volume of 389,110 gallons. Its beach style "zero-depth" entry is 124 feet wide and leads to a 12 feet 6 inches diving area. It contains a one meter diving board, a new drop Vortex Slide, 6 lanes by 25 yard lap area, plunge area for the water slide with room for the addition of an inner-tube flume. Our body water slide has a length of 135 feet, a drop of 17.2 feet, and an average grade of 13.89%.

The interactive water activities include an SCS Arch Jet, SCS Bar Jet and an SCS Pipe Fall each with individual moveable valves. Youngsters will enjoy themselves on the large Tot Slide and the individual grouped geysers. Swimmers of all ages may sit back in one of the many lounge chairs in the sun or under one of the many huge fun umbrellas to enjoy the cool shade.

Concessions

You'll never go hungry when visiting the concession stand at the aquatic center. Snack and dinner items, including your favorite ice cream, are served each and every day. Items available are all under \$5.00.

Membership Prices

City of Columbus Resident:

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| Family Membership: | \$200 |
| Individual Membership: | \$90 |
| Daily Pass 10-pack: | \$35 |
| Lap Swim/Aerobic Pass: | \$50 |
| Couples Pass: | \$150 |

Non-Resident (Outside City Limits):

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| Family Membership: | \$225 |
| Individual Membership: | \$100 |
| Daily Pass 10-pack: | \$45 |
| Lap Swim/Aerobic Pass: | \$65 |
| Couples Pass: | \$165 |



Park Shelter and Facility Rentals

Open Shelter Reservation Policies

1. Park hours are from 6:00am to 10:00pm, and the parks must be vacated by that time. The reservation does not guarantee absolute privacy to any group.
2. Reservations require a minimum of 10 days notice and are issued by the Recreation Department Office. With less than 10 day notice, reservations will be double the normal fee.
3. Your receipt is your proof of reservation. Please bring it with you. Reservation schedules are also posted in the shelters.
4. Shelter reservations do not include exclusive use of any other park amenities such as ball diamonds,

- tennis courts or play equipment. These areas can be reserved for a fee. Please limit use in these areas to one hour at a time if another group is waiting.
5. All reservation facilities are equipped with trash and recyclable containers. The reserving group is responsible for clean up. Glass containers are NOT allowed in the parks.
 6. Driving or parking motorized vehicles on the grass is prohibited.
 7. **CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS:**
Written cancellation requests must be submitted to the Recreation Department Office. Full refunds are issued only for requests that are received at least 2 weeks prior to the reservation date. Cancellations less than 2 weeks prior to the reservation will have 50% of the fee refunded. Changes in a reservation date/time or shelter location received less than 2 weeks prior to the reservation will

- have a \$25 (plus tax) service fee.
8. The Parks Division does not rent tables, chairs or benches. You may rent them through a rental company or bring your own.
 9. No firearms or weapons are permitted on this property. Violators are considered trespassers and subject to forfeiture or arrest.
 10. **DECORATIONS:** If you plan on decorating at the shelter, you may use only painter's tape on shelter surfaces. Free-standing decorations are recommended. Nails, staples or glue are prohibited. After your event, please properly dispose of all of the decorations.

A \$100 refundable damage deposit is required on all shelters.

Avalon Park

Avalon Park is one of our newer parks and is located at 611 Avalon Road between State Highway 89 and State Highway 73. This park was developed in memory of Michelle Vick with the joint effort from the City of Columbus and donated funds.

The park is divided by a stream with volleyball and basketball courts on one side and a shelter with restrooms for



golfers and playground equipment for children on the other side. Avalon Park is a wonderful place to host any of your group outings.

Kiwanis Park

Located at 250 East School Street, this park is used mainly for baseball and softball activities organized through the city's Recreation Department. It also hosts high school and special athletic events.



Many improvements to this park have been made through the funds generously donated by the Columbus Kiwanis Club who also operates a well-stocked refreshment stand that adds to the enjoyment of visitors to this facility.

Columbus' Parks and Facilities

Werner Street Playground

Warner Street park is a new addition to the West side of Columbus. We are grateful for the generous addition to our City. Parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. This park offers interactive play, has climbing features, slides, come and check out Enerpac Playground for yourself.



Enerpac's (a division of Actuant Corporation) corporate "Give Where You Live" program was established in an effort to give back to our local community. Our Columbus location donated time and funds to build a community park located at Warner Street (on the city's west side) for community leisure and enjoyment. The initial work included children's play equipment and more equipment may be added in the future. Stay tuned!

Fireman's Park

Located at 1049 Park Avenue in the western quadrant of the city, this park is the largest



Fireman's Park Pavilion

park within the city's system. The park is blessed with such historic structures as the Fireman's Park Pavilion, the Scout Cabin, and the Rest Haven. The park's open and inviting tree-lined green space is a popular home to passive recreational activities such as walking and bicycling.

