

City Manager's Spotlight



TERESA WILSON
CITY MANAGER

The City Manager's Spotlight provides details about what is happening in the City of Columbia in an effort to keep citizens informed about City operations. The City Manager's Spotlight on January 2015 reflects on the Public forums held for citizen input in the five year consolidated plan, Financial Education Workshops, Smoke Alarm Blitz 2015, City Manager's Reflections on 2014, Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Luncheon Series, MLK Dream Keeper Nominees, Beta Club Induction for local students, Walk Bike Columbia and more.

LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA'S LUNCHEON SERIES FEATURES CITY MANAGER TERESA WILSON



City Manager Teresa Wilson with members of the Columbia Chamber.

City Manager Teresa Wilson was the keynote speaker for Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Luncheon Series on Tuesday, January 20. There, she spoke about the Build Columbia model and the ongoing initiatives that are being implemented.

The Leadership Columbia (LC) program provides existing and emerging leaders with opportunities to enhance their civic knowledge and network. For over 40 years, the program has helped participants better understand how our community works, build relationships with the region's current and future leaders and become inspired to focus their talents in a way that will best serve the community.

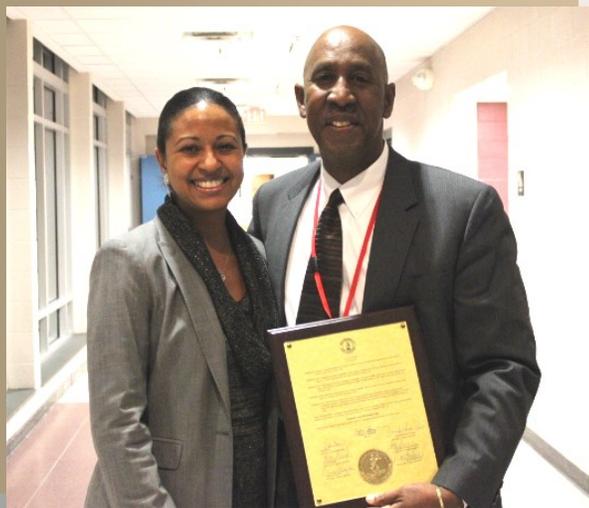


We Are Columbia

**JANUARY
2015**

LEADERSHIP COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON SERIES	1
BETA CLUB INDUCTION FOR LOCAL STUDENTS	2
SMOKE ALARM BLITZ 2015	2
2015 MLK DREAM KEEPER NOMINEES	3
CITY MANAGER'S REFLECTIONS ON 2014	4
WALK BIKE COLUMBIA	4
PUBLIC FORUMS FOR CITIZEN INPUT IN FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN	5

CITY MANAGER RECOGNIZES LOCAL STUDENTS



City Manager Teresa Wilson and Kenneth Louis Richardson, retired principal.

City Manager Teresa Wilson was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Beta Club induction ceremony at St. Andrews Middle School on January 8, 2015. During the ceremony, over 20 students were inducted into the club.

The mission statement of the Beta Club speaks of the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership of students.

A proclamation was also presented in honor of Kenneth Louis Richardson, retired principal of St. Andrews Middle School.

Mr. Richardson devoted 38 years to impacting the lives of students, teachers, parents, and community members of Richland County School District One.

COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SMOKE ALARM BLITZ 2015



Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins announced the success of the Smoke Alarm Blitz 2015 on January 26. The Columbia Fire Department was one of ten fire departments selected to participate in the grant-funded "2015 Smoke Alarm Blitz" by the South Carolina Division of Fire and Life Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The OSFM was awarded the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Columbia Fire Department received 400, 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms and over 160 carbon monoxide alarms to be installed. The Standish Acres and the College Place communities were selected based on National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data, social vulnerability index score, fire fatalities (per capita) and other application information.

Chief Jenkins said, "The Smoke Alarm Blitz was about saving lives and I feel that we made a difference. This is why we urge citizens to install smoke alarms and to check them monthly to ensure they are working and if they are more than ten years old to replace them."

If residents were not at home during the blitz, information was left in the form of a door hanger at their residence that explains how to schedule a fire alarm installation. To see if you qualify for a free smoke alarm and installation please contact the Columbia Fire Department's Public Fire Education Division at 803-545-3717 or follow this link to complete an online smoke alarm installation form: <http://columbiarichlandfire.net/request-a-smoke-alarm/>.

CITY MANAGER'S SPOTLIGHT FEATURED IN ONLINE BUSINESS MAGAZINE



City Manager Teresa Wilson's monthly Spotlight Report will now be featured online via MidlandsBiz.com. To view the article, click [HERE](#).

CITY RECOGNIZES MLK DREAM KEEPER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND SPONSORS

Columbia City Council recognized the winners and sponsors of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keeper Scholarships during its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Winners were announced on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park located at 2300 Greene Street. Hundreds of people gathered to commemorate the life and legacy of the late civil rights leader and recognize those who are committed to serving others.

Thirty-three nominations were received for the Dream Keeper Scholarship Program, which recognizes exemplary displays of voluntary service and academic achievement. A total of \$4,000 was donated to this year's scholarship program, a banner year for scholarship donations. Last year, \$2,450 was awarded to Dream Keeper recipients. Thanks to an increase in sponsorships, 14 students were able to receive awards.

