

# THE SIGHTS OF SPRING IN A SPIRITED CITY

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*As the flowers continue to bloom, Columbia residents are following suit, with spring activities cropping up throughout the city.*

*The garden shops are preparing for the rush of spring gardeners eager to plant the season's buds. Pet groomers are preparing for a surge of spring haircuts for Columbia's four-legged friends. Local parks are seeing an influx of people participating in a wide range of activities.*

*Despite the excitement, the warm weather isn't quite here for the long haul, with a wave of rain in the five-day forecast. But for now, Columbia remains sunny and bright.*



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**MU sophomore Lucy Dozier hangs in a hammock Wednesday in Peace Park in Columbia. After a rainy weekend, MU students enjoyed the warm weather by sitting at the quadrangle and Peace Park.**



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**Sharon Jones gardens at her West Broadway home Thursday in Columbia. Jones said she tries to garden daily, which has been enabled through working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.**



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**Mandy Crane trims the fur of Bailey, a Yorkie, Thursday at Shampooches in Columbia. Crane started the company with her business partner in 2018 as a mobile dog groomer. The brick and mortar establishment opened in October.**



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**Helmi Sheely, owner of Helmi's Gardens, waters growing plants Wednesday at Helmi's Garden in Columbia. Sheely opened the garden in 2012 to pursue her gardening passion and guide others toward their dreams.**



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**Eastern redbuds bloom at Shelter Gardens in Columbia. Shelter Gardens has 300 varieties of shrubs and trees in its five-acre botanical garden, as well as a memorial to veterans lost in the Vietnam War.**