



BUILDING A FUTURE TOGETHER

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“In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity”

-Albert Einstein

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Columbia City CityScene

Building a Future Together

By Mayor Ryan L. Daniel

The City’s tagline, as you know, is “Building a Future Together”. Building something is a monumental feat in general, let alone when you try to build something with 10,000 other people. Shortly after my election, Bob Cornmesser (an ornery, yet kind-hearted pillar of our City) stopped by my office and gave me a wooden sign with a saying from the American author Edward Everett Hale which reads, “coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

I’m thankful that (in general) our community has made it to the “success” phase of Hale’s quote. Community groups, private businesses, city government, schools, citizen volunteers, and non-profits have consistently come together to accomplish big goals.

As I look ahead to the next 2 years, I am taken aback by the road that lies before us. A new outdoor skating rink next to our outdoor Russel and Evelyn Fahl Aquatics Center. A new Columbia City High School – the only brand new high school in the state. New businesses choosing to plant roots. Houses being constructed. Families growing and expanding. Yes, friends, this is what success looks like. With our business and residential growth, one of the lowest city tax rates in the state of Indiana, quality of life and educational enhancements, and significant non-profit investments into our citizens, we are fulfilling our motto of Building a Future Together.

Community Events

**4/19/2019 – Good Friday/
Easter observed**
(City Hall Closed)



5/3/2019 –Junk Pickup (West Side)
Have Junk out by 5am



5/7/2019 – Election Day
(City Hall Closed)



5/10/2019 –Junk Pickup (East Side)
Have Junk out by 5am



5/12/2019 – Mother’s Day



5/27/2019 – Memorial Day
(City Hall Closed)



SPRING JUNK PICKUP: **(Sides Divided by Main St.)**

WEST SIDE: May 3rd @ 5am
EAST SIDE: May 10th @ 5am

If your junk is not out by 5am on your designated date, you will be responsible for disposal. The drivers will be keeping records of what times they stop for pickup on each street. They will not make return trips.

Trash & Junk days

Theresa Green, Executive Assistant



There seems to be confusion around junk pickup and normal trash pickup, so let's go over a few things so everyone has a clear understanding. Below are the rules to hopefully make trash day better for everyone!

Normal trash:

1. Trash must be out by 5am the morning of your pickup day to guarantee pickup.
2. Nothing can be hanging out of the bin - the lid must be completely closed.
3. Bags beside your bin will not be picked up and will result in none of your trash being picked up. The contract between the city and company prohibits pickup of trash bags outside of the bin.
4. Every home receiving trash pickup services from the city gets ONE bin only.
5. Trash services will be delayed by one day for only the following holidays: Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. If the holiday falls on a weekend, trash will not be delayed.

If you do have additional trash that will not fit in your bin you can purchase specially marked bags at City Hall for \$1. The drivers will pick up these specially marked bags *next to your tote*.



Now, lets talk about junk pickup:

1. Your junk will be picked up in the same spot as your normal trash. If it is not in that spot, it will not be picked up.
2. This is a single pass pickup program.
3. Any item that is longer than 6 feet will not be picked up.
4. No large appliances will be picked up, nor will tires. You must call city hall to schedule a special pickup for these items (260-248-5100).
5. No construction materials or electronics will be picked up.
6. Pickup this year is *ONE day* only, not the entire week.
7. If you have a question about an item that may or may not be picked up, call me at our office at 260-248-5111 before your regulary scheduled junk pickup day.

If you still have unanswered questions, please reach out to me at 260-248-5111 or tgreen@columbiacity.net. Thank you!

Meetings to Remember

1st Mondays of Each Month, 7pm
WC Government Center
Columbia City Plan Commission

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Board of Works and Safety

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
City Council Meetings

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, Noon
City Hall – Council Chambers
CC Redevelopment Commission

3rd Monday of Each Month, 6pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Columbia City Park Board

3rd Tuesday of Each Month, 5pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
Columbia City Housing Authority

3rd Tuesday of Each Month, 5:30pm
City Hall – Conference Room
Columbia City Tree Board

Proper notice will be given for any changes to meeting dates and times



Did you know?

Indiana supplies about 20% of the popcorn in the United States!



Welcome CCPD newest patrolling officer
Jacob Eggleston!!



Betcha didn't know this...