This facility also hosts the largest of athletic fields within the system which hosts a number of events, among them high school and semi-pro baseball, adult recreational softball, and both high school and recreational football.



Rest Haven

Fireman's Park is also home to the Deer Pen where these animals can be viewed in their natural habitat, the Columbus Area Aquatic Center, tennis courts, and playground equipment as well as walking paths and picnic shelters.

Fireman's Park Pavilion Rental Fees

| Rental Type | Deposit Mon-Thurs | Rent Mon-Thurs | Deposit Fri-Sun | Rent Fri-Sun |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Resident | \$200 | \$200 | \$1000 | \$1000 |
| Non-Resident | \$400 | \$400 | \$1500 | \$1500 |
| Non-Profit Resident | \$200 | \$75 | \$200 | \$250 |
| Non-Profit Non-Resident | \$300 | \$100 | \$300 | \$275 |

Rest Haven Rental Fees

| Rental Type | Deposit | Rent Mon-Thurs | Rent Fri-Sun |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| Resident | \$100 | \$75 | \$100 |
| Non-Resident | \$150 | \$125 | \$150 |
| Non-Profit Resident | \$75 | \$50 | \$75 |
| Non-Profit Non-Resident | \$100 | \$75 | \$100 |

NOTE: Sales tax of 5.5% will be charged on all rentals. Tax exempt certificate required with application.

Meister Park

Located on the north side of the city at 337 Middleton Street, this park is host to organized recreational activities such as baseball, soccer and adult recreation on its fields.

The Lions Club of Columbus also operates a popular refreshment stand within the park. Installed in 2001, this park also has the latest improvements in playground equipment thanks to a generous donation from the Columbus Lions Club.



Rotary Park

Located across Ludington Street from Meister Park, Rotary Park offers many water activities such as canoeing, fishing and ice

skating at this park, as this facility fronts the Crawfish River Mill Pond.

New to the park is EZ Kayak Launch that was donated by the Columbus-Fall River Rotary Club and installed the summer of 2017.

While not officially within the corporate limits of the city, thanks to the generosity of the Columbus Rotary Club, which underwrites maintenance costs, this park is an absolute treasure to residents to utilize and enjoy.

CAAC Open Shelter

Located right next to our Aquatic Center at 1049 Park Avenue, this is the perfect spot for hosting a birthday party, family reunion or hosting a friendly gathering. With your reservation for the day, why not stop at the pool for a swim?



Davies Park Open Shelter

This is the picture perfect location for a small gathering next to the Amtrak Station on N. Ludington Street. Newly added: electrical outlets for charging your phone or electronics.

Horsin' Around Open Shelter

Nestled in Fireman's Park at 1049 Park Avenue, this open shelter has it all: a playground adjacent to the shelter and our Tot-Lot playground for younger children. Picnic tables are available as well as electrical.



Columbus' Parks and Facilities



Columbus Public Library

Columbus Public Library shares its one meeting room with the community, free of charge. Non-profits and citizens can reserve the Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room for use during library hours. To inquire about the room or to make a reservation, call the library at 920-623-5910.

Columbus Area Senior Center

CASC is a 6,000 square foot building from the 1920's that originally housed the Johnson Garage. The city purchased the building due to its ideal location downtown adjacent to City Hall. Recent remodeling makes this a beautiful and unique location for small weddings and other special events.

CASC has a capacity of 140 with access to the kitchen as well as the front room; which houses a television and couches. Call CASC to rent the space at 920-623-5918.

Senior Center Rental Fees

| Rental Type | Deposit | Rent |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Non-Profit Half Day M-F | \$20 | \$20 |
| Non-Profit Half Day S/S | \$35 | \$35 |
| Non-Profit Full Day S/S | \$75 | \$75 |
| Private/Business Half Day M-F | \$30 | \$30 |
| Private/Business Half Day S/S | \$65 | \$65 |
| Private/Business Full Day S/S | \$125 | \$125 |



NOTE: Half day is up to 4 hours; Full day is 4 or more hours. Half day M-F are only available after 3:00pm. No full day rentals M-F.



Community Center

The Community Center at 161 N. Dickason Boulevard is available to rent for business meetings, family gatherings, scout meetings and more. Perfect office setup with a conference table. Additional tables and chairs are available upon request for larger gatherings.

Community Center Rental Fees

| Rental Type | Deposit | Rent Mon-Thurs | Rent Fri-Sun |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| Resident | \$100 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Non-Resident | \$100 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Non-Profit Resident | \$100 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Non-Profit Non-Resident | \$100 | \$50 | \$50 |

NOTE: Sales tax of 5.5% will be charged on all rentals. Tax exempt certificate required with application.

Columbus Public Works

Address: 229 E. School St.
Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: 920-623-5908

Columbia County Solid Waste provides City residents with their weekly curbside trash pick up.

If you have any questions regarding weekly trash pick up please call 608-742-6651.

