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Summer is Here!

This years spring passed quickly! And with a new season comes a whole new wave of things to look out for, especially in Missouri! In the Midwest, there are a lot of different things you should be aware of during the summer. These can include things like rising temperatures, pet preparedness, and even firework safety! Make sure to keep reading so we can keep you Boone County Ready!



HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT!

When summer comes along, we always think about the heat and treat it like no big deal, but it has a **much** bigger effect then you think! If you have to be outside in hot temps, take this advice:

- Find shade and wear a hat that's wide enough to protect your face
- **NEVER** leave people or pets in a closed car in a warm day
 - Don't do any high energy activities or work outdoors
 - Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke
 - Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing

Wanna know what to look out for? Visit www.ready.gov/heat for more info

And as always...

DRINK WATER!

PET PREPAREDNESS



When it comes to disasters, making plans is common and is a great idea! Although, we often forget to include our pets into our plans of safety. They're family too!

Here are some tips on what to include on your plan when thinking of your pet:



Make an Evacuation Plan!

- Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disaster! Plan with neighbors, friends, or relatives to make sure someone can care for your pet if you cannot



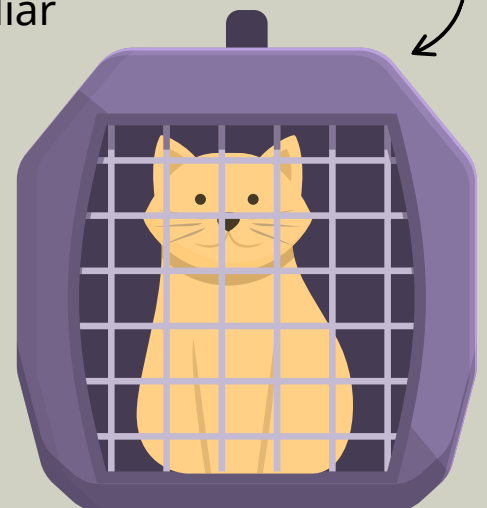
Build a Kit! (Here are some items)

- Food
- Water
- Medicine
- First Aid Kit
- Harness/Leash
- Grooming items
- Poop Bags/Litter
- A picture of you together!
- Familiar stuff (Toy, bed, etc)



Prepare your pets for travel!

- Make sure your pets are comfortable with being in a carrier!
- Add a favorite blanket so it smells familiar
- Make note of where your pets hide so you can leave quickly



For more detail, visit www.ready.gov/pets

FIREWORK SAFETY!

Fireworks are often used to mark the 4th of July, and can be super fun! But with that fun, comes an incredible amount of risk.

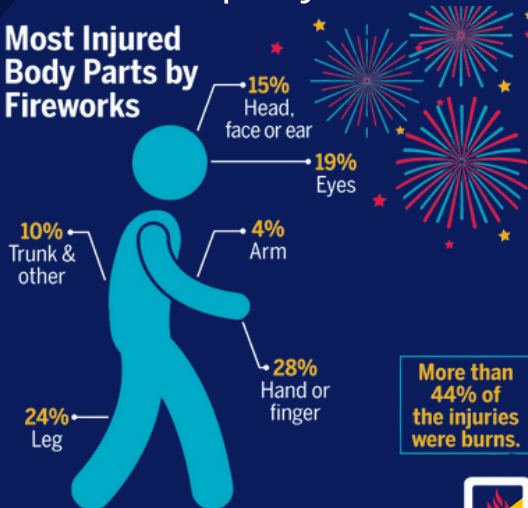
FACTS:

- More than 31,000 reported fires are started by fireworks annually
- Burns account for 38% of the 7,400 injuries treated in emergency rooms around the 4th of July.
- A sparkler can reach temperatures of up to **1,200°F**, more than twice the burning temperature of wood.
- Children younger than 15 y/o accounted for 28% of the estimated fireworks injuries

BETTER ALTERNATIVES:

- Use glowsticks! They glow in the dark and are a safer alternative to sparklers
- Noise makers are a good option! They make a great statement
- Outdoor movie night! All you need is a screen and a projector
- Red white and blue silly string! All ages can have fun with this!
- Throw a party for the U.S.A!

Most Injured Body Parts by Fireworks



*Based on injuries during the month around July 4.
Source: CPSC's 2018 Fireworks Annual Report by Tu and Ng.