Though it is seldom mentioned in the comic strip or cartoon series, "Garfield" takes place in Muncie. The television special *Happy Birthday, Garfield* mentions Muncie — where creator Jim Davis went to college — as Garfield and owner Jon Arbuckle's place of residence.



5 Electrical Safety Tips

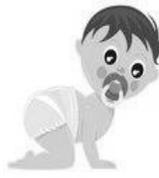


By Electric Superintendent Shawn Lickey

Outdoor safety is important to remember in the spring. When the weather warms up, gardeners and do-it-yourselfers head outdoors. Here are five tips for working safely with and around electrical equipment:

1. Look up before setting a ladder to paint or climb on the roof. Ladders should not come within 10 feet of an overhead power line. Touching a power line with anything puts everyone at risk of injuries or worse.
2. Unplug power tools when finished using them. Anything plugged in continues to draw some electricity, even when it's turned off. A plugged-in tool could overheat and cause a fire.
3. Don't use damaged tools, even if they still work. Tools with frayed power cords or cracked body parts are dangerous. They could overheat or malfunction while in use.
4. Remember the best advice given by a mother about electricity: It can be dangerous around water. Don't use a hose while power tools are plugged in nearby. If the grass is wet, don't stand on it while using an electrical tool.
5. Teach children how to work and play safely around electricity. Caution them about climbing trees or flying kites too close to power lines. Remind children never to touch a power line if they see one on the ground.

Citizen in the spotlight!



Jacie Stahl

By Executive Assistant Theresa Green

For families of young children, Jacie Stahl is a familiar name. Jacie has been married to Wes for 18 years, and they have four children: Delaney (17), Noelani (15), Ian (12), and Conrad (8). Her main hobby is keeping up with her children's busy schedules, but she makes sure to have daily quiet time for prayer and devotions. She enjoyed traveling to Gulf Shores, Alabama this past year to spend time with family on the beach. Two years ago, Jacie Stahl found herself in need of a life change. Knowing her circumstances, a friend asked if she would be willing to lead BABE. BABE is a Columbia City organization that provides parents of infants and young children with items and services, such as diapers, clothing, and, more recently, car seat checks. Jacie accepted the position, and while she admits the first few months were difficult, her tenacity paid off. In 2018, BABE provided local families with 55,000 diapers, and more recently added educational opportunities at the store, including car seat checks. All have been more successful than originally expected.

As soon as a family learns they are expecting, they can begin to receive coupons for BABE, and can continue to earn coupons for five years after their child's birth. Coupons can be earned at various places in Whitley County, such as at doctor's appointments or library programs. Families of any income level can redeem these coupons for items at BABE. BABE is completely supported through grants and donations from citizens and foundations. Local support is all the more necessary as vital donors, such as Babies R Us and Gymboree, have filed for bankruptcy. In spite of uncertainty, Jacie remains positive. She lives by the quote, "I am the daughter of a King who is not moved by this world. My God is with me and goes before me. I do not fear because I am His." -Anonymous



2019 LIMB PICKUP Program
By Street Superintendent Kelly Cearbaugh



The City of Columbia City would like to announce that our limb pickup program will begin soon. This program has been initiated as a means to dispose of limbs and branches from storm-related events and small pruning projects. Dates for 2019 are the following:

April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 3, October 7



Program Guidelines

- Limbs are to be placed along the curb in front of your property. Do not place in the roadway.
- **Curbside pickup only! We do not pick up in alleys.**
- The limb pickup program is limited to City limits only. There will be one pass only in an area. Please have your limbs out and ready for pickup by 7:00 A.M. on the dates listed above so you will not be missed. *The City reserves the right to refuse pickup for those properties it considers not fitting within the guidelines of the program.*

Acceptable:



- Piles that **do not** exceed a pickup truck size load
- Limbs and branches up to 4" in diameter
- Bushes (without roots)

Not Acceptable:



- Piles are not to exceed a pickup truck size load
- Brush from fence-row clearing
- Whole trees, logs and limbs cut by contractor or homeowner
- Branches left from contractor-provided tree removal
- Bushes with roots attached
- Grass clippings, leaves and garden debris
- No alley pickup!

If you have any questions regarding the acceptability of your materials, please contact Kelly Cearbaugh, Street Superintendent, at 248-5131 or 248-5115 ext. 2721