City of Columbus Landscape Recycling Center N3642 River Road

Closed for the season.
Will reopen spring 2021.

Acceptable items:

leaves, grass clippings, brush, yard waste, oil, vehicle batteries

Not accepted:

landscaping fabric, rocks, rail road ties, boards or 2x4s, woodchips, barrels

NO microwaves, TVs, computers, electronics, or LP tanks.

The Recycling Center will accept TV's and appliances with a \$30 prepaid sticker four times per year. Pre-paid stickers are available at the Public Works office or City Hall. Watch the city website for an announcement on appliance drop off dates.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 920-623-5908 or visit www.cityofcolumbuswi.com.

DPW Bulk Item Drop Off—for City of Columbus Residents

Items can be brought to the DPW office during normal business hours or for curbside collection; both for a small fee. Eligible items include: furniture, mattresses and box springs, shelving, bikes, doors, windows, and other items at the discretion of DPW. NOT ELIGIBLE: TVs, appliances, electronics, microwaves, LP tanks, chemicals, paint/stain, yard waste, and every day trash. Contact DPW for questions or to arrange drop off/pick up.

Winter Parking Regulation

Parking is not allowed on any street in the downtown area of the city between 12:00 midnight and 6:00am after the accumulation of 2 inches or more of snow, until the street has been completely plowed from curb to curb. Parking is not allowed on any public street or alley in the city at any time after the accumulation of 2 inches or more of snow, until the street has been completely plowed from curb to curb. Vehicles left on the street during this time are subject to being towed or ticketed at the owner's expense. For parking lots owned by the city, beginning at 12:00 midnight November 30 through 12:00 midnight March 31 each year, alternate side parking rules shall apply. Please refer to city ordinance Section 98-79 (a-b) for more information.

Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal Regulation

The owner, occupant, person in charge of any residence, building or lot in the City abutting any street right-of-way containing a sidewalk shall clear the sidewalk of snow and ice to the width of the sidewalk within 24 hours after the stop of a snowfall. The sidewalk shall be kept clear of snow and ice. If it's found that a sidewalk has not been shoveled/clear, the public works director shall give written notice to the property owner, occupant, or person in charge requiring the sidewalk to be cleared within 24 hours of the written notice. Failure to remove the snow and ice will result in the City removing the snow/ice and billing the costs back to the property owner.

The Public Works Department does not provide free salt or sand to the public.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up by the Public Works Department Jan. 4 -Jan. 29, weather permitting. Please place your tree on the tree border for pickup by 7:00am on the Monday of each week. Please make sure all Christmas trees are free of lights, ornaments, stands, and bags.

2021 Elections

Columbus Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason Blvd.



Spring Primary—Feb. 16, 2021

Spring Election—Apr. 6, 2021

Visit the City Clerk's office at City Hall or go online to <https://myvote.wi.gov> for election related tasks including verifying voter registration, updating name and/or address, see what is on your ballot, request an absentee ballot, and more. Registration will require driver's license number or state issued ID number *and* proof of residence.

Pat Goebel, City Clerk—pgoebel@columbuswi.us

Jane Fude, Deputy Clerk—jfude@columbuswi.us

Columbus Fire Department Needs You!

Do you have an old vehicle that is no longer usable that you would like to dispose of? The Fire Department is always looking for old vehicles to use for our training with the Jaws of Life. If you have such a vehicle, please contact us at 920-623-5914.

Holiday cautions from the Fire Department:

- Do not use extension cords for Christmas lights that are undersized
- Make sure real Christmas trees are kept moist and do not run out of water (check daily)
- If using holiday candles, keep combustibles away and extinguish before leaving or going to bed
- Do not block doorways with decorations or trees

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Holiday Closings

City Hall, Public Works, Recreation Dept. closed:

Thursday, Dec. 24-Friday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Dec. 31-Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

Columbus Senior Center closed:

Thursday, Dec. 24-Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

Dog Licenses

Due April 1, 2021

All dogs must be licensed in the City by April 1, 2021. State Statutes state that after that date a \$5 penalty, per license, is applied to the normal fees.

Fees are: Spayed/Neutered—\$10

Not Spayed/Neutered—\$15

A rabies certificate is required. Call 920-623-5900 with questions.

Municipal Court

105 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00am-4:30pm

Phone: 920-623-5922

Email: courtclerk@columbuswi.us

The Municipal Court rules upon complaints brought before it by law enforcement agencies. Complaints are prosecuted on behalf of the State of Wisconsin and for violations of municipal ordinance; the court handles matters involving motor vehicle and traffic law, municipal ordinances and quasi-criminal offenses such as assaults, drug offenses, theft, retail theft, harassment, trespassing, and similar infractions.

Payments can be made in person during open hours, placed in the drop box at the clerk's office, or mailed to P.O. Box 466, Columbus, WI 53925.

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- Swimming Lessons
- Redbud Celebration
- AARP Tax Prep at the Senior Center
- Music and Memory Program



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