Congratulations 2015 MLK Dream Keeper Winners

The winners of the Dream Keeper Scholarships are:

- Ravyn Neosha Cunningham, A. C. Flora High School; **\$1,000** scholarship sponsored by Grace Church of Columbia and David Day
- Kierra Alayah Jackson, Ridge View High School; **\$500** scholarship sponsored by Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter & Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Tykira Smalls, W.J. Keenan High School; **\$500** scholarship sponsored by Councilman Moe Baddourah
- Gabrielle Cummings, Dreher High School; **\$250** scholarship sponsored by Cromartie Law Firm, LLC.
- Eboni Tytiana Georges, Airport High School; **\$250** scholarship sponsored by Troubleshooter A/C Heating and Refrigeration
- Alyssa Brunson, Spring Valley High School; **\$250** scholarship sponsored by Gamma Nu Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Taylor Cunningham, A.C. Flora High School; **\$250** scholarship sponsored by Henri Baskins
- JaLyn Nicole Johnson, Blythewood High School; **\$250** scholarship sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Foundation

The following students received **\$100** awards:

- Princess Anderson, W.G. Sanders Middle School; sponsored by Vincent A. Gatling, Jr.
- Lauren Elizabeth Gantt, Hand Middle School; sponsored by Durham E. Carter
- Imani T. Osborne, W.G. Sanders Middle School; sponsored by S. Allison Baker
- Gregory A. Jackson, East Point Academy; sponsored by Carolyn Gleaton

A new scholarship program was announced at the celebration, **the Josiah Caden Jenkins Memorial Scholarships**. Chief Aubrey D. Jenkins established the scholarship in memory of his great-nephew Josiah Caden Jenkins. The annual scholarship of \$350 will be awarded to two elementary school students.

Recipients of the 2015 Josiah Caden Jenkins Memorial Scholarships are:

- Journei Simmons, Round Top Elementary School; **\$250** scholarship
- Harmonie Jade Frederick, Polo Road Elementary School; **\$100** scholarship

Twenty-one additional students will receive \$100 awards thanks to donations from the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager. Nineteen of the students were Dream Keeper nominees who did not receive scholarships and two of the students were program participants during the City's annual celebration.

WALK BIKE COLUMBIA INITIATIVE



WALK BIKE COLUMBIA

A PROJECT OF THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC

Citizens were invited to attend a public meeting to view the draft pedestrian and bicycle master plan, share thoughts on the recommendations, and talk one-on-one with the planning team. This was an opportunity for citizens to give input

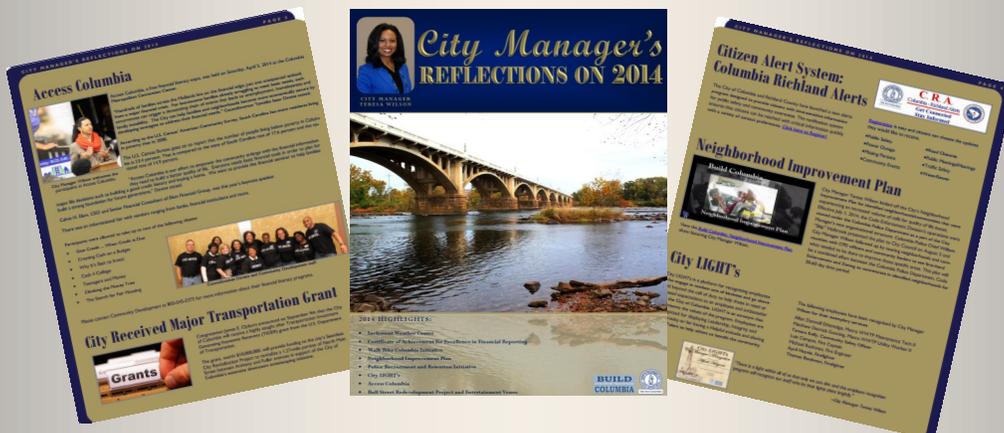
on the plan recommendations before City leadership considers formally adopting the plan.

For more information about the Walk Bike Columbia initiative, contact the City of Columbia Planning Department at 803-545-0229 or visit www.walkbikecolumbia.org.



CITY MANAGER'S REFLECTIONS ON 2014

To view the City Manager's Reflections on 2014, please visit www.ColumbiaSC.net or [Download PDF](#).



PUBLIC FORUMS HELD FOR CITIZEN INPUT IN FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN



The City of Columbia's Community Development Department hosted four public forums during January for citizen input in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All interested citizens of the City were invited to provide input and comments on community needs by attending one of the forums.

The Consolidated Plan is the application for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Investment Program (HOME) and

Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program funding and consists of strategies to address the housing, homeless and community development needs of the City. A summary of citizen comments will be included in the 2015 - 2020 Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD. For more information, contact Community Development at 545-3373.

START FRESH FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP SERIES

Citizens have another chance to learn about the importance of banking, budgeting, saving and building their credit at City of Columbia's Community Development Financial Education Workshops. The series returned on January 17 and additional workshops will be held on February 21 and March 17, 2015 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. at 1225 Lady Street.

For more information or to register, please call 803-545-0280.



Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns, suggestions and hopes for our City. I take pleasure in my service to each of you!



We Are Columbia

City Manager
1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: 803-545-3026
Fax: 803-545-3051
E-mail: CityManager@ColumbiaSC.net