



# DOWNTOWN TIPSTER

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# WHO TO CALL

## DOWNTOWN POLICE ASSISTANCE

CITY OF COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NON-EMERGENCY PHONE: 931-388-2727  
EMERGENCY PHONE: 911

## POT HOLES OR DAMAGED SIDEWALKS

CITY OF COLUMBIA: PUBLIC WORKS  
PHONE: (931) 388-8650

## BUILDING CODES AND CONSTRUCTION

CITY OF COLUMBIA: BUILDING OFFICIAL  
PHONE: (931) 560-1535

## DUMPSTERS AND TRASHCANS

CITY OF COLUMBIA: PUBLIC WORKS  
PHONE: (931) 388-8650

## LIGHTING

CITY OF COLUMBIA: PUBLIC WORKS  
PHONE: (931) 388-8650

## TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AND SIGNS

CITY OF COLUMBIA: PUBLIC WORKS  
PHONE: (931) 388-8650

## TEMPORARY SIGNAGE, A-FRAMES, AND WINDOW ART

CITY OF COLUMBIA: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
PHONE: (931) 560-1560

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

MAURY ALLIANCE (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)  
PHONE: (931) 388-2155





# ZONING

Downtown Columbia is zoned as the *Downtown Historic Commercial District (outlined in blue on map)*. If a property/business owner wants to change the exterior façade of their building or add new/change signage plans must be sent, reviewed, and approved by the Historic Planning Commission before the project can begin. To print off the application: **[www.columbiatn.com/281/Historic-Zoning-Commission](http://www.columbiatn.com/281/Historic-Zoning-Commission)**

## HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

CITY OF COLUMBIA: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PHONE: (931) 560-1560





# EVENTS IN DOWNTOWN



## First Fridays

Date: Every First Friday of the Month  
Time: 5-8 pm  
Attendance: 2000

## Mule Day

Date: First weekend in April. Wednesday through Sunday: Parade on Saturday  
Attendance: 100,000+

## Cars and Coffee

Date: 3rd Saturday of every month  
Time: 7-10 am  
Attendance: 500-750

## Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

Date: First weekend in December  
Time: 6 pm - 8pm  
Attendance: 4000

# HOSTING AN EVENT

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT:** Events and large gatherings on public property in the city limits of Columbia, especially those that require street or sidewalk closures, must submit a Mass Gathering Event Permit at least 60 days before event, and complete the review process before being considered for approval. Please read the municipal code document and complete the Mass Gathering Event Permit located on the city website: [ColumbiaTn.com](http://ColumbiaTn.com)

- \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE PERMIT FEE
- LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF \$1 MILLION REQUIRED WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA LISTED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED.
- REQUIRED FOR ANY EVENTS AND LARGE GATHERINGS INVOLVING CITY PROPERTY
- MEETING WITH CITY POLICE, FIRE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS



# PARKING

## FREE PUBLIC PARKING:

The City and the County have provided three public parking lots in downtown.

- **West 6th Street**
- **The corner of E 7th Street and Woodland Street**
- **West 8th Street**

Free public parking is identified on the map with a large orange "P"



# VISITOR SERVICES

- **Visit Columbia Welcome Center**

713 N Main Street, Columbia, TN 38401

931-560-1506 | VisitColumbiaTN.com

Weekdays 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday 12pm - 3pm

- **Maury County Visitor Center**

302 W 7th Street, Columbia, TN 38401

931-381-7176 | VisitMaury.com

Weekdays 9am - 4pm





# COLUMBIA MAIN STREET

Columbia Main Street Corporation has been operating as a non-profit organization since 1984, focusing on the historic downtown's preservation and economic vitality. In 2022, the City of Columbia partnered with Columbia Main Street Corporation to elevate marketing and branding efforts for Columbia Main Street. This partnership includes a city-funded full-time Main Street Manager who works directly with the CMSC board of directors to create, implement, and oversee the strategic program of work for Columbia Main Street, including annual Main Street accreditation.

## MISSION

Columbia Main Street **champions the charm, community, and commerce of Columbia** by strengthening the authentic identity and historic character of downtown Columbia by working with local government, local businesses, and community members. Together, we unify the downtown district by creating a family-focused destination where people want to live, desire to work, love to play, and wish to return.

Columbia is proud to be a member of the Tennessee Main Street Program and a nationally accredited Main Street Community designated by the Main Street America program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, Inc., a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Columbia Main Street is among Tennessee's first five Main Street communities to receive this national designation. The Main Street program is supported at the state level through TnDEC.

Columbia Main Street utilizes The Main Street Approach™, which offers community-based revitalization initiatives with a practical, adaptable framework for downtown transformation that is easily tailored to local conditions.

## 4 POINT APPROACH

### ECONOMIC VITALITY

Focuses on capital, incentives, and other economic and financial tools to assist new and existing businesses, catalyze property development, and create a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and innovators that drive local economies.

### DESIGN

Supports a community's transformation by enhancing the physical and visual assets that set the commercial district apart.

### PROMOTION

Positions the downtown or commercial district as the center of the community and hub of economic activity, while creating a positive image that showcases a community's unique characteristics.

### ORGANIZATION

Involves creating a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including cultivating partnerships, community involvement, and resources for the district.



# MEMBERSHIP

Columbia Main Street is a nonprofit organization focused on downtown preservation and the economic vitality of the historic downtown. Main Street has been working to promote and enhance the historic downtown since 1984 by following the National Main Street Four-Point Approach.

Financial assistance for the Columbia Main Street Corporation is collected through sponsorships and membership dues from businesses and individuals who have an interest in retaining our historic downtown. The funds collected are used to help execute the plan of work for Columbia Main Street events, projects, and downtown development opportunities.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership Benefits Included	Individual/Family	Business/Organization	Patron of Main	Nathan Vaught Society
Revitalization efforts	X	X	X	X
Access to committees	X	X	X	X
Access to events	X	X	X	X
Quarterly meetings		X	X	X
Event advertising opportunities			X	X
First Fridays sponsor				X
Special events access & networking				X
<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$100 or more</b>	<b>\$250 or more</b>	<b>\$1000 or more</b>

Columbia Main Street is a nonprofit 501C (3) organization making your donations TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Additional information can be found on [ColumbiaMainStreet.com](http://ColumbiaMainStreet.com).





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