



## City Offices Closed February 21st

In observance of President's Day, City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21st. Garbage collection scheduled to run in Ward 1 on Monday will be collected on Tuesday in addition to the normally scheduled route in Ward 2. Emergency services will be available 24/7.

YES, PLEASE! ✓	NO, THANKS! ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit &amp; vegetable waste</li> <li>Grains &amp; bread</li> <li>Eggshells</li> <li>Coffee grounds &amp; filters</li> <li>Tea bags (remove staples)</li> <li>Napkins &amp; paper towels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meat products</li> <li>Dairy products</li> <li>Bones</li> <li>Dog or cat waste</li> <li>Trash (plastic, glass, metal, cigarette butts, glossy paper, styrofoam)</li> </ul>

Questions? Call the Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension office at 620-429-3849

## Composting Program



The Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension Office and the City of Columbus have implemented a composting program after receiving an EPA Environmental Education Grant to create opportunities to reduce the amount of food waste being sent to landfills. Composting transitions food scraps and other compostable items into nutrient dense compost that will be used in the community garden. The composter is located at 315 W. Cedar St. (next to the Animal Shelter). Please call (620) 429-3849 with any questions.



## February 2022 Updates



### HANDY TIPS TO

## AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER

BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN	WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING	BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check sprinkler or irrigation systems. Make sure everything is turned off and drained.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shut off the water immediately.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines. Fix drafty windows and plug drafts around doors. Identify your home's freezing points.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thaw pipes with warm air, with a hair dryer or space heater. Do not leave space heaters unattended and do not use kerosene heaters or open flames.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know how to shut off your water.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be careful turning water back on. Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect your pipes. Wrap them with insulation.</li> </ul>		

## Winter Weather

As temperatures drop, your chances for frozen pipes and water leaks increases. Here are some handy tips to help you protect your home from a costly water bill.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR POLYCART?**

**CONTACT CITY HALL (620) 429-2159**

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## Veterans Memorial Pavers

Orders have begun for the pavers to honor veterans at the Cherokee County Courthouse. If you have a family member or know a veteran that you wish to honor, pavers may be purchased for \$150. Order forms are available at Commerce Bank, and must be returned by April 1st in order to be completed for Memorial Day. For additional information please contact: Sonja Duley (620) 429-2515, Athena McColm (620) 429-2519 or Margaret McColm (620) 762-6056.



## Open Positions

The City of Columbus is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Animal Control Officer
- Police Officer II
- Utility Technician

**\*\*Will train the right person!**

To apply online please visit, [www.columbusks.gov](http://www.columbusks.gov) or in person at Columbus City Hall, 300 E. Maple. For any questions please contact Human Resources at (620) 429-2159.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

**Columbus Community Blood Drive**  
Columbus Community Building - Community Room  
320 E. Maple, Columbus  
**Monday, February 21, 2022**  
**1:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

CBCO follows current CDC recommendations regarding masks.

Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. To schedule your appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to [www.cbco.org/donate-blood](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood)



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Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

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## Council Updates



In December, Ward 4 Councilmember Nate Long completed his term. Ward 2 Councilmember Jan Houser exited her term early and Mayor Grant Spieth appointed Lindsay Shoemaker to fill her open seat at the January 3rd City Council Meeting. We

wish Mr. Long and Mrs. Houser the best, and we are so thankful for their service and commitment to our community. We are excited to welcome Sammye Opela back to the council along with newcomer Lindsay Shoemaker!