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More than
44% of
the injuries
were burns.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



"To me, event management is all about being prepared—every detail matters. Whether it's planning ahead for weather, staffing, or crowd flow, being proactive makes all the difference"

Moira Theis

Columbia Parks & Rec

Moira Theis - Recreation Specialist

My name is Moira Theis and I am a Recreation Specialist with Columbia Parks and Recreation overseeing special events. This includes smaller events like *Movies in the Park* all the way to our larger events like *Fire in the Sky*.

How did you get into this field?

I entered the Parks and Recreation field because it closely aligned with my academic background in Natural Resources Management. Prior to my current role, I gained valuable experience working events for the University of Missouri, the True/False Film Fest, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. I took a chance applying for my current position, and it has proven to be a rewarding and fulfilling path ever since.

What are some services Parks and Recreation offers?

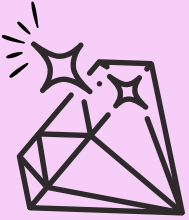
Columbia Parks and Recreation offer a diverse range of services that enhance community well-being and quality of life. These include—but are not limited to—seasonal camps, recreational and educational classes, community-wide events, trail systems, nature preserves, aquatic facilities, and inclusive programming designed for all ages and abilities.

What is one fun fact about you?

One fun fact about me is that I can identify most Missouri spiders by not only the spider themselves but by their webs.

How do you spend your time outside of work?

Outside of work you can find me working out at Crossfit Aggregate, working on my beautification round-a-bout, and enjoying Columbia's many trail systems.



GEM CAMP!

This year we had our 2nd annual Girls in Emergency Management (GEM) Camp! This camp is a free weeklong day camp and offers an amazing insight on Emergency Management as a whole for any young women interested in stepping into it!

This year, they got to get a really good view of a lot of things! This included lots of our local responders teaching their specialty, KOMU 8 showing how important meteorology is to Emergency Management, Missouri River Relief teaching about the local river at Coopers Landing, and even going up to St. Louis to visit the WashU Emergency management team, as well as the Zoo to learn about their local Emergency Management team.

We had so much fun this year, and we hope to have even more next year! Thank you campers for participating this year with us, and thank you to all of our collaborators that helped make this camp happen! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help!

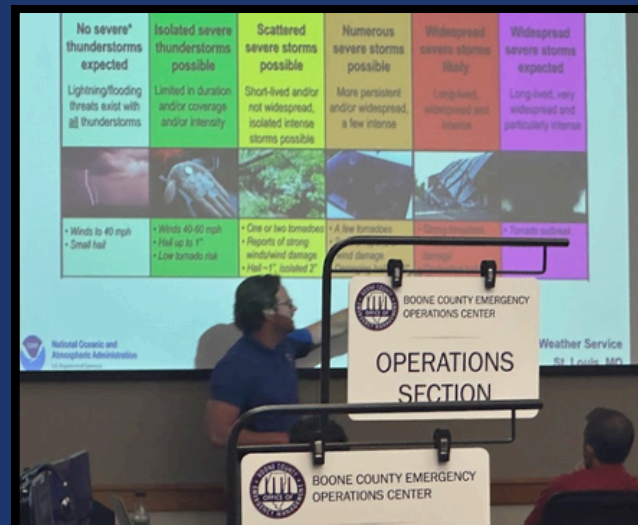


SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TABLETOP EXERCISE

On June 11th, we hosted a tabletop exercise for the SouthEastern Conference! This event, put together by a partnership with MU Athletics, athletic event managers from all 16 schools of SEC, including SEC staff, came together to talk about what would happen in the case of a Supercell Storm coming to hit during a SEC football game.

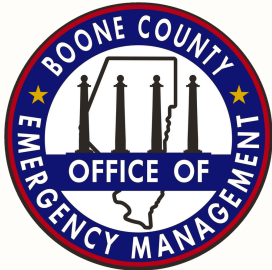
Thank you to everyone that came out to participate in the exercise! It's always important to be ready for disasters for the future, and running through exercises is the best way to be more aware and ready for anything to come!

A special shout-out to SEC staff and all the universities that participated! This includes the University of Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, A&M, and Vanderbilt University. Thank you!



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